



### Christian festivals glossary

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This glossary is designed to be used in conjunction with the Christian festivals short guides, which cover Lent, Holy Week and Eastertide. It explains some of the terms you and your students will come across during the study of these Christian festivals.

#### Atone

The making of amends, or apologising, for something that you have done.

#### Baptism

This is the essential rite of Christian initiation. The Christian religious ceremony of sprinkling water on to a person's forehead (usually a baby or young child) or of immersing them in water, symbolising purification, new life in Christ and admission to the Christian Church.

#### Confirmation

The service at which a baptised person, especially one baptised as an infant, affirms their Christian belief and is admitted as a full member of the Church.

#### Crucifixion

An ancient form of execution, where people were nailed and bound to a cross and left to die.

#### Eucharist

The Christian service, or sacrament, commemorating the Last Supper, and Jesus' death and resurrection, in which bread and wine are consecrated and consumed.

#### Exodus

A mass departure of people.

#### Holy Spirit

The third person of the Holy Trinity through which we see God's work in the world.

#### (The) Holy Trinity

The three persons of the Christian Godhead: Father; Son; and Holy Spirit.

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Ministry

The work or vocation of a minister of religion.

Passover

The major Jewish spring festival which commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery.

Resurrection

The rising of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Sin

Rebellion against God.

Vigil

A period of keeping awake during the time usually spent asleep, especially to keep watch or pray.