

again the story of the empty tomb. For the first time since the Sunday before Lent, the organ thunders out the "Alleluia" as our hearts are filled with joy at our salvation. As there are no candidates for Baptism this year, the congregation will renew their baptismal vows. After that is complete, the rest of the celebration is very much like the rest of the Sunday Celebration, with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This is the most complex, elaborate, and symbol-laden celebration we have. It is ancient and solemn, but also joyful and it fills us with new hope that God is indeed among us. We leave knowing that, as God raised Jesus from the dead, so too may we lay claim to our own eternal life.

EASTER SUNDAY, 8 APRIL

8:30 a.m. at All Saints' Church
10:30 a.m. at Christ Church
The Resurrection of our Lord

Easter Day is the greatest celebration in the entire year of the Church. It has been called the "Queen of Feasts" because it is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection and, through God's raising up of Jesus, the promise of new life for the Creation. In God all things are made new, and we celebrate this with great joy and happiness on the day of Resurrection. The celebration is essentially the same as most Sunday Celebrations, but with extra festivity in the liturgy, the music, and decorations. After a long season of Lent with no flowers or alleluias, the church is decorated with beautiful Easter lilies—a sign of the Resurrection—and "Alleluia!" rings out in joyful praise of our God who raised Jesus from the dead.

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Thorns take the shape of a crown. Popular acclaim turns to public execution. Sorrow and love flow mingled down. Life ends and begins. This coming Holy Week tells a powerful story of change—a story that continues to change the world, and to change people's lives.

It's possible to fast-forward to the great celebration of Easter and hear only the story of joy that came on that resurrection morning. But the impact, indeed the change, will be deeper and more powerful if you walk with us through these holy days. Begin with the power of the triumphal entry celebrated this year with the Liturgy of Palms on Palm Sunday. Join the disciples gathered for the last supper on Maundy Thursday and discover something about what it means to serve. Answer for yourself what is "good" about Good Friday. Experience the profound shift from dark to light at the Great Vigil on Easter Eve. Catch the first rays of hope on Easter Day.

This guide to Holy Week is offered as a way to encourage you to find your own path through these important days. As the Parish of Tyendinaga continues to grow, we are seeking new ways to observe these meaningful days, new ways to get in touch with the themes of death and life, sorrow and joy, hope and resurrection.

People find the Holy Week celebrations marked with honesty. They find the measured pace of the week helps them to absorb the intense meaning of the events being celebrated. Life, of course, cannot be put on hold—but this week, above all others, is an invitation to pause and reflect on the gifts of faith and community.

You can simply attend Palm Sunday and Easter, but you are deeply encouraged to make time to enter deeply into a service, or two or three, during the week. You may find more than you can ask for or imagine.

PALM SUNDAY, 1 APRIL

8:30 a.m. at All Saints' Church

10:30 a.m. at Christ Church

Liturgy of the Palms

Join us in the celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as we process around the church (Christ Church only) with palms and sing "Hosanna!" Begin the drama of Holy Week as we recount the story of the crowds who welcomed Jesus, only to turn on him a few days later.

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK, 2 APRIL

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, 3 APRIL

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, 4 APRIL

7:30 a.m. at All Saints'

Holy Week Morning Prayer

Join the Rector in early morning reflections on Holy Week in a small and intimate setting. Enjoy a time of fellowship and a light breakfast after worship.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 5 APRIL

6:00 p.m. at the Queen Anne Parish Centre

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We do not actually "go to church" for this celebration. Instead, the parish gathers in the Parish Centre for a potluck meal (of simple Lenten fare) that resembles the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist as the central act of Christian worship. To safeguard the integrity of Christian tradition and out of respect for the Jewish tradition we do not observe a Seder meal. During the meal, the Scriptural account of the Last Supper is told and fresh unleavened loaves and wine are used to celebrate the Eucharist. After the tables are cleared, the priest moves to a chair standing near the lighted Paschal candle, where the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet is told. Anyone who wishes is invited to come forward to have their feet washed by the priest as a sign of service. By the time the celebration concludes it is usually dark and so, as we leave having heard the story of Jesus going into the dark Garden of Gethsemane to pray and keep watch, we do so in silent solemnity waiting to pass the night before we return to church the next day to continue our observance.

GOOD FRIDAY, 6 APRIL

10:00 a.m. at All Saints' Church

Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord

Good Friday is the day we commemorate the death of Jesus. We remember his brutal death on the cross, the humiliating punishment favoured by the Romans for seditious and unsavoury criminals. This is the one day of the year that the Holy Eucharist is not celebrated. Instead, an ancient liturgy of penitence is observed, where the people confess their sin, confront the guilt of each one of us for "killing" Jesus as we turn from God's desire for our lives to be filled with joy, love, and peace, and prepare ourselves to repent and return to the Lord. There is no organ music at this liturgy—everything is sung without accompaniment, and the simplicity of the voices-only singing brings us into the moment and closer to God. While this liturgy is solemn and penitential, it is still a celebration because we know that through the Cross of Jesus, our sins have been atoned for, and we have been freed from our guilt and become children of God.

HOLY SATURDAY, 7 APRIL

8:00 p.m. at Christ Church

The Great Vigil of Easter

Holy Saturday during the day is a period of reflection as we remember that this was the day that Jesus rested in the tomb after his Crucifixion. As the sun goes down, however, in ancient custom inherited from our Jewish ancestors, we believe that the new day begins. And so, at sundown on Saturday, Sunday is already beginning and we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with one of the oldest celebrations of the Church: the Great Vigil of Easter. This is a long service that brings together a number of elements: we begin in the darkened church by lighting the new fire in the narthex (near the front door), a sign of new life and the presence of God. From the fire, we light the Paschal candle, the symbol of the Light of Christ come in to the world. The candle is processed to the front of the church and the ancient Easter hymn "Exsultet" is chanted, reminding us that this is the night that God freed the world from its sin by raising Jesus from the dead. We hear a series of readings from Scripture that recount our story, from the creation of the world, to God's deliverance of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt, to the Gospel of the Resurrection itself, where we hear