

**Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Holy Week 2012**

**“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.”**

To help you get a better biblical, theological, and liturgical grasp of the power and influence of Holy Week/Easter, I suggest you read at home about the following special services within the BoCP: Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion), 270; Maundy Thursday, 274; Good Friday, 276; Easter Vigil, 284 (though we are not doing an Easter Vigil); and the Sacrament of Reconciliation of a Penitent, 446.

Tasks and Responsibilities	Person(s)
<i><b>Preparation for Holy Week</b></i>	
We want to hire a person for childcare on Palm Sunday and Easter. If you know of someone willing to work on Palm Sunday and/or Easter Sunday, please call Ann Easley or Kathy Haynie. If you know a Roman Catholic who goes to a Saturday night or sunrise Easter Mass, maybe they would like to do child care work on some Sundays.	Ann Easley and Kathy Haynie
Identify and have ready pitchers, bowls, towels, and chairs for Maundy Thursday service	_____
List of tasks for Holy Saturday Work Day. Here are some examples: Wash all windows in both buildings, re-stain or paint external doors, power wash concrete sidewalks, power wash mold on south side east side of church building, clean playground equipment, use clear waterproofing material on ramp of Parish Hall, apply furniture polish to all pews, build shelving for food storage in back of Parish Hall. Hang white cloth on cross on Gilmer Avenue, polish silver in sacristy, clean all folding white tables, etc.	John Haynie, Tom Bray, Jean Kerr, and Father Arnold
Assign parts for Palm Sunday	Father Arnold
Create bulletins	Lee Borden
Print Passion A/Mark in parts	Jean Kerr
Procure large wooden cross for Good Friday service, approximately 6 feet tall and 3 feet wide	_____
Provide and make palm crosses and branches	Laura Williams, Debra McCord, and Al Cantrell
<i><b>Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) – April 1</b></i>	
Assemble all hymnals in vestibule, opened to #154	Ushers (Lee and Amanda Borden)

Distribution of Palm crosses and branches	Laura Williams, Debra McCord, and Al Cantrell
Give out bulletins and direct all to gather at the well at 9:30 am	Ushers (Lee and Amanda Borden)
Ring the Church Bell at 9:30 am to mark the beginning of Worship	Ushers (Lee and Amanda Borden)
Reading at the well of Mark 11 – “Jesus comes to Jerusalem as King”	Lay Reader (Laura Williams)
Lead the Procession to chorus of Hymn #154, <i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i>	Acolyte (_____)
Stop for prayer in vestibule, on steps, and on sidewalk	Father Arnold
Continue with verse 1 of hymn as we enter the nave	
<b><i>Parts for Palm Sunday Narrative</i></b>	
Evangelist/Narrator (a female voice)	
Jesus (moves to various places where indicated in dialogue)	
Judas	
High Priest	
Servant girl #1	
Peter	
Servant girl #2	
Pilate	
Centurion	
Congregation	Everyone
<b><i>Palm Sunday Worship after the narrative</i></b>	
Sing Hymn #172, “Were You There?”	Everyone
Lessons for Palm Sunday	Lay Reader (Laura Williams)
Lay Eucharistic Minister in addition to Acolyte	_____
At procession out, drape cross with purple or red cloth	Altar guild (Betty Weldon and Pam VanEtten)
Tidy up pews and check guest cards	Altar guild (Betty Weldon and Pam VanEtten)
<b><i>Preparation for Maundy Thursday</i></b>	
Mow grass and trim around sidewalks, Nave, and parish hall	Lee Borden and Maurice McCord
Have 2 large pitchers and bowls for washing of feet with plain white towels sitting just inside of first step. Chairs should be arranged so two people can be washing feet at the same time.	

<i>Maundy Thursday, April 5, at 6:30 pm</i>	
Singing: SH #35 "His Name is Wonderful"; SH #36 "Father I Adore you"; SH #59 "The Servant Song"	
Foot Washers (two people)	
After completing the washing of feet one white pitcher will be placed at foot of the altar as a symbol for what took place this night.	Father Arnold
Offertory and Eucharist will be the same as on Sunday except we will use the Eucharistic Prayer D.	
After communion, extra consecrated bread will be set up on an Altar of Repose with a vigil candle.	
Altar Guild members (2) in charge of stripping the altar	
After the blessing, we will begin singing Hymn #171 "Go to Dark Gethsemane." After verses 1 and 2, members of the congregation are asked to come to the altar step to receive a symbol from the altar area and then place them on a table near the piano. At the end we will use the pall to cover the symbols, where they will remain until Friday night or Saturday morning. Black or red drapes are on the cross and Altar.	
All remain silent and join the circle for the reading of Jesus' words in "Gethsemane," Mark 14:32-50.	Betty Weldon
The Maundy Thursday-Good Friday Prayer Vigil follows. Persons who will keep the "Watch" for 30-minute intervals are asked to return to the nave where the Alter of Repose is set up with consecrated bread. This consecrated bread will be distributed during the Good Friday Liturgy.	
Lock parish hall at end of worship as Prayer Vigil begins	_____
Coordinator for Prayer Vigil, 8-11:00 p.m.	_____
Last person scheduled for Prayer Vigil locks the doors of the nave.	_____
<i>Good Friday, April 6</i>	
<i>According to the Book of Common Prayer, a Day of Fasting</i>	
12:00 noon – Annual Good Friday Community Service at First United Methodist Church. So far we have not been asked to provide any lay assistance.	
6:30 pm – Good Friday Liturgy. The highlight of this worship is preaching from the Cross and the dramatic reading from the Gospel of John and the Collects. At the conclusion, persons may venerate a large wooden cross and then receive communion from the reserved sacrament consecrated on Maundy Thursday.	

Lay Reader for Good Friday	Lee Borden
Veneration of the Cross. Persons are encouraged to come forward for an act of devotion, prayer, etc., and then may receive communion. Note: there is no processional cross, so the focus can be placed on the wooden cross.	
<i>Holy Saturday, April 7</i>	
8:00 – 12:00 pm – Holy Saturday Work Day. Please bring gloves and tools.	
A Holy Saturday Work Day is a great opportunity to invite some previously active members to come help us get ready for Easter. Inviting them has worked in some previous churches I have served. Come as long as you can. Some have other duties and thus can only work an hour or two. But come.	
11:15 am - Holy Saturday Blessing. The Collect for Holy Saturday, one reading from the appointed lessons, and prayers for an Easter Sunday that is <u>grace</u> -filled, <u>pew</u> -filled, and <u>Alleluia</u> -filled!	Father Arnold
11:30 am - Pizza! We always welcome any additional goodies.	_____
<i>Easter Sunday, April 8</i>	
9:30 am – lighting of the Paschal Candle and Festival Eucharist. Everyone bring flowers to place in the wired white cross	
Blowing the Shofar	_____
Lighting of the Paschal Candle	_____
Easter Message and Communion on the Feast of the Resurrection	
At the end of worship we will have a group photo with everyone standing against the back wall of the Nave. Need to elevate the camera and set a timer.	Lee Borden
Children stay in church to hear instructions for the Easter Egg Hunt (Bring your children, grandchildren, and neighbors.)	Laura Williams and Betty Weldon

<b>After the Easter Egg hunt, gather in the parish hall for Easter goodies.</b>	
<b>Cleanup after Easter?</b>	<b>Need to think through what's needed</b>

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