

## Also on Sundays

**Our nursery** is open from 9am until noon. Maria Medina is our trusted caregiver, and parents supplement her care to provide maximum safety.

**Godly Play** is our Sunday School program for children age 3 to approximately 8. Godly Play teaches the Christian faith through biblical storytelling and imaginative play.

**Seasons of the Spirit:** We offer a class in which students ages 9 to 12 deepen their knowledge of the Bible and our Christian faith. The curriculum is tied to the Sunday lessons.

**Children of all ages are always welcome to attend services.** Copies of "The Sunday Paper," and "The Sunday Paper, Jr." are located at the door of the church; these handouts explore the themes of the day's Bible lessons. Crayons are also available for the artistically inclined. Older students are also invited to participate by serving as an acolyte or reading a lesson. Contact the office for more information. All ages are invited to receive Holy Communion.

### Education for All Ages Coming this Fall (9am)

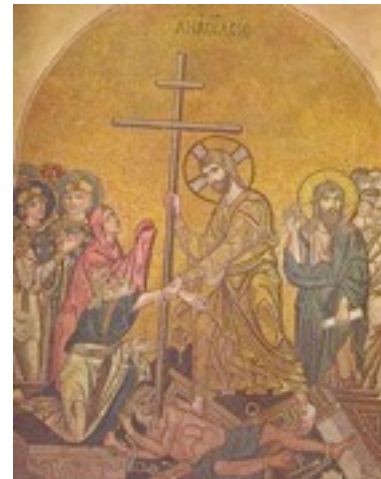
Our new worship schedule affords us the opportunity for education between the 8am and 10am services. The classes are still being planned, and you can give your own suggestions by emailing the parish office.

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# Holy Week and Easter at All Saints'



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Holy Week: Preparing for Easter 2010

*The powerful liturgies of Holy Week invite us to make a spiritual journey. Day by day, we follow Jesus' footsteps: his triumphal entry into Jerusalem; his washing of the disciples' feet at the Last Supper; his vigil in the Garden of Gethsemane; and his arrest, trial, and crucifixion.*

### **Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday: March 28 (8am, 10am, 5:30pm)**

Holy Week begins with a joyful palm procession followed by the somber Passion narrative.

### **Maundy Thursday: April 1 (12pm and 7pm)**

Our noonday service highlights the Last Supper, while the evening liturgy focuses on Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet and concludes with the stripping of the altar for Good Friday. Both services include Holy Communion.

### **The Watch: April 1–April 2**

For many Christians, keeping watch before the Blessed Sacrament is a treasured Holy Week devotion. The Watch will take place in the baptistery of the church, beginning after the 7pm Maundy Thursday service and continuing until the 7pm Good Friday service.

### **Good Friday: April 2 (Noon and 7pm)**

Our noonday and 7pm services will be Prayer Book liturgies during which we will hear St. John's Passion Gospel, offer devotions before the cross, and receive Communion from the reserved sacrament.

## **Easter Celebrations**

*Easter, the "Queen of Feasts," is honored with glorious music, beautiful flowers, and our finest liturgies as we hear the story of the Resurrection, proclaim our hope in God, and share Holy Communion. Descriptions of each service and event are given below.*

### **The Great Vigil of Easter: April 3 (8pm)**

The first celebration of Easter occurs at the Great Vigil on the eve of Easter Day. This ancient, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy links us to the early Church. Consistent with their Jewish heritage, the first Christians understood the new day to begin at sunset; thus, Easter Day begins when the sun sets on Saturday.

We enter the Vigil in silence and in darkness; it is as if we entered the darkened tomb of Jesus. Our hope is symbolized by the creation of a new flame with flint and steel and the lighting of the paschal (Easter) candle. By its light, we hear the chanting of the Exsultet, one of the Church's earliest and best-loved prayers. We continue our vigil as storytellers relate events of salvation from the Old Testament, interspersed with psalms and prayers. The paschal flame is shared throughout the assembly as we prepare for Easter by baptizing new members and renewing our own baptismal vows. At the proclamation of the Resurrection, the church is illuminated, the altar candles are lit, and we greet our Risen Lord with bells and joyful singing. (You are invited to bring bells of all kinds to ring at this time.) We conclude with a festal celebration of the Eucharist (Holy Communion).

### **The Easter Feast: April 3 (following the Easter Vigil)**

As we joyfully end our Lenten fast, members of All Saints' are invited to bring bread, cheese, fruit, vegetables, or a favorite dessert to share. Our visitors and newly baptized members will be our guests. Juice, wine, and hot beverages will be provided.

### **Easter Day: April 4 (8am, 10am, and 5:30pm)**

**8 am:** Easter is celebrated with the traditional language of the original Prayer Book and the King James Bible. The organ will lead our singing.

**10am:** At our main service of Easter Day, various musicians will support our worship as we come together as a parish at our new family liturgy.

**11:30am:** Children are invited to the Easter Egg Hunt in our parish gardens.

**5:30pm:** Easter will be joyfully celebrated at our evening service. In honor of Easter, our regularly scheduled Evensong will give way to a Eucharistic (Holy Communion) feast of the Resurrection.

## **Easter Continues for Fifty Days**

*We celebrate our new life in Christ over the fifty days of Easter as we follow our regular Sunday schedule, observing the Feast of the Ascension and concluding on Pentecost Day.*

### **Sunday Services**

**8am:** We worship with the Elizabethan language of the first Prayer Book and the King James Bible.

**10am:** We worship as a parish family in our new 10am liturgy that resonates with reverence and joy, brings together a rich variety of musical expressions, and invites participation by all ages.

**5:30pm:** On the first Sunday of the month, we offer a meditative candlelit Evensong featuring traditional choral music. On the remaining Sundays, we offer Holy Communion and occasionally include music.

### **The Eve of the Ascension: May 12 (7pm)**

On the fortieth day of Easter, we observe Jesus' ascension into heaven. We will welcome Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves as she confirms new members from the parish and the school. We will conclude our celebration with a reception.

### **Pentecost Day: May 23**

The Great Fifty Days of Easter concludes with a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit at 8am, 10am, and 5:30pm. Wear bright colors!