

Exercising Religious Liberty, Christians Plan Midnight Good Friday Prayer Vigil in Public Square

At midnight on Good Friday, a nine-day prayer vigil will commence in Chicago's Daley Plaza to honor the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

The Thomas More Society, a Chicago-based national public interest law firm, joins private citizens to sponsor "Jesus in Daley Plaza" for the eighth year. A 19-foot-tall cross and a 10-foot-tall image of the resurrected Jesus will be displayed as an expression of faith by private citizens in the Daley Plaza public forum.

An interdenominational Easter sunrise service will be held on Sunday at 6 a.m. CST, featuring prayers and music.

Thursday evening at 7 p.m., the huge cross will be raised and draped in purple linens. Easter Sunday, as the resurrection of Christ is celebrated, the drapery will be changed to the traditional white that symbolizes renewed life. At the same time, the "Divine Mercy" image of the resurrected Christ will also be unveiled.

The vigil, called "Prayer in the Public Square," is coordinated by the Divine Mercy Project and the Christopher Leaders and runs through Sunday, April 27.