

Lent and Holy Week

Lent

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Crosses in church are veiled in PURPLE

Palm Sunday

All services set per usual

Best ornate chalice vested in ornate red.

Vestments are Red ornate –skirt on Joseph statue table remains PURPLE, matching veils on crosses

No cope is used

Gospel of the Palms may be used. Check bulletin –Set Old Testament and Epistle (Check to see if years A, B, C all use Year A Epistle readings.)

Aspersorium, filled to ball of aspergillum, set out beside credence table, Gospel side

Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – Eucharist in chapel set up is same as for weekday. Check calendar for color.

Maundy Thursday - Eucharist set up as for Sunday 10 a.m. Gospel book is on credence table in nave with elements.



Two gold cushions on floor under credence table, Epistle side.

Incense is used – put out two large gold cushions for the thurifer and boat boy on the altar stair. Note photo of foot washing station shown below with gold cushion for thurifer on altar stair.

Preparation for Foot Washing: Four foot washing stations are set in front of altar rail. Two blue chairs at each station. Towels beside one chair. Pitcher and bowl at each station. Large blue bucket (sexton provides) at each station.



Preparation for washing the stripped altars:

Place bowl and towel sets for washing the stripped altars. One set is placed on the top shelf of the lectern, Gospel side, and two additional sets are placed in the chapel on either side of the Tabernacle.



Garden of Gethsemane Altar setting: In garden, altar and cross are placed by sexton. Place credence cloth on altar. Candles are placed on both sides of altar. Set flowers. Torches are moved during service (not an altar guild task)



Maundy Thursday 7 PM Altar Guild Notes:

Uniform for Maundy Thursday: Black skirt or slacks, white top, dark shoes. Gloves furnished at church.

1. Remove flags, stoups, vigil candles before the service begins
2. Lights in sacristy are turned off, only bathroom light is left burning
3. Altar Guild sits in reserved pews (2 pews are more than enough)
4. **Washing of the feet** – two members stand at each station – one member watches that there is water in pitcher, assists priest with towels, both clean and wet, and second member empties water into bucket and empties when appropriate **CLEAN TOWEL FOR EACH PERSON**
5. **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** – Kneel until procession reenters the church nave
6. At appropriate time (when procession re-enters the church) altar guild puts on white gloves and stands and quietly moves to back of nave center aisle, lines up in double file behind director
7. Proceed to front of church, bows in response to priest's bow
8. As altar is stripped, members receive vessels, candles, etc. and move them to the sacristy, using the ramp walkway
9. Priests' robes are placed on chair in front of window at back of church, not taken to dark sacristy

Good Friday – Communion Service with reserved elements (No Eucharist)

AM - Crosses covered in black. Table skirt on Joseph table changed to BLACK. If skirt is not in sacristy closet, check in box under the table.

High Altar – Remains Stripped except for stand used to hold Cross for veneration (in procession)

Credence table, Gospel side – Place clean credence cloth on table. Then set lavabo and towel, folded corporal, 4 chalices with purificators. Post communion veil on bottom shelf.

Veneration of the Cross – Cross stand is placed on high altar. Two bowls and sani-wipes (8 to 10) are placed on top shelf of lectern, Gospel side.

Stands for torches flank high altar; torches are leaned against wall in narthex. Cross (for veneration covered in sheer black cloth) is carried forward in the processional.

Set out baskets for offering.

Easter Vigil and blessing of holy water in church fountain

Fill all torches, candles; replace votives; all church accoutrements are replaced; remove veils from all crosses

Skirt on St. Joseph statue is changed to white

Fair linen with cutwork is used on high altar

Set as for Sunday, 10 a.m. service; wafer count is in sacristy for bread box and ciborium. Fill wine flagon and cruet accordingly (remember there is no reserved sacrament.)

Tabernacle veil for consecrated bread in ciborium is placed on credence table, Gospel side

Gold cushions set out for thurifer and boat boy

Immediately before service: Aspersorium is placed beside fountain. Place two pitchers beside fountain in front of church. Two members dip pitchers in fountain (after holy water is blessed) and fill stoups before congregation enters church for vigil.

Chasuble is white lamb.

Easter 10 a.m.

Set as for Sunday 10 a.m. Check in sacristy for count.

Fill all candles, torches with oil. Check votives.

Thurible is used. Set out gold cushions for thurifer and boat boy.

Cope is worn. Place wooden stand for cope in church behind retable.