



Worship with us this Easter



Easter's meaning

A time for renewal

By DON BERNARD
What is Easter all about anyway?
Is it a time for the Easter Bunny to come hopping along? Or is it a signal that spring is here and with it new fashions — including the proverbial Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it?
Or is it a celebration of new life springing forth after the harshness of winter? — a time for embracing life anew and welcoming warm weather and a renewal of nature.
In part, Easter encompasses all of these things. It does bring a message of hope and renewal — and celebration of new life and revived spirits.
The process in the natural world — growth of plants and birth of young animals such as lambs in spring — is meant as an object lesson for a spiritual truth connected with Easter.
It's to do with what happens when a seed is planted in the ground. In a sense, that seed sacrifices itself to create a new vibrant plant that will multiply and provide a crop for the farmer or gardener.
In the same way Jesus Christ was the sacrifice so that we could have spiritual life. He died on the

cross — on the surface a senseless execution of an innocent man — so that all mankind could experience spiritual renewal.
His own followers were downcast and defeated in spirit after his death on that first Good Friday — even though he had warned them several times that it would happen.
In a sense Jesus death was like the seed being planted in the ground — the seed contains within it the potential to bring forth new life even though it seems to be dry and lifeless.
Just like a farmers joy in seeing seeds sprout from the ground, Jesus disciples gained new hope, new faith and new optimism when Jesus rose again. His death without the resurrection is like a seed which never grows to produce a fruitful plant.
If Jesus was merely a political reformer, his movement would have died with him — and his followers would have been scattered, confused and disillusioned.
Instead, he rose again, confronted them with that reality and started a movement that extends down to us today.

So, what, you might say. The story of Easter is well-known. It may or may not have happened as recorded back 1,953 years ago, but that isn't particularly relevant for us today.
But suppose the story is true. Suppose Jesus rose from the dead and is the living son of God. And suppose he's still calling people to embrace him and accept this new life.
Easter is a time of renewal — God himself wants to renew our hearts and give us a new kind of spiritual reality. And God is waiting for each one of us to reach out to him and accept it.
God has done his part. We need only take him up on his generous offer of salvation, forgiveness and new life.

Church packed Sunday

More than 600 people packed Markham Pentecostal Church for the second annual joint Palm Sunday night service sponsored by the Markham/Unionville Evangelical churches.
Ten churches participated in the event which featured special music — including two numbers by a massed choir. Guest speaker was Rev. J. Donald Scott, group director of communications for World Vision of Canada.
The Salvation Army ensemble performed a prelude and postlude. Rev. Scott, who spoke on the theme 'Jesus: The Man of the Hour,' talked about the eternal timeless nature of God, but how he came into this world in the form Jesus Christ.



THE SALVATION ARMY MARKHAM CORPS

Lieutenant & Mrs. R. Shiran
SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES
Sunday March 30, 1986

7:15 A.M. - Easter Sunrise Service "Victory for All" (Library Grounds)
11:00 A.M. - Easter Holiness Service "Jesus Lives!" (Nursery Provided)
6:30 P.M. - Easter Praise Service (Special Film Presentation) "Climb A Tall Mountain". LOCATION - Markham Community Library (Program Room Downstairs)

ALL ARE WELCOMED
For further information please call 471-1038

ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH STOUFFVILLE 640-6665

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 27th
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Confessions
7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.
GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 28th
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Confessions
3:00 p.m. Liturgy - Reading of the Word of God including the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ-Veneration of the Cross - Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 29th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Confessions
THERE WILL BE NO 5:00 p.m. MASS
7:30 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil - Blessing of Paschal Candle - Readings - Blessings of Baptismal Water and renewal of Baptismal Vows - Mass and Communion.
EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 30th
10:30 a.m. Mass.

Stouffville pentecostal church

460 MAIN ST., STOUFFVILLE, ONT. 640-5696

GOOD FRIDAY
11 a.m.
Markham & Keswick Pentecostal Churches joining with Stouffville
Speaker Stan Johnson
Special music



EASTER SUNDAY
11 a.m. - Easter Morning Celebration with special music for 25 guests
Sharon and Mark Mason ministering in music
Pastor Dave will be ministering on "Free, Yes, Free Indeed."
6 p.m. - Completing the day with a Water Baptismal Service
Pastor Pitts Preaching

UNITY CHURCH OF SCARBOROUGH
"Church of the Daily Word"
Welcomes you to Sunday Worship
Services: 11:00 a.m. at
The Armenian Cultural Centre
30 Progress Court
Markham Rd. & 401
Rev. Diane Matthew
294-3771

WIDEMAN MENNONITE CHURCH
Hwy. 48 - North of 17th Ave.
640-1227
Pastor James R. Shantz

GOOD FRIDAY EASTER SERVICE
10:30 A.M.
SPECIAL SPEAKER AND COMMUNION

STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH
34 Church St. N.
Rev. Cecil W. Tiller
Good Friday
Mar. 28th
10:30 A.M.
Service of reflection, prayer and special music. St. James Presbyterian Church joining with us. Junior Church facilities available for ages 8 and under.
Easter Sunday, March 30th
11:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - Celebrating the Resurrection.
Special Music - The Holy City and the Hallelujah Chorus.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
8252 McCowan Rd. South
Pastor Harvey Peters
GOOD FRIDAY
7:30 P.M.
A JOINT SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT CHURCHILL HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH SHEPPARD AVE. E. (EAST OF MARKHAM RD.)
SPEAKER REV. DONALD FITCHETT

McCormack Memorial Church
Pastor Rev. Gawa
Good Friday, Mar. 28th
Music Night at 7:30 p.m. followed by refreshments.
EASTER SUNDAY
9 A.M. - Light breakfast
9:45 A.M. - Film "Easter Is..." for the whole family
11 A.M. - "He loved them unto the end"
7 P.M. - College and Careers take the evening service.

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
101 Main St. E., Stouffville
640-3151
Pastor Rev. Herb Gale
GOOD FRIDAY 10:30 A.M.
Combined Service in United Church
7 P.M. - Tenebrae Service
EASTER SUNDAY
9 A.M. - Breakfast
11 A.M. - Morning Worship & Holy Communion

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA ST. JOHN'S MILLIKEN
Serving South Markham and North Scarborough
410 Goldhawk Trail at Alton Towers Circle
South of Steeles and west of McCowan
Easter March 30 - 11 A.M.
THE HEART OF EASTER - Dr. Wade
Guest Soloist - Lorrienne Kelly, Soprano
Minister - Dr. Donald V. Wade
Director of Music - Jennie L. Bouck

Bethesda Lutheran Church
invites you to worship with us this Easter.
Maundy Thursday 8:00 P.M.
GOOD FRIDAY 11:00 A.M.
EASTER SUNDAY
SUNRISE SERVICE 7:00 A.M.
MORNING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.
PASTOR: DONALD A. McLEOD, B.S.W., M.Div.
TWENTY UNION STREET (AT EUCLID), UNIONVILLE/477-1731

You and Your Family Are Invited...
Unionville Presbyterian Church
welcomes you to join in our special Easter Services
We welcome you and hope to see you there.
He is risen.
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
(an informal service at the Manse)
7:00 P.M. MARCH 27
73 FRED VARLEY DR.
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
9:30 A.M. AT WM. BERCZY P.S. 120 CARLTON RD.
EASTERN SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS
AT WM. BERCZY P.S.
PANCAKE BREAKFAST 9:30 A.M.
COMMUNION WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.
Rev. Jost Kreplin: 475-6233
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

the anglican parish of christ church
sunset blvd. stouffville 640-1461
INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO WORSHIP WITH US DURING THE EASTER SEASON
March 27, 7:30 p.m. - MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
March 28, 11:00 a.m. - GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY SERVICE
12:00 - 3:00 p.m. "THE WATCH"
March 29, 7:00 p.m. - HOLY SATURDAY SERVICE
March 30, EASTER DAY SERVICES
8:00, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
143 MAIN STREET NORTH
MARKHAM, ONTARIO
MINISTER: REV. ALAN B. EMBREE
GOOD FRIDAY
10:00 A.M.
FESTIVAL OF THE LILIES
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AMIDST THE BEAUTY OF A BOUNTY OF LILIES
Sermon: 'CHRIST CRUCIFIED'
Music by the Senior Choir
EASTER SUNDAY
9:30 A.M.
*WORSHIP SERVICE
CHURCH SCHOOL FOR JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGHS
11:00 A.M.
*WORSHIP SERVICE
Sermon: 'AND THEN IT WAS SUNDAY'
Music by the Senior Choir and Soloist, Mrs. Shirley Madden
*NURSERY CARE FOR CHILDREN TO 3 YEARS
*CHURCH SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 6
Through the message of Easter we have an endless hope instead of a hopeless end.
Welcome to Worship

You are invited to
SPRINGVALE BAPTIST CHURCH
Easter Sunday, March 30, 1986
7 p.m.
"THE TOMB IS EMPTY"
A dynamic presentation of the Easter message with scriptural narrative, the Springvale Chorale, the Sunshine Kids, vocal and instrumental solos and duets.

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
32 MAIN STREET NORTH
WELCOMES YOU TO SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES
GOOD FRIDAY
9:30 a.m. - Procession carrying the cross down Main St. to the Church.
10:00 a.m. - Music and Meditation on the theme of Good Friday Sacrament of Holy Communion
EASTER SUNDAY
7:30 a.m. - Sunrise Service on the Church lawn (weather permitting)
8:30 a.m. - Pancake breakfast served by the Youth Group
10:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday service with special music by the Junior and Senior Choirs.
MINISTERS:
Dr. Fred Styles
Miss Betty McColgan, C.E. Minister
Dr. Douglas Shanks
Church Phone 294-0351