

Did You Know? An Anglican Glossary



Above: This Episcopal Church in the Midwest follows the old Sarum usage and displays a red veil instead of purple over the cross on Passion Sunday. *Below:* The people greet their Lord.



Passiontide

Passion Sunday, always the fifth Sunday after Epiphany, is the start of Passiontide. All images and crosses are covered with purple veils not to be removed until the end of the Easter Vigil service. The four Passion Gospels are ready at Mass.

Palm Sunday ushers in Holy Week, the most solemn time of the Lenten period, with the Trivium Sacrum, or three Holy Days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

On Palm Sunday, palms are blessed and carried in procession before the Mass. In some countries of Europe where palms are not available, pussy willows are used.

Traditional Anglicanism dictates that the organ will be silent all of Lent.