

### The Three Days Begin — The Triduum

A three-day liturgical season begins on Maundy Thursday, March 28. One liturgy, with breaks in between, lasts for three days until the end of the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. Each day tells our story in different and powerful ways: the story of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, and also our journey through baptismal waters from death into life. All services will be held in the sanctuary at Gloria Dei. The evening services are at a **new time, 6:30 p.m.**, and will be livestreamed, as will the 9:30 a.m. Easter service on our [YouTube](#) channel.

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### Maundy Thursday — March 28

**6 p.m.** — *Children's Time*, learn of Jesus' love for his friends and participate in the ritual of foot washing. We'll meet in the Gathering Place.

**6:30 p.m.** — On Maundy Thursday, the church ritually acts out its core values. We announce the forgiveness of sins, practice humble service, pray for the "least of these," and share a meal around Christ's table. The liturgy ends with the stripping of the altar to prepare for Good Friday.

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## Good Friday — March 29

**Noon** — Prayers for Those For Those Struggling with Mental Health, Including Prayers for Those Who Ended Their Lives.

**6 p.m.** — *Children's Time*, learn about Jesus' suffering, how he loved his friends and gave his life for us all. Children will learn the meaning of the cross in ways that are developmentally appropriate. We'll meet in the Gathering Place.

**6:30 p.m.** — On Good Friday, we lament as a community at the foot of the cross. We gather to adore the cross, hear the Word, sing of God's love for the world, and pray for the whole cosmos.



## Easter Vigil—March 30

**6 p.m.** — *Children's Time*, gather to participate in the excitement of this special night and prepare for the wonder of Easter morning. We'll meet in the Gathering Place.

**Special Invitation:** At the Vigil this year participants will be able to write something that they want to leave behind (a behavior, a past wound, a struggle, an addiction, a sin) as they enter the Easter season. These papers will be used as kindling for the new fire. If you're not able to stay for the entire Vigil, come for just this poignant moment to bring Lent to a close and enter the Easter life, a short devotion before the grand Easter celebration the next day.

**6:30 p.m.** — This night is the center of our year, the most dramatic and beautiful celebration of Easter. We gather to kindle a new fire outside in front of the church, hear ancient stories, welcome a new child of God through baptism, and share the Eucharist. The "Alleluia" returns as darkness gives way to light, each of us crossing from death to life with Christ.

**A note about the Easter Vigil:** Because the Easter Vigil is full of many wonderful moments, we recognize that it might be too long for some. The service will be planned so that there are several moments when it will be easy to leave without being conspicuous. Come for part of the service, or stay for it all.

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## Easter Sunday—March 31

**8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Festival Worship** — The Word and Sacrament, choirs, brass and an Easter Garden work together to share the good news that Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed!

**Attendance Considerations:** If you have flexibility in the timing on when you come to worship on Easter Sunday morning, please consider coming to the 8 or 11 a.m. services. The 9:30 a.m. service has high demand and spreading some attendance across the other two services can balance things out and keep everyone comfortable.

**Parking Suggestions:** If you're physically able to walk longer distances, consider parking on the adjacent streets or far edges of the parking lot to keep more parking spaces close to the door for those dealing with mobility issues. Or, consider using Metro Transit's A Line to get to and from church on Easter.

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## Office and Building Closed Monday, April 1

On Monday, April 1, the Gloria Dei office and building will be closed for the Easter holiday. To reach the on-call pastor, call the office at 651-699-1378 and select option '2.'

**We wish you a blessed Holy Week and joyous Easter.**

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