

Seedlings 🌱 : "Sweet Darkness": Holy Week and Easter 2024



Holy Week



Palm Sunday, tomorrow, 10:15 a.m.

**Liturgy of Holy Communion
with Palm Procession
entering at the Woodside Entrance
and Choral Reading of the Passion
Narratives**

based upon the Gospel Accounts of Matthew, Mark and Luke

**followed by the traditional
Palm Sunday "Coffee and..."**



The Great Three Days

A single prayer in three movements.

**Maundy Thursday,
March 28th, 7:15 p.m.**



"When Twilight Comes"
You may listen by clicking [HERE](#)

**Liturgy of Holy Communion,
Individual Absolution (Forgiveness),
Foot-Washing and Preparation of the
Chancel for Good Friday**

Good Friday

March 29th, 7:15 p.m.



"Agnus Dei"

by Samuel Barber

***"Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the
world."***

You may listen by clicking [HERE](#) .

**Liturgy of the Word,
Reading of the Passion Narrative
according to St. John
and Veneration of the Cross**

"Sweet Darkness"

**When your eyes are tired
the world is tired also.**

**When your vision has gone,
no part of the world can find you.**

**Time to go into the dark
where the night has eyes
to recognize its own.**

**There you can be sure
you are not beyond love.**

**The dark will be your home
tonight.**

**The night will give you a horizon
further than you can see.**

You must learn one thing.

The world was made to be free in.

**Give up all the other worlds
except the one to which you belong.**

**Sometimes it takes darkness
and the sweet**

**confinement of your aloneness
to learn**

**anything or anyone
that does not bring you alive
is too small for you.**

It is Good Friday: a threshold in the Christian calendar that looks at an enormous, heart wrenching and difficult disappearance that leads to another, overwhelming greater appearance, but Christian or not, outwardly religious or not, we all, at crucial thresholds in our life, have to arrange for our own disappearance from what is too small for us or from what we have made too small for us, in order to reappear in the world: in order to fall in love with it again, and perhaps, even more importantly, to let it fall in love with us again.---DW

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday



"The Ground"

from *Sunrise Mass*

by Ola Gjeilo

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March 31st, 10:15 a.m.

**Festival Liturgy of Holy Communion
with Handbells and Choir**



**Easter Egg Hunt for the Children
following the recessional cross
through
the Woodside Entrance onto
the church grounds.**

On Easter Sunday please bring a few flowers either from your garden or the florist to place on the processional cross which will be presented at worship and then displayed on the front lawn. The cross will be located at the Woodside entrance to the sanctuary before worship.

You are also welcome to bring potted Easter lilies, hyacinths, tulips, and other flowers to decorate the chancel.



Coming in Eastertide...



The Ramona A. Suffern

ANNUAL MISSION DINNER

Sunday, April 21

12 Noon

Ticket Prices

Adults: \$10

Children (6-14): \$5

Children (ages 5 and under): Free

Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church

250 Woodside Road, Riverside

For advance ticket purchases

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter and Good Shepherd Sunday

Seed money for this event will be provided by



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“Music has a great advantage: without mentioning anything, it can say everything.”

---Ilya Ehrenburg

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to others who may be interested!***



*For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water...
(Isaiah 35:6b-7a).*

**Join us every Sunday at 10:15 a.m.
For continuing live streaming of the
liturgy
please click [HERE](#).**

**Recordings of the services are uploaded to the same site for
viewing at a later date.**



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**Church office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. -
Noon**
