

HOLY WEEK

BEGINS TODAY

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 2025



Scripture Sentence

Philippians 2:8

He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

HOLY COMMUNION at 10:30 am

according to *The Book of Alternative Services* adapted

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS:

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Welcome, Introduction, and Scripture Sentence Opening Anthem

ALL STAND, AS ABLE.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,
meek and lowly, sitting upon a colt.
Ride on in the cause of truth
and for the sake of justice.
Your throne is the throne of God, it endures forever;
and the sceptre of your kingdom
is a righteous sceptre.
You have loved righteousness and hated evil:
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

**Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all.
And also with you.

Invitation to the Journey

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

Prayer of Blessing of the Palms

Please all raise our palms for this prayer of blessing.
While still standing, let us pray.

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah
to suffer and to die;
bless these palms we carry, O Lord,

to your honour and praise.
Let these palms be for us signs of his victory
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Gospel of the Palms Luke 19:28-40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁸ After *Jesus* had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴ They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

'Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰ He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.' [NIVUK]

The Gospel of Christ.

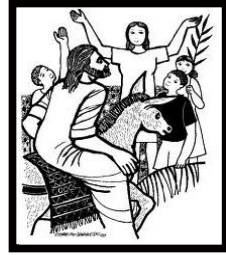
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Procession

Then the following is said,

Let us go forth in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The choir leads the procession, all
carrying palm fronds.



Processional Hymn “All glory laud and honour” CP 181

Refrain *All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1 Thou are the King of Israel,
thou, David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s name comest,
the King and blessed one. *Refrain*

2 The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

3 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present. *Refrain*

4 To thee before thy Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Text Theodulph of Orleans (750?-821)

Tune ST. THEODULPH, Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 *said by all together*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
 his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
 “His mercy endures for ever.”
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 “This is the gate of the Lord; *
 he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
 and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
 has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord’s doing, *
 and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
 Lord, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
 we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
 form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; *
 you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
- 29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
 his mercy endures forever.

The Collect of the Day

In this journey of Holy Week, let us pray for a closer union
with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

Silence is kept for a time.

Almighty and everliving God,
in tender love for all our human race
you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross.
May we follow the example of his great humility,

and share in the glory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED.

**THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION
THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED**

The First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴ The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a} It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty? *[NRSV-A]*

Hear God's word for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 **I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- 14 **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, “You are my God.**
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 **Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.”**

The Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

- ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. *[NRSV-A]*

Hear God’s word for God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN “*Was Ever Love Like This*”

1 Let Christ be worshipped, praised, adored
As King of Heaven and God’s dear Son.
Who, by atoning sacrifice,
Redeemed us unto God.

Refrain *Was ever love like this?*
Let us with joy recall
His loving ways, cherished in praise.
Let Christ be worshipped, praised, adored.

2 Out from His palace long ago
Christ, rich in love, for you and me.
Took on Himself our mortal dress-
One true Humanity. *Refrain*

3 Vast was the compass of His grace,
Rich was the giving of His life,
Himself, He gave to save mankind-
One perfect sacrifice. *Refrain*

4 In three short days He cast aside.
The heavy chains of Death and Hell
And rose in triumph, gloriously-
Lift up your voice and sing! *Refrain*

Tex: David Mitchell
Music MORNA, David Mitchell

PLEASE BE SEATED.

The Passion Gospel Luke 22:1-23:56 [NRSV]

+ *please see the separate booklet for this reading*

The Prayers of the People

As we come with our prayers to the Father through his Son who suffered on the cross for the world’s redemption, I invite you to kneel or be seated.

Silence is held for a time.

Fill with your Spirit, O God, Christ's broken body, the Church.
Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing to take up the
cross and to understand its mysterious glory.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Bless those who lead the Church's worship at this solemn time,
remembering especially our bishop, David, and Keith our interim
priest. In the preaching of the word and the celebration of the
sacraments draw your people close to you.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Strengthen those among us who are young, together with their
teachers, helpers, and families. Teach them what it means to die
and rise with Christ and prepare them to receive the breath of his
Spirit.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much that you
sent your Son to suffer and to die. Strengthen those who work to
share the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ to all who are weighed down
by pain, injustice, or illness, remembering especially and
others we would name, in our hearts or aloud [*pause*], help the
lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying, to find
strength in the companionship of Jesus, and in his passion to
know their salvation.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your
friendship, remembering those we would mention silently or aloud
[*pause*]. According to your promises, bring them with all your
saints to share in all the benefits of Christ's death and
resurrection.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Holy God, **these and all our prayers we offer to you, in the name of him who entered Jerusalem to suffer and die for the sake of the world, and yet who now intercedes before you on our behalf, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ALL STAND, AS YOU'RE ABLE.

The Peace

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us express to one another a sign of Christ's peace.

The gathered worshipers exchange a sign of Christ's peace.

THE EUCHARIST IS CELEBRATED

The Preparation of the Gifts

OFFERTORY HYMN *"In the Silence of This Moment"*
An Anthem by the Choir – PLEASE BE SEATED

Text

- 1 In the silence of this moment,
In the quiet of this place;
Lord, your people come before you,
Kneeling at your throne of grace.
- 2 Bread of heaven, heal our spirits,
Bring us comfort, hope, and love.
With the wheat and grape as tokens,
Bind us to your home above.
- 3 With the whole of all our being,
We will worship and give praise.
Fill our lives with goodly purpose,
Be with us through all our days.

4 Bread of heaven, heal our spirits,
Bring us comfort, hope, and love.
With the wheat and grape as tokens,
O Bind us to your home above.

5 In the silence of this moment
In the quiet of this space.
Be with us, Lord.

The Prayer over the Gifts

PLEASE STAND, AS ABLE.

As we stand, let us pray.

Gracious God,
the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son,
makes us pleasing in your sight.
Alone we can do nothing,
but through his sacrifice,
may we receive your love and mercy. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
The Spirit of God is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise:
because, for our salvation,
he was obedient even to death on the cross.
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;

and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

And so, with all your people,
with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete
and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,

he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as Jesus has taught his disciples,
we dare now to pray, saying,
**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence is held for a time.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,
communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.
**If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

THE COMMUNION

Invitation to receive communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith
with Thanksgiving.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

“Lamb of God” (*Agnus Dei*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Sung by the Men in the Choir

Text

1 How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss
--The Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

2 Behold the man upon the cross,
My sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life
--I know that it is finished.

3 I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Words and Music Stuart Townsend

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AFTER COMMUNION

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**Faithful God, may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and forever. Amen.**

Solemn Prayer over the People

Almighty God, we pray you graciously
to behold this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed,
and given into the hands of sinners,
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CHURCH DEPARTS INTO THE JOURNEY OF HOLY WEEK

Dismissal

Go in the glorious solemnity of Holy Week.
Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn “My Song is Love Unknown” CP 184

- 1 My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me;
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

- 2 He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow;
but all made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would
know:

But O my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need, his life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King;
then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

4 Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

6 Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Text: Samuel Crossman (1624?-1683)

Music: LOVE UNKNOWN, John N. Ireland (1879-1962)

Worship is concluded in silent reflection as we continue the journey in Holy Week.

Those serving for this church's worship and learning today:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Marilyn Galbraith & Wendy Maxwell
<i>Sunday School</i>	Laura Janes
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Lori McGovern & Carol Patterson
<i>Layreader & First Reader</i>	Paul Desjardins
<i>Second Reader</i>	Lori McGovern
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Layreader
<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell

<i>Preside</i>	Keith Joyce
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Susan Jack

Those serving in our outreach this week:

Sun, April 13, 11:45 am HVHS Lunch Programme preparation (Large Hall kitchen)	Sharon/Chris Titus Wendy Maxwell Patti Vaughan Carol Patterson
Mon, April 14, 11:30 am HVHS Lunch Programme delivery (from Large Hall)	Rick Cunningham Ken Lewell

Who's serving next week is on the Narthex bulletin board.

THIS WEEK

- Mon, April 14, 6:30 pm** Tintinnabula Hand Bell Choir (Small Hall) For more info contact Lynn Adams at 506 635-8474
- Wed, April 16, 10:00 am** Saint John and District Senior's Shuffleboard (Large Hall) For more info contact Pauline Wilson at 506 738-8677
- Wed, April 16, 7:00 pm** Choir practice (Small Hall) For more info contact David Mitchell at 506 738-2798
- Sat, April 19, 9:00 am** Vestry (Small Hall) For more info contact Terry Ricketts at 506 672-4696 or Susan Jack at 506 333-9931

FOR OUR WORSHIP and LEARNING

Notes on Today's Scripture Readings

Reading for the Palm Liturgy

Luke 19:28-40 In Luke, Jesus' journey to Jerusalem begins in Galilee. In Chapter 9, we read "When the days drew near

for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem”. Jesus has gone “through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem”. This journey nears its end.

Readings for the Passion Liturgy

Isaiah 50:4-9a Our passage is one of four servant songs found in Isaiah. The first begins “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen ...”. In late Judaism, the servant was seen as the perfect Israelite, one of supreme holiness, a messiah. In the gospels, Jesus identifies himself as the servant (or slave), the one who frees all people.

Philippians 2:5-11 Paul has just urged the Christians at Philippi, through “encouragement in Christ”, and moved by God’s love for them, to “be of the same mind[set], having the same love, being in full accord ...” They are to “regard others as better than ... [themselves]”, freely adopting a lowly, unassertive stance before others, replacing self-interest with concern for others.

Luke 22:1-23:56 Jesus and his disciples have met for the Last Supper. He has given his farewell address to those present (and, it seems, to other followers), preparing them for their role in his mission. He has resisted the temptation to avoid death on the cross. Judas has betrayed him to the authorities. Jesus has been brought before the high priest. Next morning, he has been brought before the Sanhedrin. This council considers that it has sufficient evidence to bring him before the Roman authorities.

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Next Sunday – April 20 *The Sunday of The Resurrection: EASTER DAY* Scripture readings Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12



On Holy Week, and Easter Day

HOLY WEEK begins today, Sunday, April 13 – THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY. It begins with celebrating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem yet, with the scripture readings and especially The Passion Gospel, the journey of Holy Week, of Christ's passion, begins. It always has these dual, contrasting themes of joy and of great solemnity as we anticipate the marking of Christ's passion and death in the days ahead.

MAUNDY THURSDAY on **Thursday, April 17** is a special service of Holy Communion in the evening, at **7:00 pm**. Like The Sunday of the Passion, it has a movement from joy to solemnity as we mark Jesus' institution of the Eucharist and the giving of the "new commandment." The word "maundy" is an old English word from the Latin "*mandatus*", or command, recalling the Lord's giving the disciples the "new commandment." We come with thankfulness for this great gift of God, of the sacrament of holy communion. As the service progresses, we begin to prepare for Christ's betrayal. The Altar is "stripped" as a reminder of how Jesus was stripped of all his friends and supporters after he was arrested this night so long ago. The Altar now bare, and with the service ending in darkness, we go silently into our preparation for the that all-important day, Good Friday.

To go with Jesus on this night of his betrayal into a **PRAYER WATCH** is held here at Good Shepherd. **It starts immediately upon the conclusion of the Eucharist and continues to 9:30 pm when the church building is closed.** One can stay after the service or come back anytime up to 9:30 pm and spend time in prayer, meditation, and reflection. This helps us mark our Lord's request of his disciples to pray with him in the hours before his arrest.

GOOD FRIDAY, that most powerful of days, so shocking from the human perspective, so victorious from the view of heaven, so disastrous to the purposes of hell, so full of the grandeur of God in face of the rancid evil of sin, celebrates God's loving intention for His world. At **12:00 noon on**

Friday, April 18 we worship in *The Celebration of the Lord's Passion*, with great solemnity, yet with deep joy in our hearts, and ponder Christ's majestic work of salvation and healing. And let us remember – ***there is no Easter without Good Friday.***

Holy Saturday, April 19, a day in which there is no corporate worship, brings Holy Week to a close. That seeming forgotten, silent day reminds us that Jesus did lie dead and abandoned in the cold tomb after his death on the cross. It is a good day for reflection and contemplation wherever we are.

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY, on Sunday, April 20 marks the great joyfulness of new life for all who put their trust in Christ. At **10:30 am** we celebrate the truth and mystery of the empty tomb; Jesus has physically risen from the dead! It is with inexpressible joy that we, as church, come together to worship our Lord in hymns and songs of praise, and in word and sacrament. ***Jesus lives – now and always!!***
Easter Day is also the first day of EASTER WEEK and the First Day of the Fifty Days of Easter.

NOTICES

Food Bank

Please remember the **West Side Food Bank** with a toonie or a loonie in the can in the Narthex, or a donation in a special envelope marked with your name or number. We aim to support the Food Bank by at least \$ 200/month!

Diocese of Fredericton Mother's Union Rally - April 26, 2025, 9:15am - 3:00pm (check-in 1st half hour) St. Mary's Church, 780 McEvoy St, Fredericton, NB Theme: "Join Us and Join In!". Men/Women, Members/Non-Members welcome!
Includes Commissioning of Canadian & Diocesan Mothers' Union Councils. Send your name, dietary restrictions & \$20.00 by April 18, 2025, to Elaine Robichaud at mudiocoffredtreasurer@gmail.com OR

mail to 40 Bartlett Ave, Hampton, NB, E5N 5J1. Cheques can be made out to "Diocese of Fredericton Mothers' Union" OR E-transfers are accepted at above email (direct deposit) after April 8th. See poster for Agenda.

Easter Memorials

Please have your Easter Memorials into the office no later than **Tuesday April 15th**, so that they will be in the bulletin in time for Easter. Thank you! Vestry has decided that any Easter memorials that are received should go to the Restricted Flower fund unless otherwise directed by the giver.

Happy Birthday this Week to:



Liliane Cunningham, April 13
John Kerrigan, April 15
Shayne Galbraith, April 16
David Flewelling & Patti Vaughan, April 17
Emma Ouellette, April 18

“Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism”

PRAYER

Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes

Ginny Abbott, Diane Cormier, Frances Finley, Ann Hoben, Ruth Northeast, Elizabeth Parks, Elsie Rusling.

Prayer for those in hospital or sick at home

Andrew Aalund, Paula Baldwin, Diane Basque, Margaret Boyer, Edith Chilton, Shelly Clark Collins, Linda Cunningham, Jo-Ann Diamond, Bonnie Dean, Wendy DeWitt, Ernest Ellingwood, Barb Ellis, Debbie Green, Kaye Mallory, David Maxwell, Pam Melanson, Gordon Morrell, Michael Penchoff, Susan Penchoff, Carol Price, Margaret Ann Reid, Lois Shaw, Bob Sherwood, Mykayla Spinney, Norm Toole, Joe Totton, Arlene Trask, Robbie Wong.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of April 13-19, 2025

Let us pray for ourselves as a parish that we may enter fully into the powerful truths of what we celebrate in our worship this Holy Week!

Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle:

In April, we pray for shipping companies and ship managers, that they may conduct business that is profitable and offer employment that is fair to the seafarers.

OUR PARISH PRAYER TREE

A team of volunteers is available upon request, to pray for you or your loved one (with their permission) daily, for two weeks. These prayers will be treated with the strictest confidence. Prayer-requests should be short and to the point and will be passed on verbatim. The Lord knows best what we need! A follow-up of thanks or an update encourages our intercessors in their ministry.

To initiate the prayer-tree ministry please call your request to our “Captain”, Ngaire Nelson 672-8666

**A blessed
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powerful
HOLY WEEK
to all!**

