



## Holy Week and Easter 2025

In the days of Holy Week we will make a pilgrimage with Christ from the joy of his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, through his suffering and death on Good Friday, the waiting and emptiness of Holy Saturday to the triumph of his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

You are warmly invited to join with us for as much of this journey as you can manage. All services will be held in church unless otherwise stated.

### Palm Sunday 13th April



Gather in the hall from **9:45am** to sing joyful songs before the service begins at **10am**. Palm crosses will be blessed and we will make a joyful procession into church singing and waving our palms. As our worship continues the mood changes as we participate in reading the Gospel of Christ's passion during our celebration of the Eucharist.

### Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm: Reflections for Holy Week

*The church will be open for personal devotions from 6:30pm*

#### **Monday: Walking the Stations of the Cross**

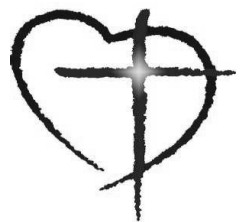
We move around the church, pausing at selected Stations to reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross.

#### **Tuesday: Praying with images of Christ's Passion**

We enter into Holy Week by exploring the passion of Christ as portrayed in works of art.

#### **Wednesday: Reflections with Sung Prayer by Candlelight**

We hear reflections on the events of Holy Week and pray in silence and with music from Taizé.



## Maundy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm



We recall the events of the last supper as we join with the first disciples of Jesus in accepting his hospitality through the washing of feet and the sharing of communion. We join with Jesus in his desolation as the sanctuary is stripped. We are invited to take part in a Watch, with readings and times of silence, for one hour after the service ends.

## Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 10:30am and 1:30pm

### 10:30 am: Worship and Walk with the Cross



We gather at St Oswald's at 10:30am where our service reflects on the meaning of Good Friday before making our procession with the cross to Downsvie Methodist Church. There we will have a short act of witness on the green before sharing refreshments.

### 1:30pm: The 'Hour' at the Cross

We wait at the foot of the cross as we reflect on Jesus' last hours with music, readings and silence.

*Those who wish to are welcome to use the church and grounds for personal prayer from 12:30pm.*



## Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 5:45am, 8am and 10am



At **5:45am**, a morning vigil with readings as we wait to celebrate the dawning of Easter Day. We begin outside, warmed by the Easter fire, then move into the church with the newly lit paschal candle as we greet Easter morning before enjoying breakfast together!

At **8am** there will be a said Holy Communion

At **10am** our celebration of the resurrection continues with a Sung Eucharist for people of all ages including the renewal of baptism promises. Children (and adults!) who have baptism or confirmation candles are invited to bring them to this service to be lit from the Easter Candle.