

APRIL SCRIPTURE TEXTS AND WORSHIP THEMES

April 3: Isaiah 43:16-21, John 12:1-8

Communion Sunday and Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jesus comes to minister to others and becomes the one ministered to in surprising ways and by a surprising individual, revealing the possibilities of God's grace.

April 10: Luke 19:28-40, Luke 20:9-20

Palm/Passion Sunday with Handbell Choir and Children's Choir

We begin with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and follow him into the start of Holy Week which will see Jesus act with defiance but those who would silence him begin to put their plan together.

April 14: Luke 22:1-62

Maundy Thursday

Luke's version of the Last Supper is clearly a Passover Seder meal and Luke is careful to show that Judas too shares in the Holy Meal. This evening's service takes scripture texts from each Gospel, but the Lukan account is a beautiful telling of the story.

April 15: Luke 23

Good Friday

The final events of Jesus' life are well told in Luke's Gospel. Like the Maundy Thursday worship, Good Friday worship takes scripture text from all the Gospels in order to come up with the "Seven Last Words of Jesus" and other sections of the worship experience.

April 17: Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18

Easter Sunday with the Chancel Choir and Brass Quartet

The incredible story of Mary Magdalene approaching Jesus' tomb and the confusion and joyful wonder that results when she learns the tomb is empty and Jesus is alive!

April 24: Acts 5:27-32, John 20:19-31

Second Sunday of Easter

We move into the Season of Easter with stories about the community of Jesus after the Resurrection and hold our breath as Peter and John disrupt the status quo and proclaim the risen Christ.

May 1: Acts 9:1-20, John 21:1-19

Third Sunday of Easter/Communion Sunday

In the story of Saul's transformation and renewed vision, we open our eyes to new ways we might be part of an ever-expanding community of faith and witness.