

Holy Week AT CHELTEN

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| 24 Palm Sunday Worship
9:00 & 11:00 am | 28 Maundy Thursday Service
6:00 pm |
| 25- Meditations on the Cross
27 9:00 am–9:00 pm, Mon.–Wed. | 29 Good Friday Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m. |
| 27 Twenty-Four-Hour Fast
Wed.–Thur. evening | 31 Easter Sunday Worship
9:00 & 11:00 am |

We're constantly being told stories—and those stories shape the way we see ourselves, others, and the world around us. This is why we immerse ourselves every year in the story of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

Jesus' story is the truest of all true stories, defining reality and reshaping every area of our lives.

During Holy Week, we'll pause our normal weekly ministry activities in order to engage together in some very special events as we prepare to celebrate Easter morning.

We invite you to fill your heart, mind, and calendar with the story of Holy Week.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week. Join us as we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The service will include joyful singing, a palm parade, and a celebration of Jesus who has come to save us as a humble king.

Meditations on the Cross

Meditations on the Cross is a self-guided prayer and reflection time using Scripture and artwork. This 25-45 minute journey is a great opportunity to saturate your mind with Jesus' death and resurrection. Come anytime during open hours (M-W 9 am - 9 pm) and as many times as you like. Special guidebooks are available to help lead your child through the meditations. This is an open time of prayer for everybody to participate as much as they desire.

Twenty-four Hour Fast/Maundy Thursday Service

In preparation for the Maundy Thursday service, we encourage you to fast for 24 hours beginning Wednesday evening. You may fast from food or from any number of other good things—anything that would quickly make its presence known if you gave it up.

We don't fast to impress God or others. Fasting has the effect of revealing what's been in our hearts the entire time. May the Lord meet us as sin, and its ugliness, become apparent.

We fast to remind ourselves that Jesus is enough. It's in this place we realize that he has "food to eat which you do not know," and that we're nourished by "every word that comes from the mouth of God."

If you're physically able, skip dinner (or go minimal) on Wednesday evening. We'll break our fast together at the communion table during the Maundy Thursday service. But if you're unable to fast, please still come to Maundy Thursday. All are welcome!

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

The service of Tenebrae, meaning "darkness," has been practiced throughout history, becoming an important part of worship during Holy Week. The purpose of this service is to reflect deeply on the sufferings and death of Christ for us and our salvation. Tenebrae is marked by meditation on Christ's suffering.

In a candle-lit sanctuary, Christ's suffering is commemorated through the reading of Scripture. Candles are extinguished one by one as we listen to the account of Christ's suffering and death. After the last verse is read, the last candle is put out, and the room is plunged into darkness.

The Tenebrae service reminds us of the sobering reality of our sins and the depth of Christ's love that covered our sin at the cross of Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday Worship

On Easter morning we stand in awe of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the power of God that conquered death and raised Jesus from the dead!

We invite you to immerse yourself in the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. We pray that the magnitude of God's love, sacrifice, and power will move and shape us in the likeness of Christ as we worship together this week!