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**THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE  
ANNOUNCES SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

**(March X, 2023** – New York, NY) – **The Cathedral of St. John the Divine**, the center of the Episcopal Diocese of New York and the seat of its Bishop, the Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche, located at 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112<sup>th</sup> Street), Manhattan, will welcome all visitors to celebrate Holy Week and Easter during services for **Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter** from **April 2-April 9**.

On **April 2, Palm Sunday**, the Cathedral will hold an in-person Eucharist at 10:30 am, bringing participants on a journey from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem through the Passion story of his betrayal, persecution, and death. Palms will be distributed during the service. The Cathedral Choir, Chorale and Choristers sing music of Daniel Ficarri and Jean Roger-Ducasse; the Cathedral Choir presents The Passion according to St. Matthew, with chant by Jan Kern, edited and arranged by Kent Tritle. The service will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral's [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#). At 4 PM, the Cathedral will hold a Choral Evensong Service with music of Sarah MacDonald, William Byrd and Herbert Howells.

- 10:30 AM: Palm Sunday In-Person and Livestream Service
- 4 PM: Palm Sunday In-Person Evensong

**April 4, Holy Tuesday**, is a time to celebrate the renewal of the ordination vows of all the bishops, priests, and deacons of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, and to consecrate the Chrism for the following year. All are welcome to attend this in-person and livestreamed liturgy at 10:30 AM.

- 10:30 AM: In-Person Holy Tuesday Service

**April 6, Maundy Thursday** marks the beginning of the three-day Easter Triduum: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The Cathedral Choir, Chorale and Choristers sing music of Paul Halley, Maurice Duruflé and Thomas Tallis. The Cathedral will observe this holy

day with an in-person and livestreamed service at 7:30 pm. During the Eucharist, the members of the congregation will wash one another's feet. This rite is called "the Mandatum," from Jesus' commandment or mandate that his disciples should serve one another. After the service, the Sacrament will be reserved in the Cathedral baptistry, where a vigil will be kept until midnight. All are invited.

- 7:30 PM: In-Person and Livestream Maundy Thursday Service

**April 7, Good Friday**, is a solemn day marking the crucifixion of Jesus. At 9 am, the Cathedral will hold a brief liturgy, including distribution of Holy Communion in the Baptistry.

At 12 pm, the Triduum continues with the reading of the Passion, prayers, and a short homily. The Cathedral Choir presents The Passion according to St. John, chant by Jan Kern, edited and arranged by Kent Tritle. At the close of the service, the congregation will proceed to the steps of the Cathedral, where a cross will be unveiled for veneration until 3 pm. Community members are welcome to spend time in prayer on the steps before the image of the crucified Jesus.

- 9 AM: Good Friday In-Person Service of the Sacrament
- 12 PM: In-Person and Livestream Good Friday Liturgy
- 1 PM to 3 PM: Veneration of the Cross on Steps of Cathedral

**April 8, Holy Saturday**, after sunset marks the beginning of the Cathedral's Easter celebrations. The 7:30 pm Easter Vigil opens with the kindling of a fire, then a series of readings sketching out God's saving acts in Jewish and Christian biblical history. Two adult members of the Cathedral's worshipping community will be baptized, and 7 others will be confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church. The Eucharist – the first Eucharist of Easter – marks the first time the newly baptized will join other Christians in partaking of the Lord's Supper. The Cathedral Choir and Chorale sing music of Ralph Vaughan Williams, John Taverner and Tomás Luis de Victoria.

- 7:30 PM Great Vigil of Easter In-Person Service

**April 9 is Easter Day**, traditionally one of the largest and most joyful Cathedral services. This year, the Cathedral offers a 10:30 am Eucharist with a 10:15 am organ prelude. The service will include a special sermon by The Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche, Bishop of New York. The Cathedral Choir, Chorale and Choristers join with the Cathedral Brass to offer music of Giovanni Gabrieli, Richard Strauss, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Richard Dirksen and Louis Vierne. The morning service will also be available to stream on the Cathedral's [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#). Concluding the day of joyous gatherings, the Cathedral will hold a celebratory Evensong service at 4:00 pm, at which the Cathedral Choir and Brass will offer music of Gabriel Jackson, Daniel Ficarri and John Taverner.

- 10:30 AM: Easter Day In-Person and Livestream Eucharist

- 4:00 PM: Easter In-Person Evensong

More information on the Cathedral's COVID-19 guidelines can be found [here](#).

### **About The Cathedral**

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine is the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It is chartered as a house of prayer for all people and a unifying center of intellectual light and leadership.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cathedral has responded to changing needs in the local community and across the city and state. People from many faiths and communities worship together in daily services held online and in person; the soup kitchen serves roughly 50,000 meals annually; social service outreach has an increasingly varied roster of programs to safely provide resources and aid to the hardest-hit New Yorkers; the distinguished Cathedral School prepares young students to be future leaders; Advancing the Community of Tomorrow, the renowned preschool, afterschool and summer program, offers diverse educational and nurturing experiences; the outstanding Textile Conservation Lab preserves world treasures; concerts, exhibitions, performances and civic gatherings allow conversation, celebration, reflection and remembrance—such is the joyfully busy life of this beloved and venerated Cathedral.

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