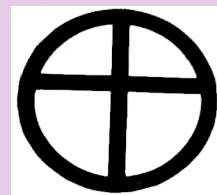


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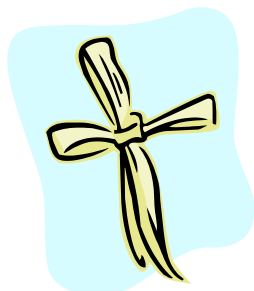
March 28-April 4



St. George's Episcopal Church Glenn Dale

Palm Sunday – 8 am and 10 am March 28

This service marks Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We celebrate this day with the liturgy of the palms, blessing palm branches, processing, singing, and celebrating with vigor. At the end of the service, following the Eucharist, we will hear the story of Jesus' betrayal and death, reminding us that our Holy Week observance is not all celebratory.



Tenebrae - 7:30 pm Wednesday, March 31

This is an ancient prayer service done during Holy Week. During this service, held in the Chapel, we will hear readings from the psalms and the book of Lamentations. The service begins with a number of candles on the altar; following each reading, a candle is put out. The space gets darker, symbolically marking getting closer to Jesus' death, until we are left in darkness and leave in silence. Tenebrae is a good entry into the depth of Holy Week.

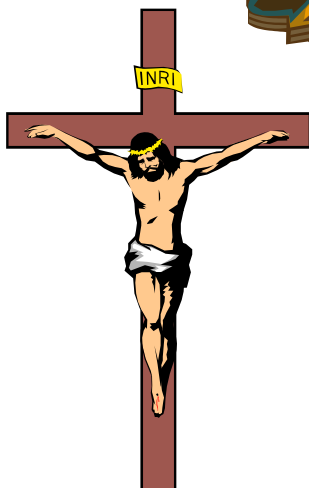


Maundy Thursday dinner and service – 7:00 pm April 1

The Maundy Thursday service with dinner is held in the sanctuary. We eat, sharing Holy Communion, then follow Jesus' example by washing each other's feet. Next comes the stripping of the altar, the procession to the chapel, and the start of the Maundy Thursday Watch.

Maundy Thursday Watch

"Could you not watch with me one hour?" This is Jesus' question to the disciples, when he goes off to pray in the Garden before his arrest. You are invited to come and watch, come and pray, in the Chapel during the night of Maundy Thursday between 10 pm and 7 am.



Good Friday - 12 noon and 7:30 pm April 2

The Good Friday service features the reading the Passion according to John as we celebrate the solemn liturgy.

The 7:30 p.m. service also features the reading of the Passion from John interspersed with poetry and special music; it is a powerful witness to Jesus' death on the cross. The reserved sacrament is also consumed at this service. This is one you don't want to miss.

Great Vigil of Easter – 8:30 pm Saturday, April 3

This is the single most sacred service of the entire year. We kindle the new fire, hear the story of our salvation history, celebrate baptism, renew our baptismal vow and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter, in a glorious celebration of the resurrection.

Easter Sunday services – 8 and 10 am April 4

The celebration of Christ's resurrection will continue on Easter Sunday, with great joy that the powers of death have been defeated and that God's love has once again emerged victorious. Come and celebrate!



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