

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Easter Special
March 26, 2024



You Are Invited to the St. Luke's
In-Person Sunday Morning Service
Sunday morning
at 9:00am

If you are unable or prefer to join us
on Zoom, we will send you a Zoom
invitation through email. If you are
not receiving the email, please send
the office an email.

LINKS TO ALL SERVICES ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

stlukesatascadero.org



ST. LUKE'S WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays	Morning Prayer at 9 AM
Tuesdays	Evening Prayer at 5 PM
Wednesdays	Bible Study at 10 AM
Thursdays	Evening Prayer 5PM



**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

PRESIDER: THE REV. KAREN SIEGFRIEDT

MUSICIAN: LAURA DELOYE

FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: ANN HOLLEY

SECOND LESSON: KATHY HANSEN

USHER GREETERS: BROOKS PECOT & ANN HOLLEY

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Holy Week Schedule



All of these services will be at St. James

Wednesday– **Tenebrae** - March 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday – March 28 at 7:00 p.m. with foot washing,
Holy Eucharist, and stripping of the Altar

Watch Night Vigil – begins at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28
through noon on Good Friday. Sign up in the chapel.

Good Friday – March 29 at noon Good Friday Liturgy with
Stations of the Cross

Good Friday – March 29 7:00 p.m. Good Friday liturgy

Easter Vigil – Saturday, March 30 at 8:00 p.m.

The Easter Sunday Service will be at St. Luke's with
Rev. Karen Siegfriedt Presiding

Easter Sunday – March 31 at 9:00 a.m.

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TREATS FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT



On Easter Sunday, March 31 we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. If you would like to help the Easter Bunny, please bring decorated eggs or small wrapped candies, stickers or tiny toys in plastic eggs to church by Sunday morning. Leave them in the undercroft so The Bunny can hide them during the service. This is a perfect time to invite friends with children to enjoy the fun at St. Luke's.

EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



The Altar Guild will again be decorating the church with flowering plants for Easter. Rev. Karen will lead the service and there will be lots of singing! Following the service, there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** in the yard and an **Easter Brunch Potluck** served in front of the church. We hope you can join us for the festivities.

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EASTER
SUNDAY
Service

REV KAREN SIEGFRIEDT
PRESIDING

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*Duccio, di Buoninsegna, -1319?. Agony in the Garden (left); Arrest of Jesus (right),
Panel from the Maesta Altarpiece of Siena*

Dear Beloved of El Camino Real:

It is a beautiful spring, with flowers in bloom, birds chirping, and lovely weather—a time when it is good to feel our hearts lift in song and cry out with praise to God.

Those who greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem experienced this same lifting of their hearts. The Liturgy of the Palms, which opens our service outside on Palm Sunday, is a simple reenactment of that scene in the Holy Week story; that part of the service concludes with the *Sursum Corda* or “lift up your hearts,” as we prepare to enter the nave for the next part of the liturgy.

As we progress through Holy Week, our hearts at first lifted, come crashing down in the dark human experiences of betrayal, denial, falsehood, and rumormongering driven by greed and lust for power. Holy Week puts us, as followers of Jesus, deeply in touch with our darkest selves, in the places of both the inner circle and the crowd, as we walk along the way of pain, *La Via Dolorosa*.

The ups and downs of Holy Week are emotionally and spiritually reminiscent of the chaos of Jesus' walk through that time. Probably, as with many others, we would rather step away or even run from the highs and lows of that journey. Yet, amidst the chaos is an invitation to sit quietly and touch the parts of our lived experiences as they connect with the Holy Week story.

Being in Holy Week means to be in discomfort. It is an essential place of being, as Mary Oliver reminds us in her poem, “When Death Comes,” with the words, “I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.”

This week is a time to fully engage, to walk not as a tourist, an observer, or a visitor but as a participant, calling up from within those things that are difficult and lifting them toward God for forgiveness and grace.

But first, we need to “go there.” May this Holy Week be for you both a blessing and a lesson as you walk with Jesus.

Lucinda