

Holy Week is the last week of Lent, the week immediately preceding Easter Sunday. It is a time to remember the suffering (Passion) and death of Jesus Christ.

Only by contemplating the darkness of Holy Week, the horror of sin, and despair of Jesus' disciples, can we understand the hope of Easter morning.



Sterry Church will celebrate Palm Sunday, March 29th, during our 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with the children participating in the celebration.

On Palm Sunday Christians celebrate the Triumphal Entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before His death and resurrection. For many Christian churches, Palm Sunday, often referred to as "Passion Sunday," marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday. The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted Him with waving palm branches, and by covering His path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, He begins His journey to the cross.



The Biblical account of Palm Sunday can be found in Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; and John 12:12-19.



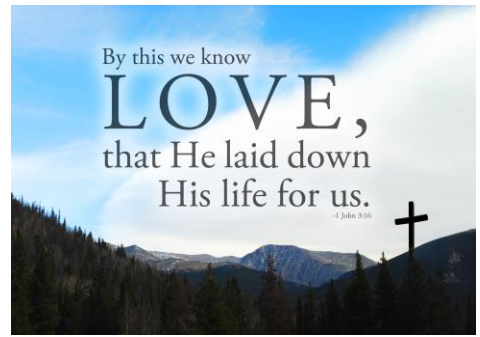
Maundy Thursday

After the Supper, He went outside the Old City of Jerusalem, crossed the Kidron Valley, and came to the Garden of Gethsemani, a place whose name means "Olive Press," and where olives still grow today. There He suffered in three ineffable ways: He knew exactly what would befall Him physically and mentally -- every stroke, every thorn in the crown He would wear, every labored breath He would try to take while hanging on the Cross, the pain in each glance at His mother; He knew that He was taking on all the sins of the world -- all the sins that had ever been or ever will be committed; and, finally, He knew that, for some people, this Sacrifice would not be fruitful because they would reject Him.



Sterry Church will be presenting the movie "The Passion of the Christ" at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, April 2nd.

All are welcome.



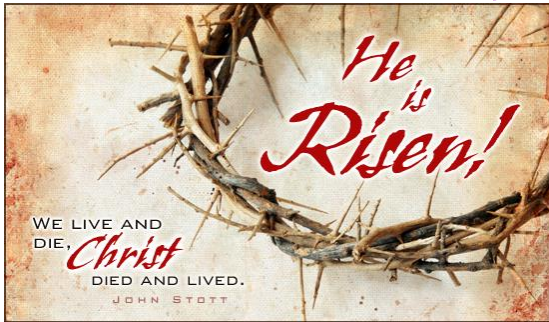
On this day we remember Jesus' arrest (since by Jewish customs of counting days from sundown to sundown it was already Friday), His trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial.

There are a variety of services of worship for Good Friday, all aimed at helping people experience some sense of the pain, humiliation, and ending in the journey to the cross.

Some churches use the Stations of the Cross as part of the Good Friday Service (or at some other point in Holy Week). The *Stations of the Cross* might use paintings or banners to represent scenes from Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trial, and death. Those in attendance move to the various stations to pray, read, write, and/or sing, all with the emphasis of remembering the suffering, grace and love of God in Jesus Christ.

Good Friday is a day of mourning, not celebration. We mourn for the death of Jesus and the sins of the world that His death represents. However, Good Friday is not without joy. The sorrow of Good Friday should always be seen with the hope of Resurrection Sunday. The words of Tony Compolo are worth repeating: "It's Friday, but Sunday is a'comin'!"

Resurrection Sunday



"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16, KJV

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.'" John 11:25-26a

"Jesus told him, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through Me. If you had really known Me, you would know who My Father is. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him!'" John 14: 6-7, NLT

**Easter Morning Sunrise is at 7:00 a.m.
at Hills Hill in Adrian, Sunday, April 5th.**

Any who do not know the way may meet at the Sterry Church parking lot at 6:30 a.m. on Easter Morning, and caravan to Hills Hill.

~No Sunday School~

Sterry Easter Brunch at 9:00 a.m.

Hosted by Sterry Fellowship Committee

Easter Brunch will be served at 9:00a.m. The Fellowship Committee will provide egg casseroles and are asking the congregation to bring finger foods or sweet breads or fruit.

**Resurrection Sunday Worship Service
at Sterry Church 10:30 a.m.**

