Liturgical Colors

May 2008 to December 2009

The liturgical colors of the church seasons are white, purple, red, and green. White is used for special days 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 can 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 Maundy Thursday. 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 not marked by a specific season (called Ordinary Time) to represent spiritual growth. Congregations can use the colors with some flexibility. The meanings of liturgical colors and their uses offered here are not exhaustive.

2008

Ascension of the Lord, May 1
Pentecost, May 11
Trinity Sunday, May 18
Christ the King, November 23
1st Sunday of Advent, November 30

2009

Baptism of the Lord, January 11
Transfiguration of the Lord, February 22
Ash Wednesday, February 25
Easter, April 12
Ascension of the Lord, May 21
Pentecost, May 31
Trinity Sunday, June 7
Christ the King, November 22
1st Sunday of Advent, November 29

2010

Baptism of the Lord, January 10
Transfiguration of the Lord, February 14
Ash Wednesday, February 17
Easter, April 4
Ascension of the Lord, May 13
Pentecost, May 23
Trinity Sunday, May 30
Christ the King, November 21

2008

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