

**Canterbury House – The Episcopal Church at TCNJ  
will be celebrating Holy Week at St. Luke’s in Ewing**

**Please note that our Wednesday night dinner will be at the normally scheduled time and place – 6:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center.**

**The address is 162 Prospect Street, Ewing. Their website is [www.stluke Sewing.org](http://www.stluke Sewing.org).**

**Please contact [caton@tcnj.edu](mailto:caton@tcnj.edu) if you need transportation.**

**The service schedule is as follows:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ. . .

**Holy Week is the most solemn and dramatic time** of the Church Year. Each of our services captures a particular moment of Jesus’ final week. They are the most ancient services we have, for much of what we do comes from the journal of a Spanish nun named Egeria. At the age of 80, she made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the 4th century. Her observations of the worship there have become the foundation of our own Holy Week rituals.

We all live busy lives. We hope this week can take a high place in everyone’s calendar, for the presence of the whole community makes our own observances all the richer. If you can make only one service outside of Sunday, come to the Vigil on Saturday night. Indeed, the Vigil counts as Easter, so if you need to visit elsewhere on Easter Day, worshipping with us at the Vigil will give you a complete Easter experience. Good Friday is the next most important service, followed by Maundy Thursday.

Please join us as you are able and walk with us through this solemn week to the gift of joy and hope on Easter Day.

**Palm Sunday, April 5**

**Palm Sunday Procession & Holy Eucharist (8:30 am & 10:30 am)**

Gather in the Courtyard for the blessing of the Palms and enter the Church for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Children’s Choir will sing the opening anthem at the 10:30 service and then lead the procession with their donkey. Nursery is provided for the 10:30 service.

**Special Family Event: Traditional Jewish Passover Seder  
Sunday, April 5 at 4:00 PM**

The seder meal is a Jewish feast that tells the story of the Passover – the escape of the Jews from Pharaoh in Egypt. This is the meal Jesus kept before his crucifixion. Dr. Paul Winkler will again host this wonderful meal and help us place the Easter story in its ancient context.

### **Maundy Thursday, April 9 (7:00 pm)**

Maundy Thursday service commemorates the Last Supper and the observance of our Lord's command to "Love one another as I have loved you." The foot washing symbolizes love shown through service. Following the Eucharist, the Sacrament is reserved for Good Friday, and the altar stripped as the church takes in the image of a tomb.

### **Good Friday, April 10**

**Stations of the Cross & Communion, 12 Noon**

**Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday, 7 pm**

There are two opportunities for worship on Good Friday. The principle service is at 7 PM and includes the Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with the Passion Gospel, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

For those not able to come in the evening, or who like an additional worship opportunity, we will observe the Stations of the Cross at Noon followed by Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

### **Holy Saturday, April 11**

**The Great Vigil of Easter, 7 pm**

The Easter Vigil is the most important service of the Christian year. The full meaning of all we believe and do as Christians is commemorated in this ancient rite.

We begin by gathering in the Courtyard to light the new fire and bless the Paschal Candle. We then process into the Parish Hall to hear the biblical story of our salvation.

After a brief homily, we continue to the baptismal font to bless the water of new life and re-commit ourselves to our baptismal promises. The service concludes with the proclamation of Easter and a joyful celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

### **Easter Day, April 12**

Holy Eucharist at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

With joyful celebration, we conclude our Holy Week observances with festive Sunday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. Nursery is provided for the 10:30 service, and an Easter Egg hunt follows the 10:30 service.

