



*"You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.  
He has been raised; he is not here." (Mark 16.6)*

Have you ever felt like you've failed? Most of us have. We don't like to think about those times, or to share them with others. We don't want it splashed on Facebook for all our "friends" to see.

Imagine that first Easter: no lilies, no chocolates, and no fancy hats. Instead, the Sabbath was over, and it was the first day of the week. People were going to work in the fields, to buy and sell at the market, paying taxes, going to the temple in Jerusalem.

The disciples were hidden away, believing that Jesus had failed. They had heard what he said, but at the deepest level they had always believed there was going to be an uprising and the overthrow of the current order. Yet here they were hiding away with only their shame to show for it.

When the disciples went to the tomb, they weren't looking for a sign of success, they were expecting a corpse, signalling the end of their social movement. They expected to complete the burial rights, and go back to lives of anonymity.

Instead of a sign of their failure, they found a confusing sign the movement had not died. Instead of a corpse, they found life. Instead of shame, they had hope. It was not the future they had imagined, but it was a future worth living.

What will you find this Easter?

*Rev. Ryan*

## Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

Palm/Passion Sunday - **March 25, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.** worship at St. Mark's  
Maundy Thursday - **March 29, 2018 - 5:30 p.m.** at Emmanuel, Foxboro  
Good Friday - **March 30, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.** at St. Mark's  
Easter Sunrise & Breakfast - **April 1, 2018 - 8:00 a.m.** at St. Mark's  
Easter Morning Service - **April 1, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.** at St. Mark's

## Are You on PAR?

Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR) is one way of making regular contributions to your church. Many people have automatic payments set up for such things as insurance and utility bills so why not for St. Mark's? An amount specified by you is withdrawn from your bank on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month and deposited into St. Mark's account. It's that easy! The advantage is that there is no need to "catch up" if you miss a Sunday now and then and St. Mark's has your continued financial support. It also helps the church treasurer know that a certain amount will be available each month to help cover expenses.

We currently have 20 individuals/families on PAR. St. Mark's Board has set the goal of raising this to 25 by the end of 2018. If you would like to help us reach that goal get in touch with Dona Plumton (613-962-8346; [dplumton@bell.net](mailto:dplumton@bell.net)) and she will get you started. Also, a reminder to those already on PAR, changes can be made at any time by contacting Dona.



**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 5:30 p.m. – Irish Stew Supper – call 613-968-4222 to reserve. Tickets \$12; Children 6 – 10 \$6.**

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