



Dear St. John's Family,

March 17, 2021

After a year of physical separation, live-streamed services, and wandering through the wilderness of pandemic living, we have arrived at a threshold. Vaccines are being administered, the number of Covid-19 cases have lessened, and many restrictions have been lifted. Therefore, in accordance with our diocesan guidelines, we are now able to re-gather as a community of faith!

With several safety precautions in place, we now have the opportunity to walk through Holy Week together. In-person worship will begin on **Palm Sunday, March 28**. As was our practice during the summer, numbers will be limited for gathering in the church. A sign-up sheet for services will be emailed at the beginning of each week. If you do not have access to email, you can call the office to reserve your spot. We will continue to modify our worship services to provide a safe space for all those who enter. Our safety procedures include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ❖ Masks will be required.
- ❖ Family units and individuals will be seated at least six feet apart.
- ❖ Our musicians will lead us in music (no congregational singing will be permitted at this time)
- ❖ Eucharist will take place in bread only for those who wish to receive.
- ❖ There will be no in-person coffee hour following worship and gathering afterwards will only be possible outdoors.

In addition to Sunday services, our Wednesday Healing service will resume on **Wednesday, April 7th**. We strongly encourage you to consider whether the Wednesday service is an option for you. The service will be held in the church with the same safety procedures in place as Sunday mornings.

We will continue to live-stream our main worship services for those unable to attend in-person at this time. We will also be creating a worship space in the courtyard on Sunday mornings for those more comfortable with gathering outside. We will live-stream the service into the courtyard and offer the sacrament to those seated outside. You will NOT need to sign up or reserve a spot in the courtyard. Signups are only necessary for those wishing to worship in the church.

There are multiple opportunities to worship together in the coming days and weeks. Whether you continue to join us online, or find a spot in the courtyard, or join us in the church, we are so excited to be walking with you through the holiest week of the year. Following our Easter celebration, we will also be reinstating our normal worship schedule with our 8:00AM Rite I service and our 10:00AM Rite II service beginning on Sunday, April 11th.

If you have any questions regarding our re-entry plan, please do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon.

God's peace,

GROW IN GOD, ACT IN SERVICE, WITNESS IN LOVE

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A JOINT EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 @ 6:30AM

**JOIN US FOR AN OUTDOOR SERVICE AS WE
CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION THROUGH
MUSIC, SACRAMENT, AND PRAYER!**

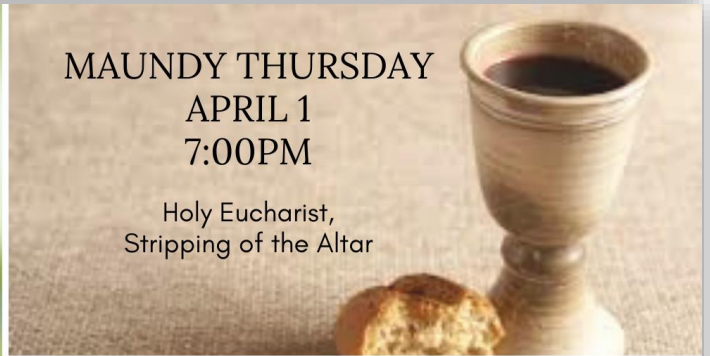
**ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH
2453 HARRISBURG PIKE,
LANCASTER, PA 17601**

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR MASK!



PALM SUNDAY
March 28
10:00AM

Palm Procession, Holy Eucharist,
and Passion Reading



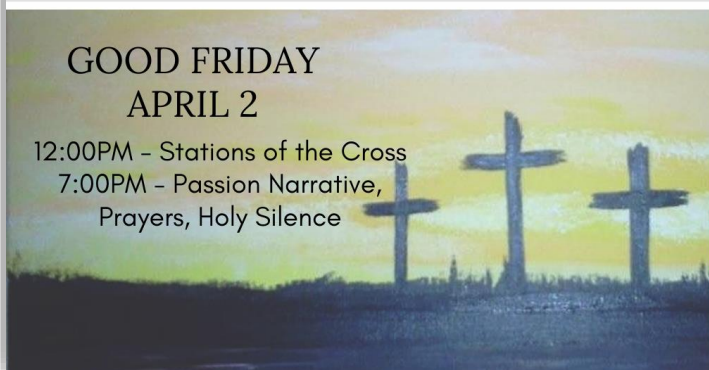
MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 1
7:00PM

Holy Eucharist,
Stripping of the Altar

THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

HOLY WEEK

St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster, PA 17603



GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 2

12:00PM - Stations of the Cross
7:00PM - Passion Narrative,
Prayers, Holy Silence



EASTER DAY
APRIL 4

6:30AM - Joint outdoor sunrise service at St. Edward's
10:00AM - Festive Holy Eucharist with Special Music