

HOLY WEEK and the BEGINNING OF EASTER

April 14-21, 2019

PASSION SUNDAY: With the Palm Liturgy April 14

8:00 am **BLESSING OF THE PALMS, PALM LITURGY
and HOLY COMMUNION** (BAS)

Presider & Preacher The Reverend Keith Joyce

10:30 am **PALM LITURGY and HOLY COMMUNION** (BAS)

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Tuesday of Holy Week

April 16

7:00 pm **Holy Communion** (Celtic)

Presider The Reverend Keith Joyce

Speaker Mr Andrew Fortier

Topic "What does the death of Jesus on the cross mean to me?"

Wednesday of Holy Week

April 17

7:00 pm **Holy Communion** (BAS)

Presider The Reverend Keith Joyce

Speaker Mrs Mary Tadman

Topic "What does the death of Jesus on the cross mean to me?"

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18

7:00 pm Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar (BCP)
Presider & Preacher The Reverend Keith Joyce

8:15 pm to 10:00 pm Prayer Watch

The church building and the Hall remain in darkness and in quiet, in respect of the Prayer Watch.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19

10:00 am Stations of the Cross - for children

* parents, guardians, family members and friends are very welcome to accompany the children

12:00 noon CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION (BAS)
Officiant & Meditation The Reverend Keith Joyce

The church building (and all the rest of church property) remains quiet and free of any non-worship activity for the rest of the day, and remains open until 4:00 p.m. for quiet, reflection and prayer.

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION:

EASTER DAY

April 21

7:00 am EASTER DAWN COMMUNION (informal)
NB at Harbour Street Parkette

8:30 am *NB time* EASTER DAY HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
Presider & Preacher The Reverend Keith Joyce

10:30 am EASTER DAY HOLY COMMUNION (BAS)

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The Crown of the Church Year

HOLY WEEK, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER DAY

The Sunday of the Passion: With the Liturgy of the Palms

begins with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Yet, with the reading of The Passion Narrative, the diminishing exuberance, and ending in silence, the passion of Jesus is the dominant theme of this Sunday's worship. The result is that it leads us into the journey of Holy Week. The 'joy' of Christ's entry into Jerusalem gives way quite quickly to the great solemnity of marking the passion of Christ and it prepares us to take that journey with Jesus in the days ahead.

Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week each have a service of Holy Communion in the evening at 7:00 p.m. In each of these services a member of the congregation will address the topic: *"What does the death of Jesus Christ on the cross mean to me?"*. Let us come and hear these personal reflections and receive communion as part of our observances in our congregational journey of Holy Week. These are wonderful opportunities to hear from fellow members of our church family on this central matter of our faith in Jesus Christ.

MAUNDY THURSDAY also has a unique service 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 this "new commandment". We come with thankfulness for this great gift of God which helps to equip us to obey the new commandment, but 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 that all-important day, Good Friday.

To go with Jesus on this night of his betrayal a Prayer Watch is held here in the church building. It starts immediately upon the ending of communion and continues to 10:00 pm when the doors are locked. One can stay after the service or come back any time before 10:00 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 10:00 am we have a special Stations of the Cross for children (and anyone else who would like to attend). At 12:00 noon we worship, with great solemnity, yet with profound joy in our hearts, and ponder Christ's majestic work of salvation and healing in The Celebration of The Lord's Passion. Always remember – *there is no Easter without Good Friday.*

Holy Saturday, during the day, 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.

EASTER DAY, at 7:00, 8:30 and 10:30 am, the delight of new life for all who put their trust in Christ, celebrates the truth and mystery of the empty tomb. It is with inexpressible joy that we, as church, come to this place (Harbour St at 7:00 am!) where St Paul's Anglican Church gathers to worship our Lord in hymns and songs of praise, and in word and in sacrament. Jesus lives – now and always!!

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DO COME FOR ALL OF IT!!