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**THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE
ANNOUNCES SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK**

(March X, 2018 – New York, NY) – The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, located at 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street), Manhattan, announces its service schedule for **Holy Week and Easter, April 14 – April 21:**

April 14 – Palm Sunday

The Palm Sunday liturgy takes participants on a journey from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem through the Passion story of his betrayal, persecution and death as experienced through processions, readings and music.

9 AM: The Blessing of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
11 AM: The Blessing of the Palms & Choral Eucharist
4 PM: Palm Sunday Choral Evensong

April 15 and 17 – Holy Monday and Holy Wednesday

8 AM: Morning Prayer
12:15 PM: Holy Eucharist
5 PM: Evening Prayer

April 16 – Holy Tuesday

On this special day in the life of the Church, the clergy of the Diocese of New York gather to reaffirm their ordination vows and observe the consecration of sacramental chrism oil. All are welcome to attend this liturgy, which takes the place of our regular 12:15 pm Eucharist.

8 AM: Morning Prayer
10:30 AM: The Holy Eucharist with Reaffirmation of Vows & Consecration of the Sacred Chrism

5 PM: Evening Prayer

April 18 – Maundy Thursday

Sunset on Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the Holy Triduum, the three-day liturgical sequence that recalls the passion, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the Maundy Thursday liturgy, we commemorate the Last Supper and the tradition of the *Mandatum novum* (New Commandment), as the clergy ceremonially wash the feet of the people.

8 AM: Morning Prayer

5 PM: Evening Prayer

7 PM: Maundy Thursday Choral Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar

9 PM: The Inferno of Dante Alighieri: A Reading

9 PM: All-Night Vigil

Immediately following the Maundy Thursday liturgy, all are welcome to join in a centuries-old tradition of prayer and meditation in the Cathedral Baptistry. After the Dante reading, the Cathedral falls into silence, as those gathered keep watch over the Reserved Sacrament overnight, and contemplate Jesus' journey as well as their own. All are welcome.

April 19 – Good Friday

The Cathedral offers four unique ways to take part in this most solemn day.

8 AM: Morning Prayer

12 PM: Good Friday Liturgy

A traditional Good Friday observance, which uses Victoria's *Passion*, sung by the Cathedral Choir, to tell the crucifixion story.

2:30 PM: Stations of the Cross or Via Crucis

Readings, in Spanish and English, and congregational chanting and hymns take participants through twelve stations, ending in the Biblical Garden. Begins in the Narthex.

7 PM: Good Friday Improvisations with David Briggs

Travel through the twelve Stations of the Cross with organ improvisations by Artist in Residence David Briggs.

April 20 – Holy Saturday

Beginning in total darkness, the congregation joins the clergy in illuminating the Cathedral by candlelight, as we observe the Paschal mystery—the passage from darkness into light, from death into life—told through scriptural readings and chanted psalms. When the lights of the Cathedral are finally thrown up, all join in ringing in the first moments of Easter, as the Great Organ sounds for the first time since its silencing on Maundy Thursday. The Bishop of New York celebrates, the Dean of the Cathedral preaches, and the Cathedral Choirs sing.

7 PM: The Great Vigil of Easter & Holy Eucharist

April 21 – Easter Day

8 AM: Holy Eucharist

The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, celebrated with a sermon using the Book of Common Prayer.

11 AM: Festal Eucharist for Easter Day

The Cathedral will be brimming, as we sing together great hymns for Easter with glorious brass accompaniment. The Cathedral Choirs sing and the Bishop of New York celebrates and preaches.

4 PM: Festal Choral Evensong

The drama and jubilation of Holy Week culminates with a Festive Evensong featuring music of Radcliffe, Friedell and Byrd. The Cathedral Choir is joined by the Cathedral Brass and Timpani.

For more information, please visit stjohndivine.org/spiritual/observing-the-season/

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.

People from many faiths and communities worship together in services held more than 30 times a week; the soup kitchen serves roughly 25,000 meals annually; social service outreach has an increasingly varied roster of programs; the distinguished Cathedral School prepares young students to be future leaders; Adults and Children in Trust, 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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