



Rejoice!

Christ The Lord Is Risen.

Dear Friends,

As we approach the great celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord this year, I invite you to take your full part in community as we prepare to mark it once again. This high festival of the Christian Church year may be an especially good opportunity to bring to mind and reflect on words of the Apostle Paul to the Church in Philippi, now almost two millennia ago:

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross. (*Philippians 2: 5-8*)

The glory of Easter is found not only where Jesus arrived on the third morn but also through and from that which he came. God's Son emptied himself, humbled himself and, became obedient to what is considered by humanity to be one of the strongest powers – death. What we celebrate is that even that final power has no power over those who believe in him. And we are exhorted by Paul to let the same mind of Christ Jesus be in us. The mystery of faith is that we only find our life in losing it, we only gain everything by letting it all go, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

To all this is a great mystery. It is an even greater mystery to those who do not ascribe to Christian Faith. In a world where uncertainty abounds, it is good to know that our God has us covered to the end and forever. We will never be separated from him. It is his promise to us and it is our hope.

This year at Christ Church Cathedral we will once again walk the way of the Cross leading to Easter Day. The schedule of the worship opportunities is printed on the next (back) page of this letter for your convenience. May I take this opportunity to say, "See you there" – there on the road strewn with palms, there at the table and in the garden, there at the Cross and there at the empty tomb. God's blessings to you and to all who are important to you this Easter.

In the faith of the Risen One,

Geoffrey, Dean of Fredericton

Holy Week and Easter 2015

Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton NB

- 29 March **Palm/Passion Sunday**
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with the Liturgy of the Palms (BCP)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with the Liturgy of the Palms (BAS)
11:45 a.m. Come Worship Eucharist
- 30 March **Monday in Holy Week**
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)
- 31 March **Tuesday in Holy Week**
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)
- 01 April **Wednesday in Holy Week**
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BCP)
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)
7:30 p.m. A Service of Shadows (Traditional Language)
- 02 April **Maundy Thursday**
11:00 a.m. Renewal of Ministry Vows, Blessing of Oil and Eucharist (BAS) *
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Sanctuary *
- 03 April **Good Friday**
10:00 a.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion (BAS) *
- 04 April **Easter Eve**
8:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter, Confirmation, Reaffirmation and Eucharist *
- 05 April **Easter Day - The Resurrection of our Lord**
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS) *
11:45 a.m. Come Worship Eucharist and Baptism *

Notes:

- *the 5:30 p.m. Eucharist on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week will be preceded by said Evening Prayer (BCP) at 5:00 p.m.. Please feel free to enter for the Eucharist at any time. The Eucharist should be about 40 minutes in length.*
- *The Service "Into the Shadows" at 7:30 p.m. on Holy Wednesday is a uniquely modified Evening Prayer in traditional language*
- *The Great Vigil of Easter on Easter Eve is considered the first Eucharist of Easter*
- *"*" denotes the presence of the Bishop of Fredericton*
- *the usual evensong on the first Sunday in the month of April (Easter Day) is cancelled*