

CELEBRATING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: HOLY WEEK IN THE ROMAN LITURGY

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- 1.1 What is Holy Week?
- 1.2 Egeria and the Rite of Jerusalem
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2. PALM SUNDAY

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3. MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 3.1 Tenebrae
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- 3.3 The Chrism Mass
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- 3.5 The Mandatum
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- 3.7 The Stripping and Purification of the Altars
- 3.8 Spiritual Considerations

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4. GOOD FRIDAY

- 4.1 The Name of the Day and the Name of the Chief Liturgy of the Day
- 4.2 Theological Considerations About the Day
- 4.3 Historical Development of Good Friday's Mass of the Presanctified

- 4.4 Vestments and Color Schemes, Time
- 4.5 Extraliturgical Devotions on Good Friday
- 4.6 Mass of the Catechumens or Liturgy of the Word
- 4.7 General Intercessions
- 4.8 Adoration of the Cross
- 4.9 Liturgy of the Presanctified, Properly Speaking
- 4.10 The Easter Sepulchre
- 4.11 Some Observations About the Theological Import of the Reforms of Good Friday

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5. GREAT PASCHAL VIGIL

- 5.1 A Vigil of Commemoration, Expectation and Initiation
- 5.2 The Lucernarium
- 5.3 The Exsultet
- 5.4 The Prophecies
- 5.5 The Blessing of the Font
- 5.6 The Baptisms
- 5.7 The Mass of the Paschal Vigil: Wedding Feast of the Lamb
- 5.8 Vespers/Lauds of the Paschal Vigil

Suggested Reading

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