



✦ *Celebrating* ✦

HOLY WEEK

As we enter Holy Week, Palm Sunday invites us to pause and remember the moment Jesus was welcomed with palm branches and praise — knowing the cross was just days away.

This Sunday, let's come together with hearts prepared to reflect, worship, and lean into the beauty and weight of this season.

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Holy Week Devotionals & Schedule

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday

- Worship Service @ 10:30 AM
- Sermon: “When the Crowd Goes Silent”

Join us as we shout Hosanna! and wave palm branches in celebration of Jesus’ triumphant entry. A joyful and spirit-filled service for all!

Monday, April 14

- Scripture: Luke 19:37–40
- At the start of the week, the crowd cheered. By the end of the week, they disappeared. The same voices that cried “Hosanna” on Sunday were silent—or even shouting “Crucify Him”—by Friday.

Reflection:

- What does your faith look like when the crowd goes quiet?
- Can you still worship when no one else is watching?
- Can you follow Jesus when it’s not easy, popular, or celebrated?

True commitment isn’t measured in moments of public praise—it’s proven in seasons of silence. When the world grows quiet, the faithful keep walking. This Holy Week, let your devotion speak louder than the noise around you—and louder than the silence that follows it.

Prayer:

Lord, help me follow You even when it’s hard. Give me faith that’s rooted in truth, not applause. When the crowd disappears, let me stand closer to the cross. Amen.

Tuesday, April 15

Theme: The Quiet Before the Cross

- Scripture: Luke 21:37–38

“Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives... And all the people came early in the morning to hear him.”

Devotional:

- By Tuesday of Holy Week, the excitement of Palm Sunday had already begun to fade. The crowds still gathered, but tension was rising. Jesus kept teaching, knowing the cross was coming. He didn’t chase applause — He pursued purpose. In a world obsessed with recognition, Jesus chose quiet obedience.

Reflection Question:

- Are you still showing up to hear Him, even when the atmosphere shifts?

Prayer:

Lord, in the stillness of this week, teach me to listen for Your voice. Help me to seek You—not just in celebration, but in quiet moments of truth. Strengthen me to follow You through the silence, toward the cross, and into resurrection. Amen.

Wednesday, April 16 – Midweek Bible Study @ 11am

- Attend in-person or join us LIVE on Facebook for:
- “The Holy Spirit’s Role in Our Spiritual Growth”



Theme: The Spirit Who Strengthens

- Scripture: John 14:26 (NIV)

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit... will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

Devotional:

- As we reflect midweek, may we be reminded of the miraculous gift of the Holy Spirit—our Helper, Teacher, and Comforter. The Spirit empowers us to grow, to love, and to remain steadfast in times of testing. Let today be a turning point in your spiritual walk.

Prayer:

Holy Spirit, breathe on me. Teach me, guide me, and help me walk in Your truth. Amen.

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Theme: Love Poured Out

- Scripture: John 13:14–15 (NLT)

"Since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet... Do as I have done to you."

Devotional:

- Jesus demonstrated servant love by washing the disciples' feet. He calls us to do the same—not just in ritual, but in daily acts of humility and compassion. In this Holy Week, let's pour out love the way Christ did—freely and sacrificially.

Prayer:

Lord, teach me to love as You love. Help me serve others with joy, just as You served. Amen.

Join the church family in prayer via Calling Post Prayer @ 6:00pm. Take a moment to pause, connect, and seek God's presence as we draw nearer to Resurrection Day.

Good Friday, April 18

Theme: The Cross Speaks

- Scripture: Luke 23:46 (KJV)

"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

Devotional:

- On the cross, Christ surrendered fully—and in that surrender, we find victory. Today we remember His final words, His suffering, and His sacrifice. The cross wasn't the end—it was the beginning of our redemption. A miracle wrapped in suffering.

Prayer:

- Jesus, thank You for bearing my sins. May I never take lightly the cost of the cross. Help me live a life worthy of Your sacrifice. Amen.

The Seven Last Words of Christ
Presented by St. Dunstan's Choir

7:30 PM @ St. Edmunds Episcopal Church

A powerful musical and spiritual reflection on the final words of Jesus.

Théodore Dubois'

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

A CONCERT BY ST. DUNSTAN'S CHOIR

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025 | 7:30 PM

ST. EDMUND'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MUSICIANS

Essie Hall, *Soprano*

Jordan A. Harris, *Tenor*

Khary Laurent, *Bass*

Rev. Daryl Person, *Narrator*

Vanessa Nichols, *Tympani*

Albert L. Engram, *Director*

Richard E. Evans, *Organist/Music Director*



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Holy Saturday, April 19

A sacred time of altar preparation and quiet meditation as we prayerfully anticipate the resurrection of our Lord.

Theme: Waiting in Hope

- Scripture: Lamentations 3:25–26 (NRSV)

“The Lord is good to those who wait for him... It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.”

Devotional:

- This day feels silent, still, and uncertain. But even in silence, God is at work. Saturday reminds us that miracles are often born in waiting. As we prepare the altar and meditate, let hope rise within you—Resurrection is coming.

Prayer:

Lord, help me to trust You in the waiting. Strengthen my heart to believe even when I cannot see. Amen.

Resurrection Sunday, April 20

Theme: He Is Risen!

- Scripture: Matthew 28:6 (ESV)

“He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.”

Devotional:

- Christ is risen! Death is defeated! This is the miracle of miracles—Jesus lives, and because He lives, we can face tomorrow. Let joy rise with the morning sun, and let every breath declare: He lives in me!

Prayer:

- Risen Lord, thank You for the miracle of the empty tomb. Fill my life with resurrection power and help me walk in newness of life every day. Amen

Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:00 AM – fun for all ages!

Resurrection Worship Service @ 10:30 AM

*Celebrate our Risen Savior with dynamic worship, praise,
and the Good News of eternal life!*



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RESSURECTION SUNDAY CELEBRATION

EASTER EGG HUNT 2025



FUN GAMES, & LESSON

SUNDAY
20 APRIL, 2025
AT 9:00 AM

FACILITATORS:
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MATTHEW 28:6

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