

MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY

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Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:

Page 150, Introit: Psalm 118.19-29; Tract: Psalm 22.12-21

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

PALM SUNDAY

8:00 am Said Eucharist

9:30 am Sung Eucharist (*streamlined only*)

11:00 am Sung Eucharist

4:00 pm Way of the Cross with Chorales from St John's Passion
(*on YouTube*)

Daily Mass in Holy Week - Monday, March 29 to Wednesday, March 31

(*These will take place at 12:15 pm daily. Please register for each day you plan to attend*)

Thurs. Apr 1 **MAUNDY THURSDAY** 7:00 pm (*please register*)

Fri. Apr 2 **GOOD FRIDAY** 10:30 am (*please register*)

Sat. Apr 3 **EASTER VIGIL** 9:00 pm (*please register*)

Sun. Apr 4 **EASTER DAY**

8:00 am Said Eucharist (*please register*)

9:30 am Sung Eucharist (*streamlined only*)

11:00 am Sung Eucharist (*please register*)

4:00 pm Evensong Prelude, followed by Evensong

Daily Mass in the Octave of Easter - Monday, April 5 to Saturday, April 10

(*These will take place at 12:15 pm daily. Please register for each day you plan to attend*)

Sun. Apr 11 **EASTER OCTAVE**

Pre-Registration to attend Services: Please do this on Eventbrite via the parish website www.stthomas.on.ca or by calling the office at 416-979-2323 X 4.

REOPENING FOR HOLY WEEK

We are now permitted to re-open with 15% of capacity.

This means that for Holy Week Services, we are allowed 35 pre-registered people in addition to the clergy, musicians and acolytes. Please remember that being vaccinated does not mean that safety protocols can be eased. Masks and distancing are still required and anyone feeling unwell or vulnerable should not come to Church at this time.

The ceremonial of our liturgies will be adjusted according to diocesan recommendations. Let us thank God that Holy Week, however modified, can be celebrated with congregations this year.

Welcome to St Thomas's!

We are very grateful to all those who have worked so hard to prepare us for returning to public worship reverently and safely during Covid 19. Here are some guidelines:

**While some seating is kept free for unregistered visitors, those attending services in person are strongly encouraged to pre-register on Eventbrite via our website by 6 pm the evening before.*

**At liturgies open to the public, the congregation is not permitted to sing. Much of the mass will be said so that all may participate. Sung parts are restricted to the cantor and the priest.*

**The Collection plate will not be passed during the Service. Please place your donation in the plate located at the Registrar's table in the Narthex when you came in. It will also be available there at the end of the Service. Alternatively, please do consider donating by pre-authorized giving. Information is available on our website www.stthomas.on.ca*

**At the time of Holy Communion: Remain in your seat until invited by the sidespeople to move into the centre aisle. Follow the floor markings to maintain a safe distance. Stand in the marked space six feet from the priest when you arrive at the front pew to hear the words of administration "The Body of Christ given for thee", then come forward to the priest and extend your hands folded one upon the other; carefully enclose the Host in your hands and proceed to the table to the left or right near the pulpit or lectern. Those seated on the left side of the church (facing the altar) will move to the pulpit and those on the right to the lectern. Once there, remove your mask from one ear to consume the Host, replace your mask and sanitize your hands with the sanitizer provided on the table. Return to your seat by the side aisles. It is not permitted to receive on the tongue at this time.*

**If you need to use the washroom, please proceed to the one normally designated for women at the bottom of the stairs at the main entrance. There is no access to the Parish Hall. Only one person is allowed to use the washroom at a time. Maintain physical distance while waiting.*

**At the end of the Liturgy, during the organ voluntary, please remain seated. Sidespeople will invite people to leave, pew by pew, beginning with the back rows. Those wishing to remain to the end of the organ Postlude may do so.*

**While we would all love to be able to socialize after Church, it is not yet safe to do so. If you wish to greet friends afterwards, we ask that you move well away from the exit doors, so that others can get out of the building safely. While it is wonderful to be able to chat with each other outside the church after mass, please remember to wear a mask and keep your distance!*

**Thank you for your patience and understanding. In Christian charity, these protocols are meant to protect others as well as ourselves.*

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Private confession to a priest is available during Covid by appointment only. Confessions will be heard in the church observing social distancing protocols while also ensuring privacy. Please contact Fr Brinton or Fr D'Angelo for further information.

CREATION CARE FAST RESOURCE CREATED FOR LENT

The Bishop's Committee on Creation Care has produced a resource for Anglicans who want to undertake a fast during Lent that focuses on creation and issues related to the climate crisis. A Fast for the Earth: Lent 2021 provides a fast for each week of Lent, which began on Feb. 17 and ends on Apr. 3. It begins with a meat fast followed by a consumption fast, a food waste fast, a water fast, an injustice fast, an electricity fast and an ignorance fast. It concludes with a resurrection feast for Easter on Apr. 4. In addition to the full resource, there are also week-by-week pages with ideas to participate in each fast. Find the full resource and helpful tips for participating in the fast each week, please go to this website: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/creationcare/>

EASTER FLOWERS

As in years past, the congregation has donated money to purchase flowers to decorate the High Altar, Lady Altar and nave at Easter.

It's not too late to donate! If you would like to participate, here are the various options for making your donation:

- Envelopes will be available in the church starting the first Sunday of Lent
- Donate online at at: <https://www.stthomas.on.ca> - Select "Donate Now" and "Donate to Easter Flowers"
- Mail in a cheque payable to *St Thomas's Church* with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line

ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Dates Available!

Please contact the office if you are interested in having memorial flowers after Lent and up to the end of June.

Dates available include April 11 & 26, May 9, 16 & 30, June 6 & 13.

Right now we are putting flowers on the High Altar approximately every second week, and having two or more families share the cost. If you would like to have a loved one memorialized in April, May, or June of 2021, flowers will cost \$50.00.

As mentioned previously, the cost for flowers has increased significantly over recent years so we will be transitioning from the old rate through this COVID19 period. If you would like to continue your memorial when we are able to have in-person services once more, the cost for High Altar flowers will be \$125.00, and the Lady Altar will become \$75.00.

Please contact Christine at office@stthomas.on.ca if you are interested in one of the dates listed above, or are looking for a specific date at another time of the year.