

Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

April 14 Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Procession of Palms
Holy Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
- 10:50 a.m. Procession of Palms
Holy Communion
- 12:15 a.m. Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 p.m. St. Matthew Passion
by JS Bach,
Bach Society Houston



The Three Days

April 18 Maundy Thursday

- 7:30 p.m. Individual Absolution
Washing
Holy Communion
Stripping of the Altar

April 19 Good Friday

- 3:00 p.m. St Matthew Passion
by JS Bach,
Bach Society Houston
- 7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word
Adoration of the Cross

April 20 Holy Saturday

- Midnight until 6:00 p.m.
(every three hours)
Canonical Hours
- 6:00 p.m. Vespers
(Contemplative Worship)
- 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
The Service of Light
The Readings of Redemption
Eucharist

April 21 Easter Day

- 8:30 a.m. Festive Easter Eucharist
- 9:45 a.m. Potluck Breakfast
Flowering of the Cross
Easter Egg Hunt for Children
- 10:50 a.m. Festive Easter Eucharist
- 2:00 p.m. *Ostergottesdienst*,
German-language
Easter Eucharist



THE THREE DAYS

The congregation is preparing for The Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day. The Three Days stand at the center of our church year, beginning at sundown Thursday and concluding at sundown on Sunday. Maundy Thursday includes Individual Absolution, Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar. On Good Friday the congregation assembles around the Word and for the Adoration of the Cross. After sundown on Friday, Canonical Hours will be held every three hours to mark Holy Saturday. After sundown on Saturday the Easter Day begins and the congregation gathers at 9:00 p.m. in the courtyard for the Vigil of Easter with the new fire and candle, the readings of redemption, the return of the "Alleluia" of Easter, and the celebration of the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection in baptismal water and eucharistic bread and wine. On Easter Sunday we gather for morning worship and an afternoon German language Easter service.

HELP MAKE PALM CROSSES

All who worship on Palm Sunday will be given a palm cross to wear. The Altar Guild invites you all to join us on **Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m.** in the narthex. Socialize with us and learn to make the Palm crosses! We have great snacks! Contact Altar Guild president Linda Marx at lindamarx@sbcglobal.net for more information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS — PASSION SUNDAY

We invite you to visit the Stations of the Cross in the parish hall between the Sunday services (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.) and following the late service (12:15 p.m.) on Palm Sunday, April 14. Starting with a presentation about Jesus in the Garden, the Stations depict Jesus' actions from the Garden to the Resurrection. Ponder the trial of Jesus; struggle with the cross; grieve at the crucifixion; and wonder as the sadness turns into the pure joy of the Resurrection. Take as long as you want, thinking or praying, then you may pick up a scripture card, an item relating to the story, or both to remind you of each part of the story.

This *Stations of the Cross* was designed and made by the students in the 5th & 6th grade Godly Play class. The children learned the story of each Station and created an item to be carried away for each story, and they will host and lead the way through the presentation. We hope this will help you as you get ready for the Mystery of Easter.



Canonical Hours

The eight canonical hours mark the vigil from Good Friday (midnight) until the Saturday Easter Vigil (9:00 p.m.). Every three hours a 30-minute service will occur in the narthex, beginning at midnight. Everyone is invited to join the prayers at these times. If you would like to say the canonical hours at home, copies of the services will be available in the narthex.

	Canonical Hour	Host Group
12:00 am	Matins: The Virgins (watchful waiting)	Luther League
3:00 am	Lauds: The Tomb (ecstatic praise)	Luther League and Night Owls
6:00 am	Prime: The Martyrs (consecrated service)	Luther League and Early Risers
9:00 am	Terce: The Fire (unceasing dependence)	Altar Guild
12:00 pm	Sext: The Cross (humble supplication)	Congregational Care
3:00 pm	None: The Throne (steadfast perseverance)	Congregation Council
6:00 pm	Vespers: The Supper (fervent thanksgiving)	Worship

Easter Flowers



All are invited to donate flowers to decorate the nave for Easter on April

21. Please use the envelopes in the narthex with correct payment and dedication, or use the links provided in the weekly Thursday email. Each lily or hydrangea costs \$15. We thank the Altar Guild for their dedication to the beauty of our worship and nave.

EASTER POTLUCK BREAKFAST

Please help us have a delightful Easter breakfast! If you can bring a breakfast food to share on Easter morning at 9:45 a.m., please contact Beverly Davis at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org or 713-400-0517.

EASTER MORNING FLOWERING OF THE CROSS AND EGG HUNT

Easter at Christ the King Church is always an exciting time for children! Little ones help celebrate the Resurrection of Christ by participating in the *Flowering of the Cross* and hunting for Easter eggs. Please plan to bring lots of lovely flowers for your children to use and be sure to bring a basket for the egg hunt. The festivities begin with a potluck Easter Breakfast at 9:45 a.m. and Flowering of the Cross. There will be several egg hunts beginning at 10:00 a.m., with special designated areas for the little ones. Age groups will be split 0-2, 2-4, and 5 and up. Donations of wrapped candy are needed. Please drop them off to the church by April 19 (Good Friday). No peanuts, please.