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**The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine to Host Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist Service at the Start of Holy Week in NYC**

***On Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 10:30 am, the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world and Episcopal church will host a procession of blessed palm leaves on one of the holiest days of the year for Christians***

**WHO:** The Very Rev. Patrick Malloy, PhD, the Dean of the Cathedral; The Rev. Canon Eva Suarez, Canon for Community Engagement of the Cathedral; and others.

**WHAT:** Kicking off Holy Week in New York City, [The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine](https://www.stjohndivine.org) will host its Annual Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist service, welcoming the local community, New Yorkers, and visitors from around the globe.

With the distribution of blessed palm leaves, the service will begin outside the Cathedral and process into the Nave. Note: The Cathedral's Palm Sunday worship service will be held in-person, as well as livestreamed on the [Cathedral's website](https://www.stjohndivine.org).

As one of the holiest days in the year for Christians, Palm Sunday falls on the last Sunday of Lent and the first day of Holy Week, commemorating when Christ entered the city of Jerusalem to face crucifixion before being resurrected. For many observing Christians, Palm Sunday is a time to reflect and honor Jesus's sacrifice throughout Holy Week leading up to Easter.

On Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, the Cathedral will also host its Annual Easter Day Service from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Holy Week services will be seated in a first come first serve basis. We ask those who would like to attend on Easter Sunday to [RSVP](#) so we have a sense of how many people will be joining us, but passes are not required to any of these services. The complete schedule of Holy Week services can be found [here](#).

***Following the Palm Sunday service the Cathedral spokespeople will be available.***

For more information, visit [www.stjohndivine.org](https://www.stjohndivine.org) and follow on Instagram [@StJohnDivineNYC](#) and Facebook [@StJohnDivineNYC](#).

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 on Palm Sunday  
10:15 am – Media call time  
10:30 am to 11:45 am – The Cathedral's Palm Sunday worship service

**WHERE:** The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, located at 1047 Amsterdam Avenue at 112<sup>th</sup> Street

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**About The Cathedral**

As the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world founded in 1892, the trustees of the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine conceived its mission to be a house of prayer for all people, an instrument of church unity, and a center of intellectual light and leading in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

Today, as the mother church of the Episcopal Diocese of New York and the seat of its bishop, the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine serves the many diverse people of our diocese, city, nation and world through the worship of God; pastoral, educational and community outreach activities; cultural and civic events; international ecumenical initiatives; and the preservation of the great architectural and historic site that is its legacy.

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