

“And to the angel of the church at Philadelphia write: behold I set before you an open door.” Rev. 3.8



PHILADELPHIA CATHEDRAL



2010 HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

“For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” (Romans 6:5)

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The Liturgies of Holy Week enable us to be present, to experience and to share in the agony, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

MARCH 28, PALM SUNDAY

10 AM - Liturgy of the Palms, Procession & Holy Eucharist

This service of Eucharist features a festive beginning with blessing of the palms and procession reenacting Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem amidst the happy cheers of the crowds; then shifts to a poignant, dramatic presentation of the Gospel account of the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus.

MARCH 29, MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

12 NOON - Holy Eucharist

8 PM - Taizé Prayer Service

Taizé Prayer is the quiet experience of human voices united in meditative song, along with readings from scripture, prayer and silence. This not only stills our rattled minds and spirits, but in the midst of the chaos and darkness that surrounds us, heightens our awareness of God's presence and bestows unimaginable peace.

MARCH 30, TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

10 AM - Chrism Mass, *Bishop Rodney R. Michel, Presider*

(The Chrism Mass is open to everyone, both clergy and laity.)

The Chrism Mass, celebrated in the morning, is a gathering of the diocesan family, during which all clergy together with the bishop, perform the annual renewal of their vows of ordination. The oil of chrism for baptisms and ordinations, and oil for anointing of the sick are blessed by the bishop at this liturgy and distributed through their clergy to each congregation of the diocese.

8 PM - Taizé Prayer Service



MARCH 31, WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

12 NOON - Holy Eucharist

8 PM - Tenebrae

Tenebrae is a Latin word, signifying “darkness,” “shadow” and “obscurity”. The name of this day’s service is taken from the words from the Gospels describing the scene at Jesus’ death: *Tenebrae factae sunt*: Darkness covered the whole land when Jesus was crucified. Throughout the service there is a progressive extinguishing of all lights in the church except one candle. The chanting of Psalms and the readings of lessons and prayers form a prolonged experience of abandonment, judgment and death, with an obscure hint of resurrection symbolized by the remaining candle

APRIL 1, MAUNDY THURSDAY

12 NOON - Holy Eucharist

8 PM - Maundy Thursday Liturgy

On this evening we recall and relive the events of the night of our Lord’s final Passover with his disciples and friends, by which we have passed over from death to eternal life. We begin by experiencing the elements and festivity of the Passover meal. Then following Jesus’ example given at his last Passover, we wash one another’s feet. This is followed by the Eucharist and meditation until midnight.

APRIL 2, GOOD FRIDAY

12 NOON - Liturgy of Good Friday

The ancient Good Friday Liturgy includes the Passion reading and solemn prayers for the whole world and features the special rite in which each person present may express devotion to the cross by kissing, bowing, kneeling, or lying prostrate before it. We glory in your cross, O Lord, for by virtue of your cross, joy has come to the whole world. Communion is administered from the reserved sacrament from the Maundy Thursday shrine.

8 PM - Day of Devotion - The Way of the Cross

This is a profoundly dramatic and solemn devotional service of prayer, meditation and sacred music that reflects upon Christ's sorrowful journey to Calvary. The *Cathedral Singers*, directed by Dr. Riyehee Hong, will be joined by guest musicians, Pauline Sachar, *Soprano*, Rebecca Harris, *Baroque Violin*, Barbara Prugh, *Trumpet* and Brian Ming Chu, *Baritone*. Dean Lloyd S. Casson will be the Officiant.

APRIL 3, HOLY SATURDAY

1 - 3 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation

8 PM - Great Vigil of Easter & Rites of Christian Initiation

Bishop Rodney R. Michel, Presider

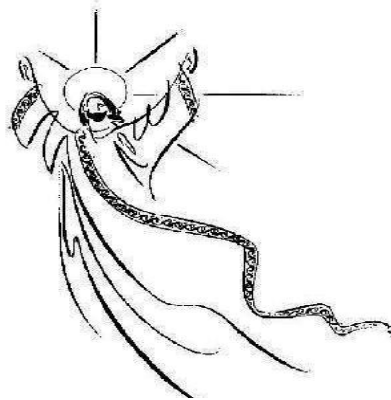
On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passes over from death to life, we celebrate the most ancient of all of these services, the Great Vigil of Easter. Exiting slowly from darkness into the brilliant light of the resurrection, we experience anew the victory over the powers of darkness that is ours in the Light of Christ. In the early church, this was the traditional time for baptizing new Christians, symbolizing their passage from an old life of sin to new life in the Risen Christ.

The service begins in darkness with the kindling of new fire and the lighting and procession of the Paschal Candle. Chanting of Psalms and readings from scripture in candlelight recall God's acts in history beginning at the creation. This is followed by the Rites of Initiation, when members of the cathedral congregation and from around the Diocese of Pennsylvania are baptized, confirmed, received from another communion and reaffirming their baptismal vows. Then, with sudden bursts of light, shouts of "Alleluia," bells, hymns and anthems, the Resurrection is proclaimed and the first Eucharist of Easter is celebrated.

APRIL 4 - EASTER DAY

6 AM - Sunrise Eucharist

10 AM - Festival Eucharist



He is risen!

Mark 16: 6

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