



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OTTAWA

Easter 2019

Dear Friends,

I write this letter on the eve of my departure to the Holy Land. For two weeks in mid-Lent a group of twenty-six pilgrims will join me on a pilgrimage that traces the earthly footsteps of Jesus.

Each day, often as we roll along in the bus, there will be morning prayers, with readings and hymns that relate to the places we will see, and we will pray these words together: *God of our pilgrimage, you have given us a desire to take the questing way and set out on our journey. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, that whatever we encounter as we travel, we may seek to glorify you by the way we live. Amen.*

The emotional climax of the pilgrimage is a visit to the place in Jerusalem where generations of pilgrims remember the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus: the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Once you realize that this large, complex building sits on what was once a stone quarry, with a hill known as Golgotha and a series of tombs hewn into the rock nearby, you can see where wide sections of the quarry were carted away, and how various chapels have been built over the places where Jesus died and rose.

A massive rotunda is located in the middle of this sprawling church, and beneath it is a chapel called the Aedicule, which contains the tomb where the resurrection of Jesus is believed to have happened. It is all larger than life, swarming with Christians from all over the world, and it communicates a kind of robust sacredness: whatever happened there speaks to some power, some creative force that is beyond anything we can comprehend, yet just beneath the surface of what we can see and know. A kind of eternal strength and hope.

The Resurrection of Jesus tells me that the hope we need to sustain us in this life can never be destroyed. I believe it is the most profound statement of God's abundant, gracious love: there is always more than we can see, there are always more possibilities for life, there is always hope—for everyone.

As you set out each day of your journey through this life, may that robust hope be always with you.

With kindest Easter blessings,|



The Very Reverend Shane Parker
Dean of Ottawa

Holy Week and Eastertide at the Cathedral

Palm Sunday, April 14

8:30am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms
4:00pm *Himmelskönig, sei willkommen (J.S. Bach)* and
Membra Jesu Nostrae (D. Buxtehude)
Choir of Men and Boys

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week

Noon Sung Eucharist in the Chancel

Maundy Thursday, April 18

7:30pm Choral Eucharist with the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 19

Noon Solemnity of the Lord's Passion with the Choir of Men & Boys
3:00pm *Stabat Mater (Giovanni Pergolesi)* with strings
Cathedral Girls' Choir

Easter Eve, Saturday, April 20

7:30pm A Vigil for Easter with the Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Easter Day, April 21

7:30am Holy Eucharist with Organ Postlude
9:00am Choral Eucharist with the Cathedral Choirs
11:00am Festal Eucharist with the Cathedral Choirs

Wednesday in Easter Week, April 24

Noon "Back Home" Eucharist and Luncheon for shut-ins

Second Sunday of Easter, April 28

8:30am Holy Eucharist
9:30am Sung Matins
10:30 Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism
4:00pm Lessons & Carols for Eastertide with the Cathedral Choirs

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