

# LITURGICAL COLORS

## May 2015–December 2016

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 Passion/Palm 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.

### 2015

- Ascension of the Lord, May 14
- Day of Pentecost, May 24
- Trinity Sunday, May 31
- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Christ the King / Reign of Christ, November 22
- 1st Sunday of Advent, November 29

### 2016

- Epiphany of the Lord, January 6
- Baptism of the Lord, January 10
- Transfiguration of the Lord, February 7
- Ash Wednesday, February 10
- Passion/Palm Sunday, March 20
- Maundy Thursday, March 24
- Good Friday, March 25
- Resurrection of the Lord / Easter, March 27
- Ascension of the Lord, May 5
- Day of Pentecost, May 15
- Trinity Sunday, May 22
- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Christ the King / Reign of Christ, November 20
- 1st Sunday of Advent, November 27

## 2015

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