



Upcoming Holy Week Services

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil - April 8

We encourage all to keep an Easter Vigil on Saturday. This is where you set aside a time to prayerfully experience the Easter Story on your own or with your family. Visit the Pastor's Blog for a great article on "making the most of Holy Saturday".

Sunrise Service – April 9 – 6:30 AM

A special service of light shining in the darkness. The liturgy will celebrate the first visitors to the tomb, share a Sunrise Easter Proclamation, and offer a baptismal remembrance ceremony.

Easter Breakfast – April 9 - 7:30 – 9:15 AM

Join us for a great time of fellowship on Easter morning and we'll take care of breakfast! Whether you're eating after Sunrise service, or before the 9:30am Easter Service, we'll be glad to see you.

Easter Service – April 9– 9:30 AM

A special service of resurrection. The music will feature both band and choir, and the liturgy will celebrate with the blossoming of the Cross, and a special time of prayer.

Good Friday



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April 7, 2023
7:00pm

Good Friday

Welcome, and thank you for joining us tonight at Downs United Methodist Church, as we remember Good Friday. Tonight we read the story of the crucifixion of Christ, and we reflect on it through song, silence, prayer, and a brief message.

Good Friday is the darkest moment in the story of Holy Week (the last week of Christ's life on earth). We read this story because we believe that Easter Sunday is all the more beautiful and life-changing when we remember what came before it.

Life is not always lilies and chocolate bunnies. Too often our lives are filled with pain, shadow, and grief. The Son of God walked in these moments too, and because of that, when we are hurting, we are encouraged to see that Christ is by our side even in the valley of the shadow of death. God can meet us even there.

Because the goal in life, and in spiritual growth is never to stay in one of these moments of darkness, but instead to *walk through them* with God at our side, **this worship service does not end today**. It only pauses, for each of us, on our own to have a day-long time of reflection which we call Holy Saturday, or the Easter Vigil. During that time, you are encouraged to read and reflect on the Easter story of Christ, found in Matthew chapters 21-28.

Because this service does not end today *our time together will stop with no closure, no words of benediction, no final song, only silence*. We leave the sanctuary still together, but in silence.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

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Greeting

Holy Week Story so Far

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

John 18:1-11

Special Music: Thy Will

John 18:19-24

What Wondrous Love Is This?

Mark 14:66-72

And Can It Be?

The Good Friday Story-Pastor's Reading of
Matthew 23

The Stripping of the Altar

Dismissal

ALL LEAVE IN SILENCE