

Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY marks the beginning of Holy Week, and is when we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Scriptures:

- Isa 52:13-53:12
- Ps 22 1-21
- Phil 2:5-11
- Luke 23:1-49
- Liturgy of the Palms (p. 554-556 in BCP)

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Music: [Benedictus qui Venit in nomine domini](#), Josquin des Prez

Art: [Pietro Lorenzetti \(1280-1348\) fresco](#)

Hymn: [All Glory Laud and Honor](#)

Invitations:

- Attend worship and process with the congregation for the Liturgy of the Palms. Holy Week is one of the most important times in the Christian year, and traditionally, every effort is made to attend all services this week.
- If you have young children, read the Palm Sunday story from your favorite story Bible. Act out the story. Encourage the kids to imagine!
- Place a vase of palms on your table and read Matthew 21:1-11 aloud.
- Go for a walk carrying your palms
- If you have young children, read the story from your favorite story Bible. With chalk, draw a path of palms and coats leading to Jerusalem on your driveway or sidewalk. Encourage the kids imagine!

- Meditate on Matthew 21:1-9, Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:28-40 or John 12:12-15.
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HOLY MONDAY: when we remember when Mary (the sister of Lazarus) anointed Jesus' feet at Bethany.

Scripture:

- Isa 42:1-9
- Ps 36:5-10
- Heb 11:39-12:3
- John 12:1-11 or Mark 14:3-9

Collect: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Art: James Tissot, *The Ointment of the Magdalene*, c. 1900

Music: [Repentir](#), Charles Gounod

Hymn: [Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted](#)

Invitations:

- Reflect on Mary's act of love, humility, and honor. Consider: have I surrendered my whole life, all that I have and all that I am, or only part of it? Contemplate what your Lenten disciplines have taught you about yourself, and the ways the Lord has been revealed to you through this season.
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HOLY TUESDAY: when we remember Jesus rebuking the merchants in the temple

Scriptures:

- Isa 49:1-6
- Ps 71:1-11
- 1 Cor. 1:18-31
- John 12:37-38, 42-50 or Mark 11:15-19

Collect: O Lord our God, whose blessed Son gave his back to be whipped and did not hide his face from shame and spitting: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Art: Steen - the expulsion of the moneychangers

Music: [Miserere mei, Deus](#), Gregorio Allegri

Hymn: [Go to Dark Gethsemane](#)

Invitation:

- Traditionally, Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week have been a time of deep cleaning of homes prior to decorating for Easter. Even if you cannot designate these three days for Spring Cleaning, make space in your home today. Clean the unused, unnecessary, or unwanted items out of your home, just as Jesus cleared the temple.

HOLY (SPY) WEDNESDAY: recalling Judas' betrayal of Jesus

Scripture

- Isa 50:4-9
- Ps 69:6-14, 21-22
- Heb 9:11-28
- Matt 26:1-5, 14-25

Collect: Assist us mercifully with your grace, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts by which you have promised us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Art: [Kiss of Judas by Giotto](#)

Music: [Improperia – Tomas Luis de Victoria](#)

Hymn: [When I Survey the Wondrous Cross](#)

Invitations:

- Reflect on Judas' betrayal and our own love of the Lord. Consider: what are my allegiances? At what price do I value Jesus' life? Do I love power, or human approval, or family, or money more than him?
 - If you have younger children, discuss the dangers of loving money more than God in light of the story of Judas. Discuss how God calls us to be generous with our resources (2 Corinthians 9:6-8). Reflect on your family's experience with the discipline of tithing and/or almsgiving.
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Paschal (Easter) Triduum (Maundy Thursday - Holy Saturday)

MAUNDY THURSDAY receives its name from the mandatum (commandment) given by our Lord: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34). This day commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and Christ's washing of the disciples' feet at the Last Supper. We also remember the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and the betrayal leading to the crucifixion.

Scriptures

- Ex 12:1-14

- Ps 78:15-26
- 1 Cor 11:23-34
- John 13:1-15 or Luke 22:14-30

Collect: Almighty Father, whose most dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it in thankful remembrance of Jesus Christ our Savior, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Art *Jesus Washing Peter's Feet* – Ford Madox Brown (1852-1856)

Music: [Ave Verum Corpus](#) – William Byrd

Hymn [Ah Holy Jesus](#)

Invitations:

- Attend worship and participate in a foot washing.
- Meditate on John 13:1-20 and ask God how he is inviting you to love
- Consider a specific act of service to put love into action

GOOD FRIDAY recalls the events leading up to and including the Crucifixion. The Lord of Life was rejected, mocked, scourged, and then put to death on the Cross on this day. The faithful are reminded of the role which their own sin played in this suffering and agony, as Christ took all sin upon himself, in obedience to his Father's will.

Scripture

- Gen 22:1-18 or Isa 52:13-53:12
- Ps 22:1-21 or Ps 40:1-16 or Ps 69 1-22
- Heb 10:1-25
- John 19:1-37

Collect Almighty God, we beseech you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the Cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Art: [Diego Valazquez, Christ Crucified](#)

[What our Lord Saw from the Cross, James Tissot](#)

[Christ, Carrying the Cross, Titian](#)

Music: [“Vidit Suum Dulcem Natum”](#) – Giovanni Pergolesi

Hymn: [O sacred head now wounded](#)

Bonus: [When Jesus Wept](#) (canon) ([sheet music](#))

Invitations:

- Fast. It is customary to abstain from food on Good Friday.
 - All Saints hosts Stations of the Cross and a Good Friday service. Check in for details.
 - Clergy will be available to hear Confessions on this day.
 - Consider building a resurrection garden out of things found in the yard or a park.
 - Turn off electric lights to remember the darkness that came upon the earth at Jesus' death. Use candles if you need light from Good Friday through Easter morning.
 - Practice silence for part or all of the day.
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HOLY SATURDAY (The Easter Vigil): we remember the time that Christ spent in the grave.

Scripture

- Job 14:1-17
- Ps 130 or 31:1-6
- 1 Pet 4:1-8
- Matt 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

Collect O God of the living, on this day your Son our Savior descended to the place of the dead: Look with kindness on all of us who wait in hope for liberation from the corruption of sin and death, and give us a share in the glory of the children of God; through

Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Art: Mater Dolorosa, Luis de Morales

Music: Salvator Mundi, Thomas Tallis

Hymn: At the Cross Her Station (or Vigil) Keeping

Invitations

- Observe a quiet day of preparation. Since the earlier parts of the week were spent preparing the home, the body, and the heart for Easter, Saturday is a day for preparing the food.
- Extinguish lights in your home or use only candles
- Attend ASH prayer service
- Meditate on Psalm 88
- Practice silence and/or fasting for part or all of the day
- Make "empty tomb" cookies on Saturday night, that will be ready for Easter day