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**HOLY WEEK
AT HOME**





WELCOME TO HOLY WEEK

Dear friend,

Welcome to the holiest week of our Christian year. While we have no choice but to celebrate these Holy Days in different ways this season, we remain connected to one another as the Body of Christ.

This year, we might imagine ourselves as the earliest followers of Jesus, preparing space in our homes to mark these days that lead us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. There will be opportunities to join us online, visit www.upepiscopal.org or our public Facebook page - Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan.

We also wanted to provide you with everything you need to worship at home, either by yourself or with your friends & family with whom you are sheltering in place.

We look forward to the day we will join together again in person. Until then, know that you are being held in love and prayer.

In the light of Christ,

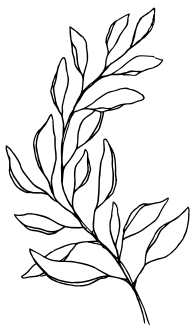
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SETTING UP YOUR SPACE

Many people find it helpful to create an intentional space in your home for entering into prayer. Perhaps you might light a candle or some incense. An icon or cross, a bowl of water, some items from the outdoors may all contribute to a sacred space to enter into prayer and reflection.



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PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2020



Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter at which Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and Jesus' Passion on the cross are recalled. The observance of Palm Sunday in Jerusalem was witnessed by the pilgrim Egeria in about 381-384. During this observance there was a procession of people down the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem. The people waved branches of palms or olive trees as they walked. They sang psalms, including Ps 118, and shouted the antiphon, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" The Palm Sunday observance was generally accepted throughout the church by the twelfth century.

WORSHIP AT HOME

During Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the church throughout the world.

Christ entered Jerusalem this day in triumph, a triumph that led through suffering and death to resurrection and new life. In faith and love may we follow this messiah, the humble ruler, who comes riding on a donkey.

Take a few moments of silence. Then say:

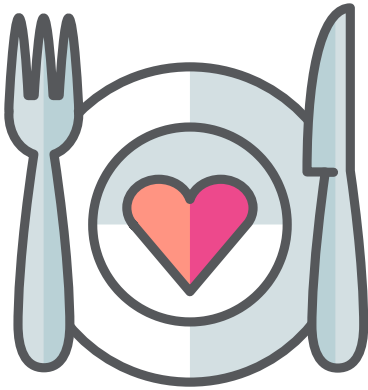
God of our salvation, help us to enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts by which you have given us fullness of life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Read Matthew 21:1-11. Reflect. How is God speaking to you?

Embodying the Word: If possible, using a branch from outdoors or from one of your house plants, enter each room or area in your home, waving the branch, saying,

**"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest."**

Adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa



MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 9, 2020

When Jesus shared Passover with his disciples, it was in the home. The washing of feet, the sharing of bread and wine, and the new commandment to love one another all happened in a home, in a room where Jesus drew his friends together as host, teacher, friend, and master who was there to serve them all.

AGAPÉ MEAL FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

*A meatless meal is to be preferred. The setting should be austere and the foods sparse and simple. Appropriate foods include soup, cheese, olives, dried fruit, bread, and wine. If there are several persons present, one will preside.

+ The Blessings +

At the time appointed, all gather around the table, standing as able. After a time of silence, the presider offers the following blessings.

Over Wine

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May the time come quickly when we can share that cup again, even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Over Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and you have fed us on our way with the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. Let us be fed again soon with that bread of life. And as grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Over the Other Foods

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

+ The Meal +

The meal is now eaten, with each serving one another.

+ The Word and the Prayers +

At the end of the meal John 13:1-17, 31b-35 is read.

A simple hymn can be sung.

Psalm 63:1-81 is then said.

[The Lord be with you And also with you Let us pray]

O God of the crucified and risen One, from whom no trial or trouble can separate us: you feed us with your Word and soothe us with your Spirit, closer to us than breath itself. Make us glad this night for the life of your servant Jesus; Make us servants of all for the sake of Jesus; who for our sake gave his life for the salvation of all. In the Name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 10, 2020

The Friday before Easter Day, on which the church commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. It is a day of fasting and special acts of discipline and self-denial.

SOLEMN COLLECTS

God, our loving Creator, sent Jesus into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the holy catholic Church of Christ throughout the world; for all those who meet in homes on these holy days for those isolated due to illness or age that all your people might be one.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those to whom their care is entrusted, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind; For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled. For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish For those who face temptation, doubt, selfishness, and despair For the sorrowful and bereaved For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger May God in mercy comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY SOLEMN COLLECTS CONTINUED

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Solemn Collects provided by The Rev. Josephine Robertson, All Saints Episcopal Church, Bellevue, WA and the Rev. Joseph Peters-Mathews, St. Hilda St. Patrick, Edmonds, WA.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is an ancient spiritual practice that remains vital and important to this day. It imitates the practice of visiting the places of Jesus' Passion in the Holy Land by early Christian pilgrims. You are invited to visit the stations at home, using the following Woodcut prints © by Margaret Adams Parker, The meditations and prayers were written by Frank and Victoria Logue.



Station 1

Jesus Is Condemned to Death

Lord Jesus, crucified, have mercy on us!
At the cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last.

Meditation

Betrayed. Deserted. Alone. Jesus stands
before an unjust judge.
Dry palm branches crackle under the feet of
the crowd.
Soldiers rain down punches and crown him
with thorns.
Jesus is condemned to die.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS CONTINUED

Station 2

Jesus Takes up His Cross

Lord Jesus, crucified, have mercy on us!
Through her heart, His sorrow sharing
All His bitter anguish bearing,
Now at length the sword has passed.

Meditation

Splinters. Heavy, rough wood. The scent of
the hill country.
A single beam laid across the back of a
carpenter.
The crowd jeers. The procession to the place
of the skull begins.



Station 3

Jesus Falls the First Time

Lord Jesus, crucified, have mercy on us!
O, how sad and sore distressed
Was that Mother highly blessed
Of the sole-begotten One!

Meditation

Stumble.
Waver. Collapse.
Jesus' sweat mingles with dust as he falls to
the earth.
The weight of the sins of the world on his
shoulders.
Barely able to stand. He can not carry the
cross without falling.

Station 4

Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother

Lord Jesus, crucified, have mercy on us!
Christ above in torment hangs,
She beneath beholds the pangs,
Of her dying, glorious Son.

Meditation

Mother and child. Madonna.
Joseph has died. There is no angelic choir.
No shepherds. No wise men.
Gone are the gold, frankincense and myrrh.
Mary sees her battered son through a veil of
tears.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS CONTINUED

Station 5

The Cross Is Laid on Simon of Cyrene

Jesus Christ, crucified, have mercy on us!
Is there one who would not weep
Whelmed in miseries so deep
Christ's dear Mother to Behold?

Meditation

Stranger.
Neighbor. Friend.
Simon takes up your cross. In so doing takes
up his own.
Another innocent man joins the procession to
Calvary.



Station 6

A Woman Wipes the Face of Jesus

Lord Jesus, crucified, have mercy on us!
Can the human heart refrain
From partaking in her pain,
In that Mother's pain untold?

Meditation

Cloth.
Sweat. Blood. Icon.
Legend tells of a woman wiping Jesus' face
and gaining an image of Christ painted in his
blood on her cloth.
In relieving the suffering of others we, too,
find the face of Jesus.

Station 7

Jesus Falls a Second Time

Lord Jesus, crucified, have mercy on us!
Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,
She beheld her tender child,
All with bloody scourges rent.

Meditation

Oppressed.
Afflicted. Silently suffering.
Simon carries the cross, yet Jesus can not
continue.
He bears our infirmities and carries our sorrows.
Crushed under their weight,
Jesus falls once more.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS CONTINUED

Station 8

Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Lord Jesus, crucified, have mercy on us!
For the sins of His own nation
Saw Him hang in desolation
Till His Spirit forth He sent.

Meditation

Tears.
Wailing. Daughters. Mothers. Grief.
Women beat their breasts and mourn openly,
for the Son of Man, but his concern is for
them and their children in the days of woe
yet to come.



Station 9

Jesus Falls a Third Time

Lord Jesus, crucified, have mercy on us!
O thou Mother! Fount of love,
Touch my spirit from above.
Make my heart with thine accord.

Meditation

Brutalized.
Dazed. Beyond strength.
Now nearly on Calvary's broad summit, Jesus
collapses.
Poles long set into the ground are silhouetted
against gray clouds.
Impatiently, Jesus is pulled up and shoved
angrily toward his death.

Station 10

Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments

Lord Jesus, crucified, have mercy on us!
Make me feel as thou hast felt;
Make my soul to glow and melt
With the love of Christ, my Lord.

Meditation

King of Glory. King of Peace.
Stripped bare. The crown of thorns is all that
remains.
One possession remains—his life.
Holding nothing back, Jesus offers that last gift.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS CONTINUED

Station 11

Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

Lord Jesus, crucified, have mercy on us!
Holy Mother, pierce me through!
In my heart, each wound renew
Of my Savior crucified.

Meditation

Cold steel. Warm flesh. Nails rip through
tendon and muscle.
Blood soaks into splintered wood.
Jesus responds.
"Father forgive them for they know not what
they do."



Station 12

Jesus Dies on the cross

Lord Jesus, crucified, have mercy on us!
Let me share with thee His pain,
Who for all our sins was slain,
Who for me in torments died.

Meditation

Despised. Rejected. Eloi,
Eloi, Lama sabachthani?
My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?
Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.
From top to bottom the veil in the Temple is
torn in two.

Station 13

The Body of Jesus Is Placed in the Arms of his Mother

Lord Jesus, crucified, have mercy on us!
Let me mingle tears with thee,
Mourning Him who mourned for me,
All the days that I may live.

Meditation

Mourning mother. Broken child.
A sword of grief pierces her soul.
Women surround her, but none can comfort her.
Her name is bitterness.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS CONTINUED

Station 14

Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb

Jesus Christ, crucified, have mercy on us!
By the cross with thee to stay,
There with thee to weep and pray,
Is all I ask of thee to give.

Meditation

Cold stone. A shroud. Darkness.
Sabbath rest at last.
The disciples gather in fear.
A grain of wheat waits for spring.



The Lord's Prayer

from The New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

EASTER VIGIL

APRIL 11, 2020



Sit before an unlit candle and a bowl of water. Light the candle, saying:

**The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
Thanks be to God.**

Then read this “Easter Proclamation”

Rejoice, all heavenly choirs of angels!

Christ has conquered; the risen Savior shines upon you.

This is the night in which the true Lamb is slain.

This is the night: this is the night.

This the night in which the children of Israel were led through the sea.

This is the night: this is the night.

This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are renewed in grace.

This is the night: this is the night.

The holiness of this night restores joy to those who mourn and humbles earthly pride.

Therefore this night, O God, receive our praise for the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

May Christ, the Morning Star, rising from the grave, shed light on the whole human race.

And we pray, O God: preserve and protect your church, giving us peace, in this time and forever.

Amen.

And pray this prayer:

O God, you are the creator of the world,

the liberator of your people,

and the wisdom of the earth.

By the resurrection of your Son,

free us from our fears,

restore us in your image,

and ignite us with your light,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Then choose among these HEBREW SCRIPTURE READINGS, reading as many as you decide:

Leader: Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how God saved the people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

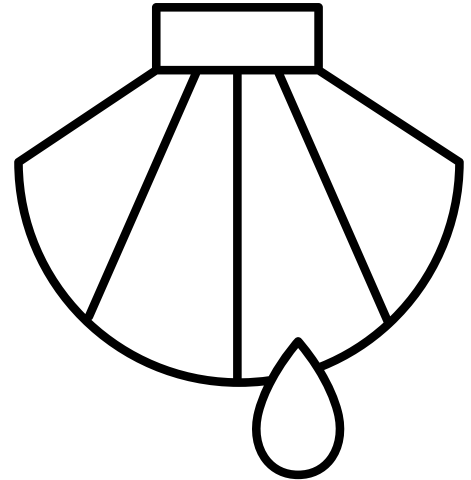
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Ezekiel 37:1-14

EASTER VIGIL CONTINUED

Then, in remembrance of your baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, say

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

We now make the sign of the cross on your forehead with water from the bowl.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Read the Gospel of John 20: 1-18

EASTER VIGIL CONTINUED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this most holy night, we pray for the church, the earth, the world, those in need, and all the members of God's family, responding to each petition with the words Hear our prayer.

A brief silence.

We pray, O God, for all the churches around the globe: for their bishops and clergy; for the newly baptized; for the believers who cannot assemble for worship; for faithful endurance during this time of sorrow and distress; and for a deepening sense of your presence among us.

A brief silence.

**O God, you are our Temple: in your mercy, Hear our prayer.
We pray, O God, for the well-being of creation: for the health of seas and rivers and lakes; and for the will to care for your earth.**

A brief silence.

**O God, you are our Rainbow of promise: in your mercy, Hear our prayer.
We pray, O God, for peace and justice in the world: for an end to war and international turmoil; for concord in our troubled society; for the heads of state, legislators, and local civic leaders, that they enact wise procedures to deal with the coronavirus.**

A brief silence.

**O God, you are our Mighty Fortress: in your mercy, Hear our prayer.
We pray, O God for all who are facing the coronavirus: for all who mourn their dead; all who have contracted the virus; those who are quarantined or stranded away from home; those who have lost their employment; those who fear the present and the future. We pray for physicians, nurses, and home health aides; medical researchers; and the World Health Organization. Fill the aching in our hearts with your merciful power.**

A brief silence.

**O God, you are our Everlasting Arms: in your mercy, Hear our prayer.
We pray, O God, for all in need: for those suffering for the faith; for those who are poor, hungry, and homeless; for those who are sick and those awaiting death; and for those we name before you here.**

A brief silence.

**O God, you are the Healer of our every ill: in your mercy, Hear our prayer.
We pray, O God, for the desires of our hearts:**

A longer period of silence.

EASTER VIGIL CONTINUED

**O God, you are our Heart's Desire: in your mercy, Hear our prayer.
Receive our thanks for all who died in the faith, and bring us at the final resurrection into your everlasting life, where sorrows will be no more.**

A brief silence.

**O God, our Beginning and our End, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.
Into your gracious and mighty hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

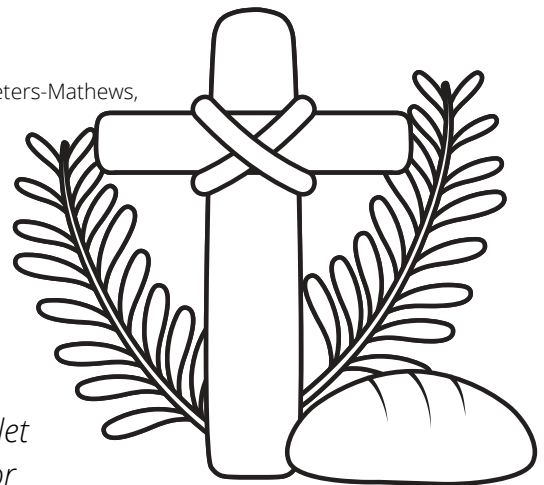
Pray the Lord's Prayer:
**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.**

Pray this prayer and speak these final sentences:
Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, bless us now and forever. Amen.

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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