

# Remembering Holy Week

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	What did you hear? (Scripture readings and prayers)	What did you see, smell, or touch?	What did you feel?	What was the importance or meaning of this liturgy for you?
Palm Sunday				
Holy Thursday				
Good Friday				
Easter Vigil				
Easter Sunday				

# *The Holy Week Liturgies*

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## *Lectionary Readings and Key Symbols of Holy Week*

<b>Liturgy</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Key Symbols</b>
Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday Processional)	Matthew 21:1-11 (A) Mark 11:1-10 (B) Luke 19:28-40 (C)  Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14—27:66 (A) Mark 14:1—15:47 (B) Luke 22:14—23:56 (C)	Palms
Holy Thursday (Chrism Mass)	Isaiah 61:1-3, 6:8-9 Revelation 1:5-8 Luke 4:16-21	Oil
Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 1Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15	Shared meal Bread and wine Water (washing feet)
Good Friday	Isaiah 52:12-53 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1—19:42	Thorns Cross
Easter Vigil	Genesis 1:1-2 and 2 Genesis 22:1-18 Exodus 14:15—15:1 Isaiah 54:5-14 Isaiah 55:1-11 Baruch 3:9-15, and 3:32— 4:4 Ezekiel 36:16-28 Romans 6:3-11 Matthew 28:1-10 Mark 16:1-8 (B) Luke 25:1-12 (C)	Fire Light Water Oil Easter (new) clothes Shared meal Bread and wine
Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1Corinthians 5:6-8 John 20:1-9	Light Water

## *Significance of the Key Symbols of Holy Week*

<b>Symbols</b>	<b>Lenten Context</b>	<b>Meaning for Us as Catholics</b>
Light and Fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Vigil</li> <li>• Easter Sunday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christ's presence</li> <li>• new life in Christ</li> <li>• Christ, the light, overcomes the darkness of sin</li> <li>• resurrection, victory over death</li> <li>• reverence and a sign of a joyous celebration</li> </ul>
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baptism at Easter Vigil</li> <li>• Holy Thursday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• washing feet as a sign of service and self-sacrificing nature of Jesus' love</li> <li>• Baptism</li> <li>• cleansing from sin, purification</li> <li>• new life emerges from the water—resurrected life</li> <li>• incorporation into Christ's death and resurrection, into the Body of Christ</li> </ul>
Palm Branches	Palm Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a show of honor, a symbol of victory</li> <li>• Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his ultimate victory over death</li> </ul>
Oil Anointing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Thursday Chrism Mass</li> <li>• Baptism and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• our need for God's help and strength</li> <li>• spiritual strength, receiving God's grace</li> <li>• empowered for mission as a follower of Jesus</li> <li>• healing and comfort (Anointing the Sick)</li> <li>• sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit</li> <li>• bonding us to the person of Jesus Christ</li> </ul>
Shared Meal	Holy Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus' everlasting presence—the Eucharist</li> <li>• sharing in the saving effects of Jesus' sacrifice: his paschal mystery, his death and resurrection</li> <li>• giving thanks and praise</li> </ul>
Bread	Holy Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus feeds us, fills our hunger</li> <li>• the body of Christ, broken for us</li> <li>• strength to take up the cross and live the Gospel—to become bread for the world</li> </ul>
Wine	Holy Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus quenches our thirst</li> <li>• the blood of Christ, given for us</li> <li>• the new covenant</li> </ul>
Cross	Good Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• crucifixion</li> <li>• suffering and pain</li> <li>• sacrifice of Jesus, giving one's life for one's friends</li> <li>• death as the instrument of salvation</li> </ul>
Thorns	Good Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• suffering and pain</li> <li>• crown of the suffering Messiah</li> </ul>