

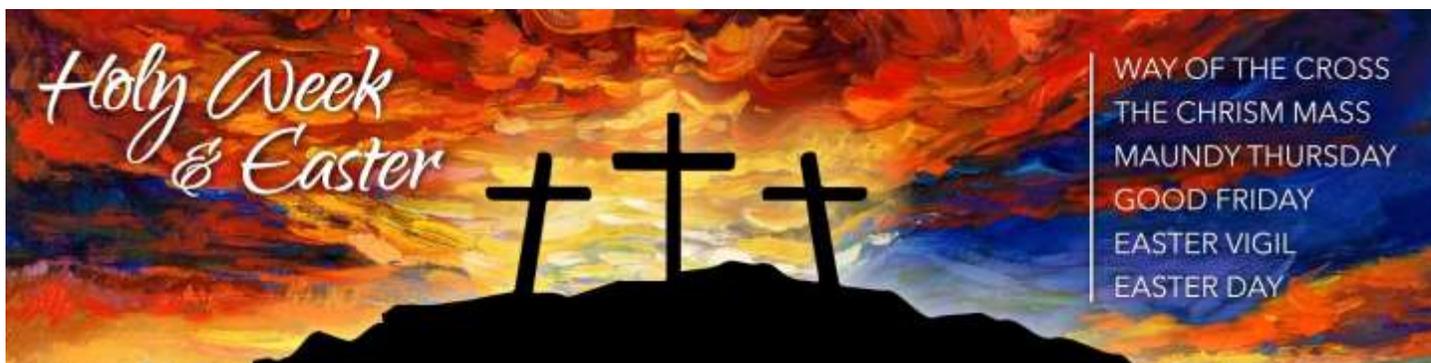
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS – Sunday, April 2, 2023

***Coffee Hour:** Please join us today after the 9:00am and 11:00am services in Snell Hall.

***Children & Families:** Sunday school meets every Sunday at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services. Email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

***Today - Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser:** We are selling bags of buns at the 8:00am, the 9:00am and the 11:00am services in the South West Porch and in Snell Hall. Support us!

Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum



As we wave our triumphant palms and then make the dramatic transition into the Passion of Jesus on the Sunday we still call ‘Palm Sunday’, but whose more accurate title is *‘The Sunday of the Passion, with the Liturgy of the Palms’*, we begin the most wondrous, holy, and moving week of our Christian year. It is a week we call ‘holy’, because it is composed of so much sanctity, sensuousness, and depth. The lucky ones among us are those who make an intentional ‘walk’ this week through a variety of different, colourful, and evocative liturgies. The impoverished are those who only appear on Palm Sunday and then again on Easter morning. They will have missed so much!

So, do join us for daily Eucharists on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, and Holy Wednesday, say the Morning Office with us Monday through Thursday; Walk with us *The Via Crucis* each evening.

Gather together on Maundy Thursday evening for the moving celebration of the Eucharist which remembers the very night on which the Lord’s Supper was instituted. Come prepared to have your feet washed as we mark the servanthood of Jesus and our servanthood as well. This year, **everyone** will be invited to have their feet washed - **all** are encouraged to participate in this amazing act! As darkness engulfs us, we will remove Christian symbols from the Cathedral and will hold Vigil over the Blessed Sacrament.

On Friday, which we call **good**, we will mark the trial, crucifixion, and death of Jesus, in word, song, and prayer solemnly offered by us all, concluding with Evening Prayer.

On the Eve of Easter, we will, of course, light the New Fire and keep the Vigil for Easter – a wonderful service of ancient readings, special canticles and psalms, the sacrament of Holy Baptism, along with the renewal of our own baptismal covenant, and the First Eucharist of Easter!! If you have not been with us for the Vigil before, please do come and be part of this most amazing evening!

Holy Week is a time when time itself is stretched and upset; then the ‘normal’ rhythm of our lives is thrown askew; then the predictable and safe is completely undone; when the meaning of darkness and light becomes fresh and new. It is a week when we walk with our Saviour to His agony and death and rejoice with Him in His, and our, Resurrection! Alleluia!

Come with open hearts; come with bare feet on Thursday evening; bring bells from home to ring in the joyful *Rejouissance* on Easter Eve.

If you cannot be with us throughout, the services of the *Triduum* – *Thursday evening, Friday noon, Saturday evening*) will all be live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel.

Pray for each other and for all those who will take leadership at these multi-faceted services! **See page 4 for the full Holy Week and Easter schedule.**

The Very Rev'd Peter Wall
Interim Dean and Priest-in-Charge

Also, here you will find an important piece written a few years ago by a friend and colleague (a layperson), about some of the problems of language in the text particularly in John's Gospel - it is an important read - I commend it to you.

Holy Week and Anti-Semitism

On page 309, The Book of Alternative Services records “*The term ‘the Jews’ in St John’s Gospel applies to particular individuals and not to the whole Jewish people. Insofar as we ourselves turn against Christ, we are responsible for his death.*”

But still, tough to think about a Jewish child attending our Holy Week services and sitting with us as our gospel verses dramatize the “Jews” chanting “Crucify Him”.

Has the story of Christ’s death in our gospels ever been used to justify fear and hate? Regrettably yes. In 1939 for example, Canada turned away the St. Louis sending 907 desperate men, women and children to the gas chambers. “One is too many” was quite an immigration policy and was supported by some on “biblical” grounds.

So, what are we to do?

When I asked Jo Fricker for input, he told me *“It was not Jews, as a race, who crucified Jesus, but the established authority among whom some were Romans and some were Jews and possibly some others as well. Jesus was a social prophet, a movement initiator, a passionate advocate of God’s justice and a radical critic of the dominant political system. And he had attracted a following. If Jesus had been ONLY a mystic, a healer or a wisdom teacher, he almost certainly would not have been executed. He was because of his politics and because of his passion for God’s justice.”*

Should we change the words of the Holy Week gospels? Some faiths have, substituting “the people” for “the Jews”.

Better I think to deal with it. A good start is to remember that Jesus and his disciples were Jewish, that Jerusalem was a Jewish town, and that Christians weren’t much invented yet. Had we been and had our leaders been as equally threatened as the elders of that day were, we may well have been yelling “Crucify Him” too.

Personally, I take that tact, assuming that if Peter could not stay true “until the cock crows”, neither could I.

Forgiveness for all is what Christ died for.

Others also remind us that the Bible covers a lot. For example, if the book of Leviticus were followed, we’d all have been stoned long ago, straights, gays, anyone who ever wore fabric blends or touched a football...the list goes on and on. But we don’t throw the book away.

We choose how to read, recognizing the warts, admitting our past mistakes, and dealing with them.

Today, Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Hot Cross Buns are on sale now. Buy yours and support us! **Today, Palm Sunday we are selling bags of 3 buns for \$5 at the 8:00am, the 9:00am, and the 11:00am services in the South West Porch and in Snell Hall.** There will also be a limited number of 1 bun bags for \$2 in Snell Hall only during the coffee hours. All proceeds go to supporting the health and foot care clinics and all the wonderful work of our Cathedral Drop-In Centre. **Cash only.**

Sunday, April 9: Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Children’s Ministry



We are looking for volunteers on Sunday, April 9 from 10:15am to 11:00am to help Karyne Whalen our Minister of Children, Youth, and Families supervise the Children's Easter Egg Hunt on the West Lawn of the Cathedral. If you want to help, contact Karyne for more information: kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca Please share this event with your friends and invite the little ones of your family!

Holy Week and Easter at St. James Cathedral

Save the dates and join us with your family and friends.

Palm Sunday: April 2	Maundy Thursday: April 6
<p>8:00am: Said Eucharist</p> <p>9:00am: Sung Eucharist; Blessing of the Palms; Passion Reading from Matthew</p> <p>11:00am: Choral Eucharist; Blessing of the Palms; Passion Reading from Matthew <i>(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>4:30pm: Choral Evensong</p>	<p>8:30am: Virtual Morning Prayer <i>(live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>7:00pm: Holy Eucharist; Institution of the Lord's Supper; Foot Washing; Stripping of the Altar; Watch at the Altar of Repose <i>(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)</i></p>
Holy Monday: April 3	Good Friday: April 7
<p>7:30am: Morning Prayer <i>(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>8:00am: Holy Eucharist</p> <p>12:15pm: Holy Eucharist</p> <p>6:00pm: The Way of the Cross</p>	<p>11:00am: Confessions in St. George's Chapel</p> <p>12:00pm: A Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday <i>(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>3:00pm: Confessions in St. George's Chapel</p>
Holy Tuesday: April 4	Holy Saturday: April 8
<p>7:30am: Morning Prayer <i>(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>8:00am: Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00am: Chrism Mass: Holy Eucharist; Blessing of Oils; Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows <i>(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>6:00pm: The Way of the Cross</p>	<p>9:00pm: The Great Vigil of Easter in the Holy Night <i>(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)</i></p>
Holy Wednesday: April 5	Easter Day: April 9
<p>7:30am: Morning Prayer <i>(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>8:00am: Holy Eucharist</p> <p>12:15pm: Holy Eucharist</p> <p>6:00pm: The Way of the Cross</p> <p>During Holy Week, you can also view a prerecorded "Way of the Cross" <i>(on the Cathedral YouTube channel)</i></p>	<p>8:00am: Said Eucharist</p> <p>9:00am: Sung Eucharist <i>(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>*10:00am-11:00am: Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the West Lawn of the Cathedral. An invitation from the Children's Ministry. Please, share this event with your friends and invite the little ones of your family!</p> <p>11:00am: Choral Eucharist <i>(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>4:30pm: Choral Evensong <i>(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel)</i></p>

*Diocesan YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/tordio135

*Cathedral YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/StJamesCathedralToronto/>

WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT THE CATHEDRAL: YOU ARE INVITED

See page 4 for the Holy Week schedule.

VISIT US: Hours for Holy Week (April 3-6)

April 3-5: The Cathedral will be open Monday-Wednesday from 7:30am–3:00 pm.

April 6: The Cathedral will be open on Thursday from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

April 3-6: The Cathedral Centre will be open Monday-Thursday from 9:00am–4:00pm.

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY: (April 3-5) The Way of the Cross at 6:00pm

TUESDAY: Organ recitals will take a short break through April but resume each week on May 9 and beyond.

WEDNESDAY: April 5

Scripture Circle continues on Wednesday at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre.

We are participating in the Cathedral's *Become the Story we Tell* initiative.

THURSDAY: April 6

7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY: April 7

11:00am: Confessions in St. George's Chapel

12:00pm: A Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday (*also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel*)

3:00pm: Confessions in St. George's Chapel

1:30pm to 3:30pm: Drop-In - Our Cathedral Centre opens its doors for guests to come in for a meal in Snell Hall.

SATURDAY: April 8

9:00pm: The Great Vigil of Easter in the Holy Night

SUNDAY: Coffee Hour: After the 9:00am & 11:00am services in Snell Hall.

SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, April 9

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist

11:00am: Choral Eucharist

(also live-streamed on the Diocesan

YouTube channel at [youtube.com/tordio135](https://www.youtube.com/tordio135)).

4:30pm: Choral Evensong

Readings for next Sunday, April 9 – Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-43

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20: 1-18

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