

LITURGICAL COLORS

May 2018 – December 2019

The liturgical colors of the Christian year are white, purple, red and green. *White* is used for special days or seasons in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as Christmas and Easter. Where dates appear on a white background, the liturgical color is white. *Purple* marks the seasons of penitence and preparation, Advent and Lent. (*Blue* may also be used for Advent.) *Red* is the color for Pentecost and is often used for ordination services. *Red* or *purple* is

appropriate for Palm/Passion Sunday. During Holy Week, the color is purple until the church is stripped at the end of the Maundy Thursday service. The church remains bare (gray) until the Easter Vigil/Easter; however, some congregations use black or deep scarlet. *Green* is used for all other time periods (called Ordinary Time) not marked by a specific festival or season. Congregations can use the colors with some flexibility. The meanings of liturgical colors and their uses offered here are not exhaustive.

2018

- Ascension of the Lord, May 10
- Day of Pentecost, May 20
- Trinity Sunday, May 27
- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Christ the King/Reign of Christ, November 25
- 1st Sunday of Advent, December 2

2019

- Epiphany of the Lord, January 6
- Baptism of the Lord, January 13
- Transfiguration of the Lord, March 3
- Ash Wednesday, March 6
- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 14
- Maundy Thursday, April 18
- Good Friday, April 19
- Resurrection of the Lord/Easter, April 21
- Ascension of the Lord, May 30
- Day of Pentecost, June 9
- Trinity Sunday, June 16
- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Christ the King/Reign of Christ, November 24
- 1st Sunday of Advent, December 1

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