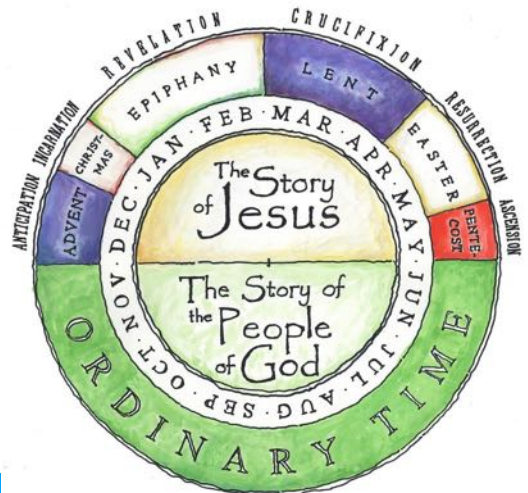
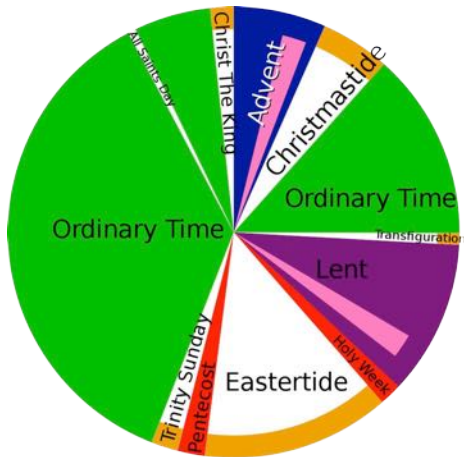




HOLY WEEK

A user's guide to the 'week of weeks'



Liturgical action

- Remember and recite
- Commemorate
- Re-enactment



Holy Week Chronology

- **SUNDAY:** 'When they were approaching Jerusalem ...'
- **MONDAY:** 'On the following day ...'
- **TUESDAY:** 'In the morning ...'
- **WEDNESDAY:** 'It was two days before Passover ...'
- **THURSDAY:** 'On the first day of Unleavened Bread ...'
- **FRIDAY:** 'As soon as it was morning ...'
- **SATURDAY:** 'When the Sabbath was over ...'
- **SUNDAY:** 'Early on the first day of the week ...'

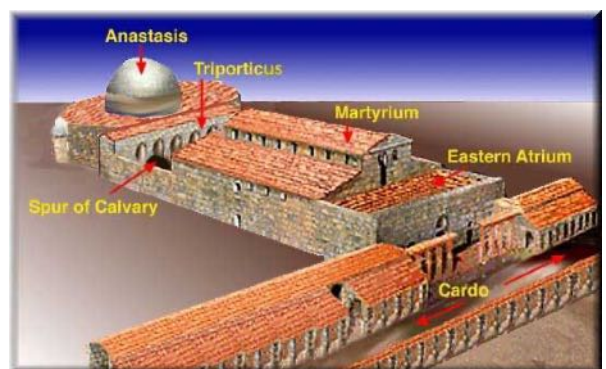
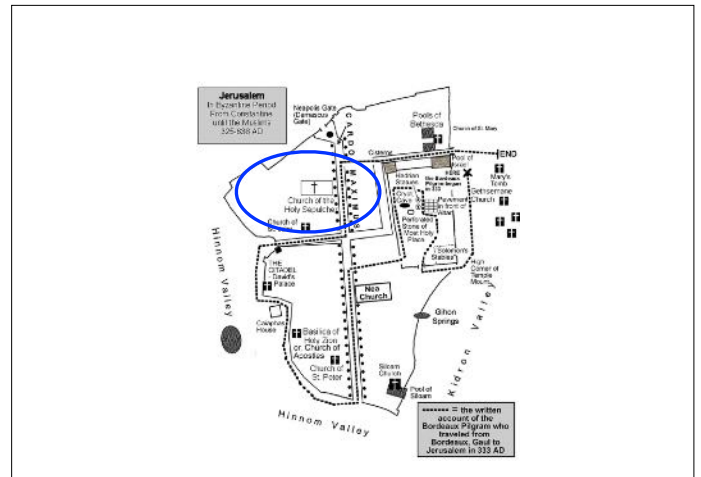


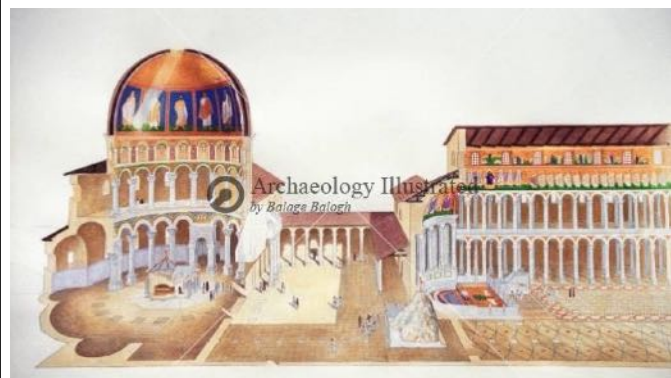
History of Holy Week

- Apostolic Constitutions (250/300 CE)

OF THE GREAT WEEK, AND ON WHAT ACCOUNT THEY ENJOIN US TO FAST ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY.

XV. He therefore charged us Himself to fast these six days on account of the impiety and transgression of the Jews, commanding us withal to bewail over them, and lament for their perdition. For even He Himself "wept over them, because they knew not the time of their visitation." But He commanded us to fast on the fourth and sixth days of the week; the former on account of His being betrayed, and the latter on account of His passion. But He appointed us to break our fast on the seventh day at the cock-crowing, but to fast on the Sabbath-day. Not that the Sabbath-day is a day of fasting, being the rest from the creation, but because we ought to fast on this one Sabbath only, while on this day the Creator was under the earth.





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Egeria, 381–84 CE

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Vigils of psalms, readings, and prayers are marked by shading

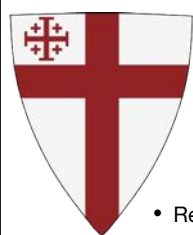
HOUR	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	All morning services as usual							
6th		Usual service in Anastasis	6th hour in Anastasis	6th hour in Anastasis	6th hour in Anastasis	6th hour in Anastasis	Passion vigil before the Cross	6th hour in Anastasis
7th		Vigil at Lazarika						
8th		Vigil at Eleona					Eucharist in Martyrium	
9th		Vigil at Imbonon						
10th	Lacernarium in Anastasis		Vigil in Martyrium	Vigil in Martyrium	Vigil in Martyrium	2nd Eucharist behind Cross + usual prayer, but in Anastasis	Vigil in Martyrium	Lacernarium? Paschal vigil in Martyrium
11th		Palm procession						
12th		Lacernarium in Anastasis						
1st		+ usual prayer at Cross	Lacernarium in Martyrium + usual prayer, but in Anastasis	Lacernarium in Martyrium + usual prayer, then station on Eleona	Lacernarium in Martyrium + station in Anastasis	Vigil on Eleona until 1st hour; vigil on Imbonon, 6th hour to midnight	Station in Anastasis	
						Procession to city with stations	Voluntary vigil in Anastasis	

Figure 6

Holy Week ca 400 CE

- **Lazarus Saturday** (Bethany, tomb of Lazarus)
- **Palm Sunday** (Mt Olives procession with palms)
- **Mon, Tue, Wed** (vigil services at Martyrium)
- **Thursday** (late night vigil at Eleona Church, Mt Olives)
- **Friday** (series of vigils at Golgotha)
- **Saturday** (vigil at Martyrium)

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Crusader legacy

- Reassembled and reduced the 'Holy Sepulchre'
- Focus on the 'true cross' (Holy Cross Day)
- Via Dolorosa
- Impact on European liturgical practices

Commencement of Holy Week in western tradition

Arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem

Procession with palms (palm crosses)

Solemn reading of the Passion narrative



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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week

- Daily Eucharist
- Quiet prayerfulness
- Evening Prayer with teaching sermon by Bishop Murray



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Maundy Thursday

- Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
- Feet washing
- Stripping of the Altar
- Vigil watch



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- Simple solemn liturgy
- Passion Narrative from Gospel of John
- Veneration of the Cross
- Holy Communion



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- Holy fire
- Paschal Candle
- Easter Proclamation (Exultet)
- Renewal of Baptism vows
- First Eucharist of Easter



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EASTER DAY

- Day of the resurrection
- Alleluia
- Christ is risen
He is risen indeed
- Baptisms and renewal of
Baptism vows
- Festival Eucharist



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