

The Lily Pad



“I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.” Solomon 2:1

EASTER-not the end of His or Our story



March 1st was Ash Wednesday, a day that began the season of Lent. Lent is one of the most important seasons of the church year because it is a time of penitence, an introspective period during which we take stock of our lives and our relationships to discover and change what we must in order to prepare for Easter and experience spiritual renewal. We set aside the normal complexities of life and contemplate, mediate, and dedicate ourselves to consider the greatest day dedicated to love – Easter. And it is at Easter that God gave us our greatest gift of LOVE and the greatest message of LOVE anyone has ever received “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.” John 15:13. Jesus laid down his life because He loved us more than anything else in Creation. He willingly suffered and sacrificed His life for ours.

HOLY WEEK AND PASSION

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter, April 9, 2017, and marks the beginning of Holy Week, the week of events leading up to Jesus' death.



Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The gospels record the arrival of Jesus riding into the city on a donkey, while the crowds spread their cloaks and palm branches on the street and shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David" to honor him as their long-awaited Messiah and King.

The significance of Jesus riding a donkey and having his way paved with palm branches is a fulfillment of a prophecy spoken by the prophet Zechariah, Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9)

Palm Sunday events are recorded in Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-1

Holy Week - Day 2: Monday, April 10, Jesus Clears the Temple

Monday's events are recorded in Matthew 21:12-22, Mark 11:15-19, Luke 19:45-48, and John 2:13-17

Holy Week - Day 3: Tuesday, April 11, in Jerusalem, Mount of Olives



Jesus Drives Money Changers From the Temple

Tuesday's events are recorded in Matthew 21:23–24;51, Mark 11:20–13:37, Luke 20:1–21;36, and John 12:20–38.



Holy Week - Day 4: Silent Wednesday, April 12
Wednesday's events are recorded in John 11.

Holy Week - Day 5: Thursday, April 13, Passover, Last Supper
Fifth Avenue UMC Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday's events are recorded in Matthew 26:17–75, Mark 14:12-72,
Luke 22:7-62, and John 13:1-38.

Holy Week - Day 6: Good Friday, April 14, Trial, Crucifixion, Death, Burial
Fifth Avenue Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m.
Friday's events are recorded in Matthew 27:1-62, Mark 15:1-47, Luke 22:63-23:56,
and John 18:28-19:37.

Holy Week - Day 7: Saturday, April 15, The Tomb
Saturday's events are recorded in Matthew 27:62-66, Mark 16:1, Luke 23:56, and John 19:40.



Holy Week - Day 8: Resurrection Sunday! April 16,
Fifth Avenue Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m., followed by Soulful Breakfast.
&
Fifth Avenue Easter Service, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday's events are recorded in Matthew 28:1-13, Mark 16:1-14, Luke 24:1-49,
and John 20:1-23.

MARCH ON FIFTH AVENUE UMC TO A TRANSFORMING RESSURECTION SUNDAY!
BE ENCOURAGED AND TRULY BLESSED!

***Pastor Clarissa, Martin, Marissa, Biancha,
Sophia, Nicolas, Cookie, Hachi, & Sadie Mae***