



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. GREGORY'S – 2026

Holy Week is the most action-packed and emotion-filled week in the entire liturgical year. To get the full flavor of Christ's Passion, as well as understand what this truly means for us, one really needs to experience each and every significant event of the week. And Easter, the feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, is the most significant celebration of the Christian year. This year, we are providing the following Holy Week and Easter worship experiences.

All worship experiences will be in-person. With a few exceptions, all worship experiences will also be live streamed on the St. Gregory's Facebook page¹.

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

Palm Sunday Services at 8:00 am and 10:15 am – We will commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the blessing of the palms in the Columbarium Courtyard and have our own procession into the church. We will also hear the Passion Narrative from Matthew's Gospel, read in parts.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM – We will commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples through the washing of feet and celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Following Eucharist, we will strip the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

Stations of the Cross at 12:00 Noon – We will commemorate Jesus' Passion and journey along the Via Dolorosa with the Stations of the Cross, beginning in the Chapel.

Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM – We will commemorate Christ's Passion and Crucifixion by hearing the Passion Narrative from John's Gospel, read in parts. We will also share Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

Liturgy of the Word at 9:30 AM – We will commemorate the time between Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection with a simple service of Scripture and prayer in the Chapel.

Great Vigil of Easter at 7:00 PM – Traditionally, the major celebration of Easter occurs on Holy Saturday, just after sundown (which is actually 7:16 this year), with the Great Vigil of Easter. We will start with the lighting and blessing of the new fire in the Columbarium Courtyard. This will be followed by procession into the darkened church, Vigil readings, and then the celebration of the first Eucharist of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

Easter Service at 10:15 AM — Our celebration of Easter continues on Easter Day! We will have a festive celebration of our Lord's resurrection, with special music provided by our Choir and guest musicians.

¹ Due to technical limitations, the opening processions for Palm Sunday and the Great Vigil of Easter will not be able to be live streamed (although the portions of both services that occur in the church will be live streamed). In addition, the 8:00 Palm Sunday service, the Good Friday Stations of the Cross, and the Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Word will not be live streamed..