

## **Easter Services 2021**

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### **Holy Week Begins**

#### **Palm Sunday Service**

**Sunday, March 28, 2021 11:00 am**

Please join us for this holiday Mass with the blessing and procession of the palms to commemorate the triumphal entry of the Light into the Heavenly City. Palm Sunday marks an important initiation of our mystical participation in Holy Week.

#### **Maundy Thursday Eucharist**

**Thursday, April 1, 2021 7:30 pm**

The Eucharist is preceded by the Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet in commemoration of the Last Supper. A procession of the most holy sacrament exposed in the monstrance is enacted, as well as the blessing of holy oils for the year.

#### **Good Friday Service**

**Friday, April 2, 2021 7:30 pm**

This Gnostic service is restored from the Gnostic Acts of John and contains the sacred dance often translated as the Hymn of Jesus. Scholars believe that this simple dance is a mystery ritual and may be one of the earliest Christian rituals.

#### **Holy Saturday Vigil**

**Saturday, April 3, 2020 7:30 pm**

This service includes the Blessing of the New Fire with the lighting of the Paschal Candle, the Blessing of the Baptismal Water, Baptisms and concluding with the Easter Praeconium. Holy Saturday celebrates the timeless story of the Harrowing of Hell from the Acts of Pilate. In this story, enacted in Passion Plays throughout Christendom, the spirit of Jesus descends into the underworld to rescue Adam and Eve and a host of ancient spirits from the bondage of the Archon.

#### **Festival of the Risen Light**

**Sunday, April 4, 2020 11:00 am**

In this Festival of the Risen Light, we celebrate the Resurrection of our own spiritual natures, as exemplified in the story of the resurrection of Jesus. The triumphant culmination of the archetypal events of Holy Week brings a precious opportunity to enter the dimension of the sacred in a mystical apotheosis and transformation of consciousness.