



The Episcopal Church of the Advent
March 31, 2026 Newsletter
Palm Sunday



Procession of the Palms

We would love to post your photos of this wonderful Madison and Advent tradition. Please upload your photos to the Google Photos Album, Palm Sunday 2026. To view the photos we have AND upload your photos, please [click this link](#).

Easter flowers and music

We are accepting donations for Easter flowers and music. You may donate In Honor Of, In Thanksgiving For, or In Memory Of, or a combination of the above. Donations can be made in a number of ways:

- [Electronically through the website](#)
- Mailed to the church, or
- Dropped in the collection plate

Be sure to include the names of the individuals you are donating for as well as your own name. You can use the contribution forms soon available in the Parish House entry or the Church Narthex, or simply jot down a note and put in the collection plate, or email Debbie to convey Easter Flower Contributions and Memorial acknowledgements in honor/remember/thanksgiving of your loved ones.

Athens Chamber Singers: Concert of Manx Folksongs arranged for choir & harp
Sunday April 19, 2026, 4:00 PM in the church

For many years Advent has enjoyed the annual visit of the Athens Chamber Singers to join with our Advent service of Lessons and Carols. This May, the Singers will be taking a choir tour of the Isle of Man, a small Celtic nation in the Irish Sea. Their repertoire consists of Manx folksongs arranged for choir & harp by director Kevin Kelly. We are very fortunate to hear their concert first hand before they depart! The concert at Church of the Advent will be a preview of their tour music. The concert is free but donations towards travel expenses will be gladly accepted. More information at <https://www.athenschambersingers.org/>

Holy Week at Advent: Schedule, Readings and Rota

—Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 PM, Tenebrae service

Vestry Person of the Day: Diane McNamara

LEM: O. J. Booker

Organ Tech: Vic Jackson

—Thursday, April 2, 7:00 PM, Maundy Thursday service

- 7:00 p.m. - Traditional Maundy Thursday service with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

[READINGS for Maundy Thursday:](#) Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35; Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Vestry Person of the Day: Burriss

LEM: Crown

Organ Tech: Quillin

Lay Reader: Simpson

—Friday, April 3, 12:15 PM, Good Friday Service

- 12:15 p.m. Good Friday service with reserved sacraments

- 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

[READINGS for Good Friday:](#) Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42; Psalm 22

Vestry Person of the Day: Dartnell

LEM: Roman

Organ Tech: Dartnell

—Saturday, April 4, Holy Saturday and The Great Vigil of Easter

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Saturday service

[READINGS for Holy Saturday:](#) Job 14:1-14, 1 Peter 4:1-8, Matthew 27:57-66; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16

- 8:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter. Service will begin in the Memorial Garden with the Lighting of the Paschal Candle.

(Gentle use of incense during the Holy Eucharist)

Vestry Person of the Day: O. J. Booker

LEM: Tim Pridgen

Organ Tech: Simpson

—Sunday, April 5, Easter Day

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite I

- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II with music (gentle use of incense)

- 11:30-ish a.m. Easter celebration reception in the Parish House

Vestry Person of the Day: McNamara

L. E. M. 8:00 AM Booker, 10:30 AM Booker

Altar Guild: McCauley-Burriss-Harrell

Flower Guild: Eskew

Organ Tech: M Dartnell

1st Reading: Ramfos

2nd Reading: Quillin

Readings for Easter Sunday, April 5

[Link to Readings](#) - please note that the specific readings for Easter are TBA.

Parish Prayer List

Flossie Dodge, Kate Jackson, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Kathie Schmidt, Betty Thomas, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Mary Ann Edelman, Anita Hunt, Beth Tamplin Jones, Fr. Dann Brown, Jay Whitcomb, Jack Ward, Gloria Ward, Jack Leo, Eric Wiemann, Susan Crosher, Gloria Leo, Etwanda "Tink" Wade, Robert Boswell, Helga H. Stefnisdóttir, Marcy Lay, Laura, Caroline, Kim Jackson, Monterey Powers, June Harrell, Wayne Tankersley, Penny Lyle, Bobbie Rushing

April Birthdays: **1** Kate Jackson, **11** Marsha Schmalhorst, **13** George Hunter Hilliard, **20** Mary McCauley, Martha Harrell, **24** Will Eskew, **30** Sam Easton

April Anniversaries: **18** Alicia and Erik Ramfos

Recurring weekly calendar

- Rite I Eucharist: Sunday, 8:00 AM
- Sunday school (adult): Sunday, 9:15 AM
- Rite II Eucharist: Sunday, 10:30 AM
- Morning Prayer service: Wednesday, 9:00 AM
- Off the Rails AA group: M, Tu, Th @ noon
- Madison AA group: Th, F, Su @ 7:00 PM

Volunteer for service: To learn about and volunteer to be a lay reader, organ tech, lay eucharistic minister, or to be a member of the flower and/or altar guild, [click this link!](#)

Pastoral Care Requests: email pastoral-care@adventmadisonga.com for:

- Additions to the Prayer List
- Inquiries about weddings, baptisms, or funerals
- Use of the Memorial Garden
- Requesting Eucharistic visits
- Short-term meals following surgery or during illness

Morgan County Transit System provides transportation to local addresses to include grocery stores, workplaces, doctors' appointments and others. \$2.00 per person/ \$1.75 for seniors 60 and over. Advanced reservations are required. For detailed information see <https://www.morgancountyga.gov/158/Public-Transportation>

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