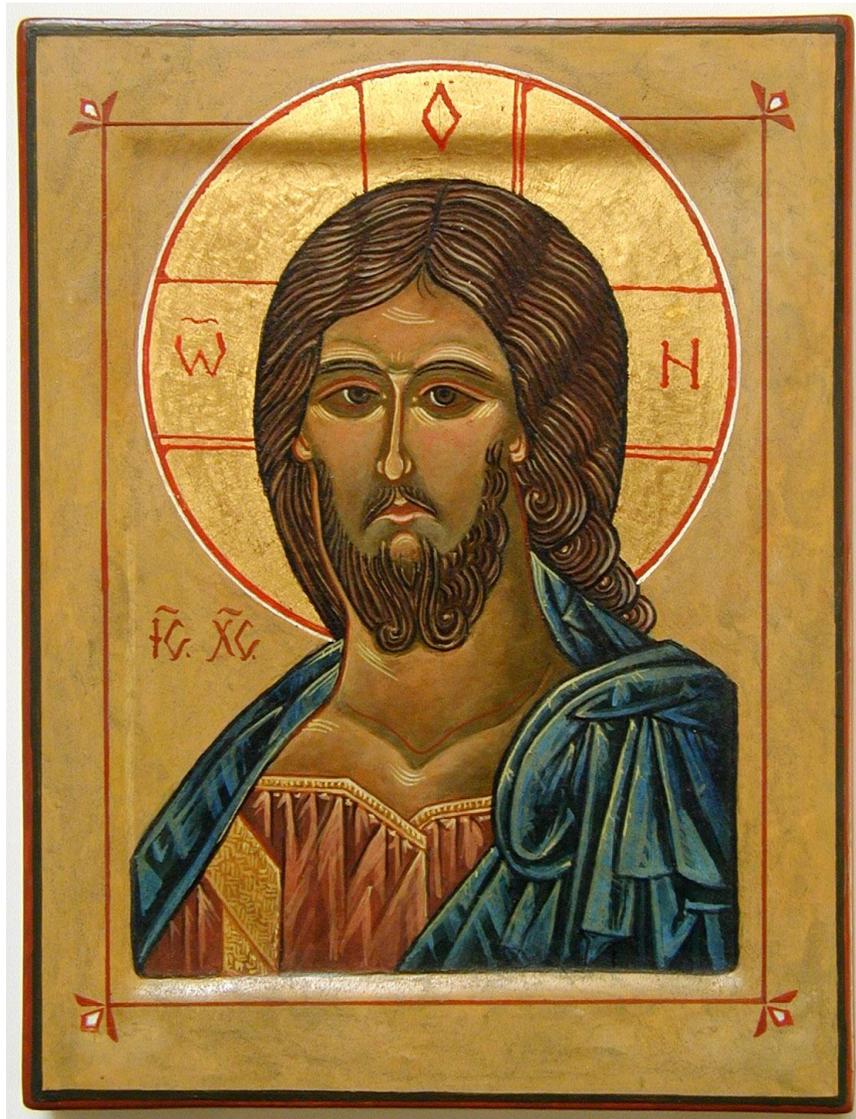


**26<sup>th</sup> March 2017**



**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

# Welcome!

We bid you a very warm welcome to our worship. As we gather in this sacred space, silent prayer and reflection helps us to prepare for the service. We acknowledge our presence is on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples. Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired during the service; please contact one of our greeters.

Please observe silence before worship. During Lent there is no organ prelude.

The choir leads the Lent Prose and we all join in the refrain

Refrain (Cantor 1st time)

Hear us, O Lord, \* have mer - cy up - on us:  
for we have sinn'd a - gainst thee.

**Refrain: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

- 1 To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory :  
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings :  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications. *Refrain*
- 2 O thou chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father :  
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial :  
cleanse thou of our sinful souls from all defilement.  
*Refrain*
- 3 God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated :  
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children :  
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses. *Refrain*
- 4 Sins oft committed now we lay before they :  
with true contrition, now no more we veil them :  
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. *Refrain*

5 Innocent, captive, taken unresisting :  
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,  
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer. *Refrain*

*Priest* +The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*All* **And also with you.**

*We invite you to kneel or sit*

*Priest* Let us pray.

*All* **Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy, Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy,  
Christ, \_\_\_ have mer - cy, Christ, \_\_\_ have mer - cy  
Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy, Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy

Priest  
All

Let us pray  
**Almighty God,**  
**through the waters of baptism**  
**your Son has made us children of light.**  
**May we ever walk in his light**  
**and show forth your glory in the world;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**  
**who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**  
**one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Children's focus*

*Please sit for a reading from the First Book of Samuel* (Chapter 16.1-13)

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither

has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
 All **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able to chant Psalm 23*



1 The Lord 'is my' shepherd; \*  
 I 'shall not 'be in' want.

2 You make me lie down 'in green' pastures \*  
 and lead 'me be-'side still' waters.

2nd 3 You re-'vive my' soul \*  
 and guide me along right path-'ways for 'your name's'  
 sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the sha-'dow of' death, \*  
 I 'shall 'fear no' evil;  
 for 'you are' with me; \*  
 your rod and your staff, 'they 'comfort' me.

5 You spread a table 'before' me \*  
 in the presence of 'those who 'trouble' me;  
 you have anointed my 'head with' oil, \*  
 and my 'cup is 'running' over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days 'of my' life,\*

and I will dwell in the house 'of the 'Lord for' ever.

Glory be to the Father, and 'to the 'Son,\*

and 'to the 'Holy 'Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and 'ever 'shall be,\*

world without 'end. 'A-'men.

*Please sit for a reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (Ch 5.8-14)*

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.'

*Reader*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able to sing our Gradual hymn No 505 in Common Praise*

- 1 Be though my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art-  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

*We remain standing and turn to face the Reader*

Deacon Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

All



Praise to you, O Christ, King of e - ter\_\_nal glo-ry

Deacon Your word, O Christ, is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All

**And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to St John (Chapter 9.1-41)

All

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from,

and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

*At the conclusion of the Gospel*

*Deacon  
All*

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**4 High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Sermon*

The Venerable John Stephens

*Please rise as you are able as we affirm our faith*

*Priest  
All*

I believe in God,  
**the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

and born of the **Virgin Mary**.  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again**  
**to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please remain standing or kneel for our prayers*

*At the conclusion of the Prayers of the People:*

*Intercessor* Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary the mother of Jesus, and St John the Beloved, our patron and all the saints we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love.  
Merciful Father:

*All* **Accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Confession and Absolution (please kneel or sit)*

*Priest* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept*

*Priest* Most merciful God,  
*All* **we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Priest* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please rise as you are able for the Peace*

*Priest* Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Peace of the Lord  
be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

*During the singing of Hymn No 397 a collection will be taken.*

**I Praise the one who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light.  
Praise the one who frees the prisoners,  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gospel,  
healing every dread disease,  
calming storms, and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.**

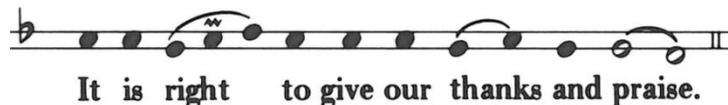
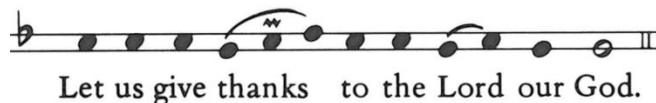
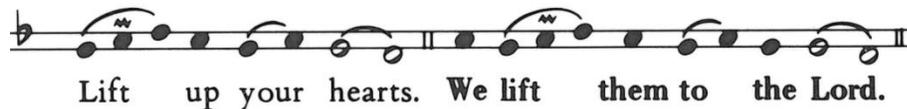
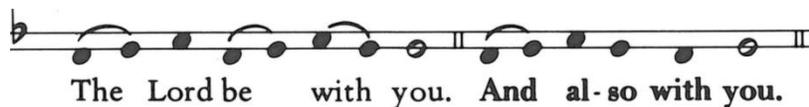
- 2 Praise the one who blessed the children  
with a strong, yet gentle word.  
Praise the one who drove out demons  
with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand.  
From this well comes living water,  
quenching thirst in every land.
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory,  
praise the One who makes us one.

*Priest*

God our refuge and our strength,  
receive all we offer you this day,  
and through the death and resurrection of your Son  
transform us to his likeness.  
We ask this in his name.

*All*

**Amen.**



*Priest*

It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
gracious God,  
for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:  
 male and female you created us.  
 When we turned away from you in sin,  
 you did not cease to care for us,  
 but opened a path of salvation for all people.  
 You made a covenant with Israel,  
 and through your servants Abraham and Sarah  
 gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.  
 Through Moses you led your people  
 from bondage into freedom;  
 through the prophets  
 you renewed your promise of salvation.  
 Therefore, with them, and with all your saints  
 who have served you in every age,  
 we give thanks and raise our voices  
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

*Unison*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of po - wer and might, hea - - ven and earth are full, full of your glor - - - ry. Ho - - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - - - na, ho - san-na in the high - - - est. Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - - - na, ho - san-na in the high - - - est.'

**Priest**

Holy God, source of life and goodness,  
 all creation rightly gives you praise.  
 In the fullness of time,  
 you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
 to share our human nature,

to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.  
He healed the sick  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, “ Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, “ Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God,  
his perfect sacrifice  
destroys the power of sin and death;  
by raising him to life  
you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*All*

*Priest*

Recalling his death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming again in glory,  
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be one body and one holy people,  
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Priest*

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*All*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Priest*

We break this bread

*All*

**Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

*Priest*

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

*All*

**If we have died with him,  
we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm,  
we shall reign with him.**



**in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Please sit for the notices*

*Please rise as you are able for the Blessing*

*Priest* Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*We sing our final Hymn No 560 in Common Praise*

- 1 God, whose almighty Word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!**
- 2 Saviour, who came to bring  
on your redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now for all humankind  
let there be light!**
- 3 Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed on your flight!  
Move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!**

**4 Gracious and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride:  
through the world far and wide  
let there be light!**

*Deacon*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

*There is no organ postlude during Lent. Please join us in the Trendell Lounge for refreshments.*

*The St John's Covenant Prayer, which we invite you to pray*

Infinite Lord and eternal God rouse your church in this place,  
restore your people's sense of Mission  
and revive your work in holiness and strength.

By your Spirit teach us to give our energy,  
our time, our money, our service and our prayer  
that your Kingdom may be advanced here  
and in the entire world;

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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### **Sunday services**

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Sung Eucharist

### **Wednesday service**

9:30am Holy Communion

Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and Confessions are by appointment with the Rector. Please contact us if you would like to have our weekly newsletter emailed to you.



# Holy Week



## Sunday April 9 Palm Sunday

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00am Palm Procession and Sung Eucharist

## Monday/Tuesday April 10/11

- 7:00pm Said Holy Eucharist with address (30 minutes)

## Wednesday April 12

- 9:30am Said Holy Eucharist with address (30 minutes)

## Thursday April 13 Maundy Thursday

- 6:00pm Homemade soup and sandwiches - all welcome  
7:30pm Last Supper Eucharist with foot washing. A meditative watch will be kept until 10:30pm.

## Friday April 14 Good Friday

- 10:00am Families Stations of the Cross (35 minutes)  
12:00noon Solemn Liturgy of the Day with Sung Passion

## Saturday April 15 Holy Saturday

- 8:30pm Great Vigil of Easter

## Sunday April 16 Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00am Celebration Eucharist and Easter Egg Hunt