

Holy Week 2020

Progressive in Approach: Christlike in Action!

HOLY WEEK

Journey with us: ONLINE

Palm Sunday	10:45am	April 5
Maundy Thursday	6:30pm	April 9
Good Friday	10:00am	April 10
Easter ZOOM Breakfast	9:30 am	April 12
Easter Worship	10:45am	April 12

It has been said that 2020 has brought us the “Lentest Lent we have ever Lented!” To which I can’t help but say a deeply heartfelt, “Amen!” All of us have been called upon to give up so much. But as Lent gives way to Holy Week, let us remember our many blessings. We are richly blessed with homes in which to take shelter and do what we can to “bend the curve.” So, from the comfort of our homes we shall do our best to give thanks and praise to the ONE in whom we live and move and have our being. Worshipping online is new to many of us. We are learning as we go along. Each virtual gathering represents our congregation’s attempt to express our thanks and praise for the wondrous gifts that we experience every week, for every week is holy. So, let us give our thanks and praise! *Pastor Dawn*

Worship Online

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Palm Sunday

Join our virtual Palm Sunday Procession wave your branches and shout your “Hosannas!” send in your photos by **Friday April 3rd**

**Maundy Thursday
Love One Another**

worship video will be posted at 6:30pm **April 9th**

Good Friday

worship video will be posted at 10am **April 10th**

**Easter Zoom
Breakfast**

From our living rooms we will share Easter Greetings **Zoom in at 9:30am** for conversation over your favourite morning beverage

Easter

Celebrate Resurrection worship video will be posted at 10:45am

For details go to www.holycrosslutheran.ca

Palm Sunday - April 5th



Palm Sunday Worship

Video will be posted at
10:45am Sunday April 5

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Join our Virtual Procession!

We cannot process into worship together, but we can create a virtual procession. We invite every household to find or craft branches to wave. **Take a photo outside your home** so we call all **wave together online**. Shout Hosanna!

Please **email your photo to** holycrosslutheran@rogers.com **by Friday April 3rd** so that you can be part of our Palm Sunday Worship Video.

Any branches will do!

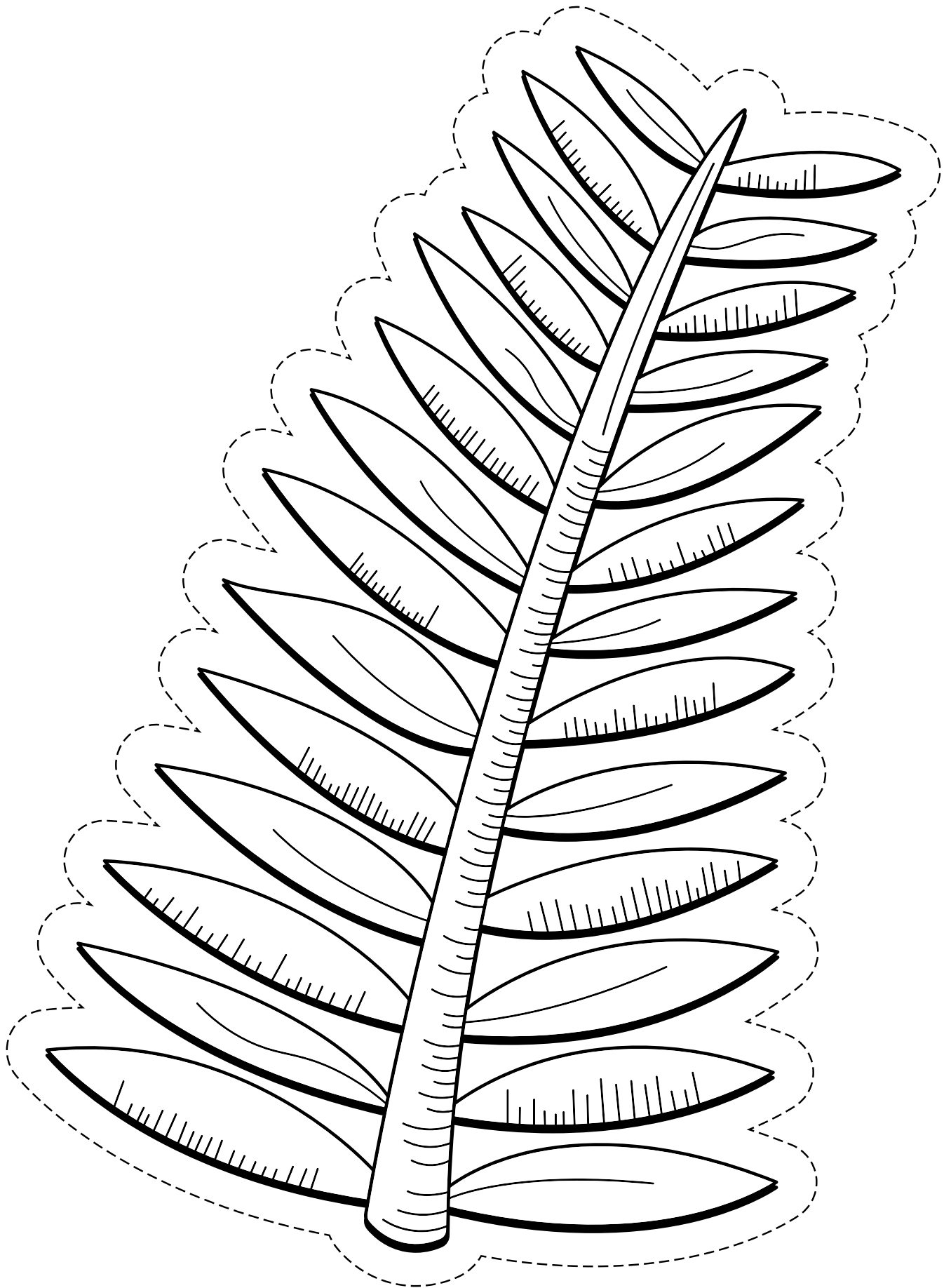
Craft your own branches from the pattern provided below! Or just wave!



Prayer is not about the attempt to change reality; it is about approaching reality in a dramatically different way.

Bishop John Shelby Spong

We pray not to change God's mind, but to transform ourselves and those we pray for trusting that all will be well.



Street Outreach Van

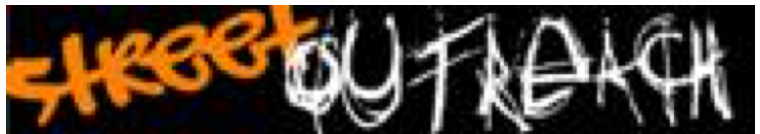
Let's help our neighbours

Our Global Justice Team at Holy Cross Lutheran Church has been working closely with the York Region Outreach Van for many years. At the moment our volunteers have been asked to stay home and the limited staff working from the outreach Van is working 'flat out' in their attempt to serve the expanding number of clients. Requests for food, particularly, account for the greater number of clients being seen by Van staff.

We all know that there are folks in distress during this period of diminishing resources and fear over the pandemic. Contributing food items to the Van may be a way you would feel you could help with.

Items most needed are:

Peanut Butter
Tuna
Baked Beans
Canned Pasta Sauce (no glass)
Canned Soup



If you go shopping for yourself, or send someone shopping on your behalf, please consider buying some extra for the Van. Since there are no volunteers to go shopping for the Van, we appreciate food donations over monetary gifts.

Your donations will be picked up from your porch or we can arrange a drop off for you if you email holycrosslutheran@rogers.com



To arrange pick-up or drop-off
of your donation: Email

holycrosslutheran@rogers.com

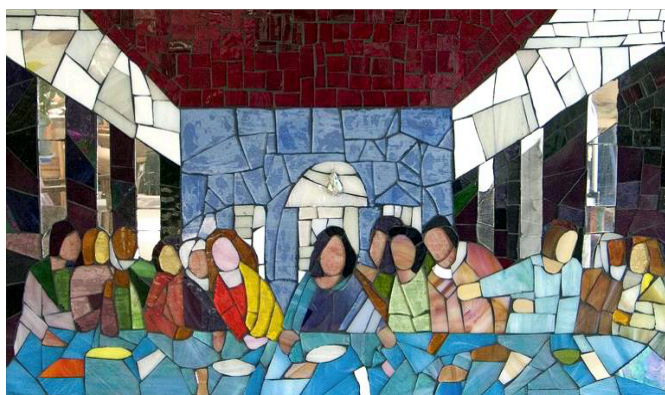
Maundy Thursday Worship



Video will be posted at
6:30pm Thursday April 9
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Christians gather on **Maundy Thursday** to share in the holy supper. Though we lament our inability to communion with one another, we can remember the WORD spoken by Jesus that we LOVE one another.

The emphasis of this service is not so much the anniversary of the institution of Holy Communion, but rather the new commandment to LOVE; Maundy is an English form of the Latin word for commandment, mandatum. The overarching theme of the day is Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you," a LOVE sharply focused by the contrast of the betrayal which followed. Jesus' love is demonstrated in the story of his humble act of washing the feet of his followers.



Imperfect World Feeling Honoured to Exist

William Cleary

How can we make sense
of a world of so much imperfection,
Holy Mystery, Evolutionary God?
Is there "a balm in Gilead" to heal our mystification,
an oasis of meaning
amid the desert sands of absurdity and heartache?
A shaft of light, of enlightenment,
emerges from the evidence of a cosmos-wide
evolutionary process
wherein trial and error,
randomness and improvisation, are the very way
of divine creativity.
Open our hearts to hear this news if there is guidance for us here.
Your creation, God of Light,
is not so much a battleground
as some myths would have it,
or a testing place of good against evil,
or of nation against nation,
It is fundamentally a colossal flower opening up,
a single family tree blossoming and growing,
a cosmic symphony unfolding into meaning and elegance,
where variation and dissonance are necessary
to our evolving process.
This is your beloved world, Enlivening Spirit,
and it is an honour to be an imperfect part of it.
Amen.

Good Friday



Video will be posted at
10:00am Friday April 10
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Stations of the Cross: A Way of Sorrows

On this Good Friday, we are surrounded by sorrows. However, like every Good Friday, even in the midst of sorrow we meet compassion. It is in this compassion that we experience the LOVE who is God embodied in compassionate flesh. It is in this flesh that our hope lies. Following Jesus, we walk the Way of Sorrows trusting that nothing can separate us from the LOVE that IS God.



Easter Sunday



CHRIST Is Risen!
CHRIST Is Risen Indeed!

VIRTUAL EASTER BREAKFAST

Zoom in to join us. Bring along your favourite beverage,
and Zoom into our Easter Video gathering.

The best thing about our traditional Easter Breakfast is the conversation.
So, let's not let physical distancing rob us of our celebration.
Just grab you phone, tablet or computer, **click on the link at 9:30am on
Easter morning** and you will be taken to our gathering.

<https://zoom.us/j/517600732?pwd=L2NpbDgvbGpZQTQ0WXloYVRQbmFvUT09>

Worship Video will be posted

at **10:45am**

Sunday April 12

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CHRIST Is Risen In Us!
Alleluia!!!

Please help us out: we hope to begin live broadcasts on YouTube after Easter. In order to do so, we need 100 subscribers. Pastor Dawn's channel currently has 80 subscribers. Please go to her channel and click on "Subscribe"

Just follow this link:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=pastor+dawn+hutchings

OFFERINGS:

There are several ways to ensure that we are able to continue meeting our commitments.

You can mail in your offerings:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

1035 Wayne Drive
Newmarket, On. L3Y 2W9

You can sign up to our Preauthorized Remittance Program PAR

contact our Treasurer Sharon Smyth who will guide you

You can go to Holy Cross' **CanadaHelps** page to donate just follow the link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131691727RR0001-holy-cross-lutheran-church/>

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CARE TEAM:

We are doing our best to connect with our HC Family. We are grateful that at the moment we have more volunteers than we need. This will serve us well in the coming weeks. Soon, we will be creating a phone chain to ensure that we all stay connected. If you need help, or simply a conversation, **PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE** to leave a voicemail on the church phone: 905-898-1682 – we are checking these messages 3 times a day. So, someone will get back to you ASAP.

You can also call Pastor Dawn directly on her cellphone 905-868-0897.

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