

Easter Day – Jesus is Alive

When the Sabbath was over, the women rushed to the tomb to finish preparing Jesus's body.

When they arrived, they discovered the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Leaving only a pile of the linen grave clothes.

While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'"

The Bible, Luke 24: 4-7

They rushed back to the other disciples to tell the good news that Jesus is alive. Jesus appeared to his disciples several times over the next few days, before being taken up into heaven to be with God, His father.



Want to know more?

Join us for one of our services for Holy Week 2021:

Palm Sunday	10am Procession
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm Communion service
Good Friday	2pm Vigil
Easter Day	10am Communion service



The church will be open from 10am to 2pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

All services are subject to Covid precautions. Seating is socially distant and masks must be worn.

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HOLY WEEK

at St Mary's

Explanatory Booklet



Journey with us

as we remember the events of the first Easter.

Come and see

the Churchyard Displays as the week unfolds.

Join in

one of our Easter Services.



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Palm Sunday – Jesus Enters Jerusalem on a Donkey

On Palm Sunday we remember how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was welcomed by noisy crowds lining the streets and waving palm branches. They called him king and praised him for all the miracles they had seen.



As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

The Bible, Luke 19:36-40

Palm Sunday is a day of celebration as we welcome Jesus and praise him as our heavenly king.

Maundy Thursday – The Last Supper

Shortly before he was arrested, Jesus and his close friends celebrated the Passover meal together in an upper room in Jerusalem.



Jesus uses the meal to warn his disciples about what is to come. He shares the bread and the wine in what is now known as The Last Supper, using words that are repeated by Christians the world over in the communion Service:

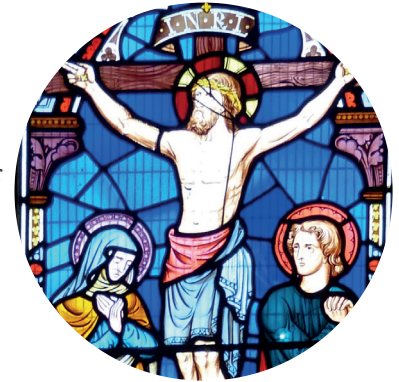
And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!” They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

The Bible, Luke 22:19-23

The same night, Jesus was betrayed to the authorities by Judas Iscariot and was arrested and put on trial. Peter, one of the disciples, denied any knowledge of him three times.

Good Friday – The Cross

Found guilty by the Jewish leaders, Jesus is handed over to the Roman governor for sentencing. Pontius Pilate, not convinced Jesus is guilty, gives the crowd the chance to free him. The crowd who had given such a rapturous welcome to Jesus on Palm Sunday, now turns their back and call for him to be crucified.



At the crucifixion, Jesus is mocked and taunted by onlookers. Jesus’s words are compassionate:

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

The Bible, Luke 23:34

After several hours the sky turned black and, with a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

Some of his followers were given permission to take his body and, as it was the eve of the Sabbath, they hurriedly buried him in a tomb cut in the rock and rolled a stone across to seal the entrance.