

Seasonal Notebook - Easter



Easter 2019 (Year C)

Planning: February/March, 2019

Implementation: April 21-June 2, 2019

SEASON SUMMARY

Easter Sunday

Some churches kick off Easter with a Saturday evening Easter Vigil. Others have a Sunrise service, and others the regular Easter worship. However it begins, Easter is the season that we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter Sunday is the entry into the season of Easter, and each week we encounter the risen Christ in different ways. After the darkness of Holy Week and crucifixion, and the focus of Lent on repentance, Easter is a joyful season of new life. During the Easter Season, the Revised Common Lectionary substitutes a reading from the Book of Acts for the regular Old Testament reading, and so Easter also invites us to focus on the life of the early Church after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The color of the season is White.

Ascension of the Lord

Some churches gather for worship 10 days before Pentecost (on a Thursday) to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, according to the Lukan tradition. Others focus on the Ascension the Sunday following (the 7th/Final Sunday of Easter), and other don't focus on it at all.

At Trinity, Easter Sunday is very festive. We usually have a potluck brunch after worship, and an Easter Egg hunt for the kids. There might be special music or other special ways to celebrate the season.

One Great Hour of Sharing

This is a denominational special offering that supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the PCUSA Self Development of People program. It often includes fish-shaped coin banks. OGHS may be received throughout the season, on Palm Sunday, or on Easter. Please coordinate with Lent team. If coin banks have been distributed, make plans to collect them.

Additional events are at the discretion of the Season Team.

Scripture Readings

Easter Vigil

First Reading Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Response Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Second Reading Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Response Psalm 46:1-11

Third Reading Genesis 22:1-18

Response Psalm 16:1-11

Fourth Reading Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Response Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18

Fifth Reading Isaiah 55:1-11

Response Isaiah 12:2-6

Sixth Reading Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6

Response Psalm 19:1-14

Seventh Reading Ezekiel 36:24-28

Response Psalm 42:1-11

Eighth Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

Response Psalm 143:1-12

Ninth Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20

Response Psalm 98:1-9

Tenth Reading Romans 6:3-11

Response Psalm 114:1-8

Gospel Luke 24:1-12

Easter Sunday

Easter Day Readings:

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

Or alternate First Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Or alternate Second Reading Acts 10:34-43

Gospel John 20:1-18

Or alternate Gospel Luke 24:1-12

Easter Evening Readings:

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 114:1-8

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Gospel Luke 24:13-49

2nd Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 118:14-29

Second Reading Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel John 20:19-31

3rd Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Psalm 30

Second Reading Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel John 21:1-19

4th Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23:1-6

Second Reading Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel John 10:22-30

5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148:1-14

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel John 13:31-35

6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67:1-7

Second Reading Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5

Gospel John 14:23-29

Gospel John 5:1-9

Ascension of the Lord

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47:1-9

Or alternate Psalm Psalm 93:1-5

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel Luke 24:44-53

Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97:1-12

Second Reading Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel John 17:20-26

NOTES

SEASON WORKSHEET

THEME:

WORSHIP AND MUSIC IDEAS

(Overall as well as for particular services - think through music, decor, art, liturgical elements, congregational songs and responses, playground coordination, special services, etc....)

When will we celebrate Communion? (dates need to be approved by the Session)

EDUCATION IDEAS:

(consider all ages and stages, formats, days, times, etc...)

TAKE-HOMES/FAMILY RITUALS:

(each season should have some "take-home" practice or tangible item that can help families connect with the Scriptures and season at home.)

MISSION IDEAS:

(Include denominational offerings, if applicable. Check calendars for regularly scheduled opportunities. Plan or connect with at least one mission opportunity that can be opened up to the congregation for the season)

FELLOWSHIP IDEAS:

PUBLICITY PLANS

(Think of how we can intentionally reach out to our neighbors and community, as well)

PLANS FOR NURTURE, INCLUDING LEADERSHIP FOR ALL AGES

REGULAR VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Liturgists and Communion Servers

The liturgist meets in advance of the worship service with the pastor to plan and lead worship. Members of the Seasonal Team are encouraged to sign up for this, and recruit others who would bring particular gifts to the season and worship services. Any slots unfilled will be filled by the pastor. On days when communion is served, we need 3 ordained elders in addition to the pastor signed up to serve. If the Liturgist is ordained, only 2 additional elders are needed.

Date	Name	Email and Phone Number
4/21		
4/28		
5/5		
Server 1		
Server 2		
Server 3		
5/12		
5/19		
5/26		
6/2		
Server 1		
Server 2		
Server 3		

Volunteers with Children

Each week a volunteer is needed to sit with the children in the playground and provide nursery backup if needed.

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Coffee/Fellowship

These volunteers must arrive early enough to set up coffee, tea and snacks. Following fellowship hour the volunteers are required to clean up; including washing dishes, wiping down tables, and throwing away all trash. This can be done by one person/family who comes early and stays late or by two volunteers who split the work.

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EVALUATION NOTES

What went well? What was “meh”? What didn’t go well? What advice would you give to future teams?