

Easter 2023

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Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!**

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Dear Christ Church Family,

With these words, the church begins her celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For it is the resurrection that declares the fulfillment of God's decisive and singular intervention in human history - accomplished by and made available through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Jesus, the only begotten son of God, entered human history "to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mt 20:28). And, it's the resurrection that verifies and permeates Christ's nature, purpose and mission.

It was the early church's steadfast conviction in the resurrection that gave them the courage to spread the good news of Christ's saving love to the then known world. The early church affected this mission, even in the face of opposition and violent persecution; because the resurrection confirmed everything they had come to believe about the nature, mission and ministry of Jesus.

It's true - the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead changes everything.

Because of Jesus and the new life, he brings to those "in Christ" - our sins are not forever, our failures are not fatal and our deaths are not final.

This wonderful truth changes everything for us, it gives the followers of Jesus (the church) meaning and purpose. The uniqueness of Jesus Christ - the truth of his word, the witness of his life, the reality of his death and the wonder of his Resurrection - indeed changes everything.

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May God richly bless you and yours this Easter and always.

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Holy Week 2023

During Holy Week, we journey from the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the drama of Holy Week to the glory of Easter. Whether you are joining us in-person or online, we hope that you will journey with us. More information with brief descriptions of what to expect is available on our website at: www.christchurchbrampton.ca/lent-easter



HOLY WEEK

All are welcome | All are invited | No Experience Required

Palm Sunday - April 2
In-Person @ 10:00 am | Online @ 4:00 pm

Maundy Thursday - April 6
In-Person @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday - April 7
Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion In-Person @ 10:00 am | Online @ 4:00 pm
Family Prayer Walk @ 11:00 am
In-Person Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday - April 8
The Great Vigil of Easter In-Person @ 7:30 pm
St. James the Apostle | 3 Cathedral Road

Easter Sunday - April 9
In-Person @ 10:00 am | Online @ 4:00 pm



Online services are accessible through our website at: www.christchurchbrampton.ca. Once they are "premiered" you can watch at any time. The QR code to the right will take you directly to our website.

Also on the website, you will find the weekly announcements and links to photos of our recent events at: www.christchurchbrampton.ca/recent-events



Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, May 6 **Parish Potluck** following the 10:00 am service. Look for more information and a sign-up sheet following Easter.

Sunday, May 28 **Feast of Pentecost** | Confirmation Eucharist @10:00 am Bishop Kevin Robertson presiding. Please keep those preparing for Confirmation in your prayers.

Encouragement

What encourages you to give to Christ Church? We likely have many different answers but at the core, we give because it is here that we experience unconditional love. It is here where we tend to the sick and lonely. It is here where we create community and look after those less fortunate. It is here that we can experience hope and new life. Our parish ministries count on the generosity of our parish family ~ it is as simple as that. It is through your generosity that we are able to "be the Church" whether we are inside or outside of the building. More information on our various methods can be found here: www.christchurchbrampton.ca/how-to-give