



A Guide to Holy Week – 2021
St Gregory's Episcopal and Zion Lutheran



Holy Week (Virtually)

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Palm Sunday (March 28)

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Maundy Thursday (April 1)

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Good Friday Service (April 2)

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The Great Vigil of Easter Service (April 3)

at 7pm on Zoom | Meeting ID: 864 7178 2198 | Password: 266324

Easter Service (April 5)

at 10 am on Zoom | Meeting ID: 842 861 148 | Password: 8414299

Easter Service Part 2 (April 5)

at 1 pm on Zoom | Meeting ID: 896 4500 8630 | Password: 353836



The Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday

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Place your palm frond, or select a branch, leaf or plant from your yard or house to add to your sacred space.

Worship with the Liturgy of the Palms

The Liturgy for the Sunday of the Passion, or Palm Sunday, is the beginning of Holy Week and our yearly journey with Jesus to his death and resurrection. The service begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as King of kings and Lord of lords. Yet Jesus knows that the Messiah they laud is the one they will turn on and kill. So the liturgy turns as we leave the procession and enter the service of worship, and our focus becomes the saving work of the cross and passion. Jesus' Lordship is not about ruling the world, but is about caring for the eternal human soul.

Leo Mitchell says of Palm Sunday that it "speaks of the proclamation of Jesus as King and recalls us to our proper role as his people. It speaks also of the great victory of his passion, thus tying the two foci of the Sunday together."



The Sunday of the Passion

Home Devotion for Palm Sunday



The Liturgy of the Palms

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Triumphant Entry Reading

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." ' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Prayer for the Branches

(Hold your branches, leaves or plants)

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Sunday, March 28
10am
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Palm Procession

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

If we were together, everyone who was able would process together around the block or around the neighborhood with our palms, proclaiming Christ to be the King of kings and shouting our joy with "Hosanna!" This year, we do that physically distant from each other, but spiritually connected. Take your branches and/or palms, wave them around, shout Hosanna, and walk around the room if you wish. As always, if your body would prefer to stay seated, that's awesome! Wave your branch or decorated palm right where you are – proclaiming Jesus as king is a position of the mind and heart, not body.

Psalm 31:9-10, 15-16

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

Read Mark 15:1-47 from whatever Bible you have available to you – this is Mark's version of Jesus' passion (betrayal, arrest, conviction, torture, and death).

Reflect: How are our hopes for what life with Christ will be perhaps different from what Christ intends for us? When we are unable to live as we would like or hope, how is Christ present with us? When we are scared, in pain, anxious, or grieving, how does the knowledge that God experienced all of this in the person of Christ help us to know God experiences it with us and holds us through it?



The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Palm Sunday Collect

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him 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 also 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.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**



Holy Week Worship – Monday-Wednesday

Though Monday-Wednesday in Holy Week are not marked by special liturgies, there are prescribed readings that carry us from Palm Sunday to the Triduum. There is something special about marking each day of Holy Week with the appointed readings. Join us for Compline each evening at 7pm as we worship through the week.

If you are unable to join the community in Compline or watch the recording, these devotions are an offering for your personal prayer these days.



To help observe Mon-Wed in Holy Week, consider adding something each day that helps you meditate and pray on the lessons for the day.

Monday - Add to your sacred space something fragrant, like perfume, essential oils, or a hand cream you use.

Tuesday - Add to your sacred space something that will grow, like a seed or a grain or even a bean.

Wednesday - Add to your sacred space a coin or two.

Home Devotion for Monday in Holy Week

Psalm 36:7-8

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

A Reading

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Reflect: Can you imagine how beautifully fragrant the room was when Mary poured a pound of perfume out to anoint Jesus? Can you imagine what deep love inspired such extravagance? How have you experienced such extravagant love in your life? How might you experience that sort of extravagant love poured out on you by God?

The Collect of the Day

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 your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
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And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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Home Devotion for Tuesday in Holy Week

Psalm 71:5-6

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, *
my confidence since I was young.
6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.

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A Reading

John 12:20-26, 36

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

Reflect: It's an unusual time with isolation and fear. Death and mortality are inescapable right now. How do you hear Jesus' words today? In this Holy Week, does death have a different feeling for you?

The Collect of the Day

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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Home Devotion for Wednesday in Holy Week

Psalm 70:5-6

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

A Reading

John 13:21-30

At supper with his friends, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples – the one whom Jesus loved – was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

Reflect: Jesus sent Judas out to betray him. He knew what would happen. Jesus forgave Judas before he even sinned. How has our current situation brought up anger and irritation in you? How might Jesus help you to forgive and trust in Him?

The Collect of the Day

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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The Triduum

Triduum is the word for the three seemingly individual liturgical moments of Easter which are actually part of a whole. It prays us through the depth, meaning, and perspective of what God has done for the world through Jesus. There is no dismissal on Thursday or Friday as we move from one part of Jesus' Passion to the other. This year, we experience again the suffering, isolation, and death of Jesus from a perspective none of us ever thought we would have. As we walk and pray through these most holy days, we know that God transforms humanity – and we have the opportunity to experience this transformation in our socially distanced lives. God is present with us in suffering, anxiety, and grief, and we learn to live through our own suffering by walking with Christ in his. This is Christ's journey, and we know the ending. Love wins over death.

Maundy Thursday



According to the Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander, "Maundy Thursday is the fulcrum between Lent and Easter," and the point at which we turn toward Easter. It is "the rite that initiates the paschal triduum, the beginning of the great liturgy of Easter that continues through the rites of Good Friday and Great Sabbath, and comes to an irrepressibly joyful conclusion in the Great Vigil of Easter."

Coming from the Latin *mandatum novum*, or "new commandment," maundy refers to the commandment Jesus gave to his disciples: "Love one another as I have loved you." We therefore reflect on servanthood, and how to live into the example Jesus set for us. This year, Maundy Thursday will feel very different. We aren't able to wash each other's feet. We won't have Eucharist. We still fast from all of these things we love, and we can learn new ways of serving in Christ's name in our current situation. And we look forward to the day we will share the Holy Eucharist together again.

Home Devotion for Maundy Thursday

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. Psalm 96:9

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins through my Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen me in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep me in
eternal life. **Amen.**

Prayer for Maundy Thursday

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, gave freely of
himself to his beloved in the washing of feet and in the breaking of the bread:
Mercifully grant that as we gather in our households we may remember these great
gifts of love by Jesus Christ our Lord, and follow his great command to love one
another as he eternally loves us all; who has given himself for the whole world, and who
now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 116:10-11

10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Read John 13:1-17, 31b-35 from whatever Bible you have available to you – this
is John's version of the last supper, where Jesus washed the disciples' feet and gave
them the new commandment:

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another."



**Worship with
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Thursday,
April 1 at 7 pm
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Reflect: What does vulnerability look like for you? How does it feel? The world looks at vulnerability as weakness – when has it been strength for you? Christ loves you more than you can ask or imagine. How does this feel as a compliment to vulnerability?

Washing of Hands

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, “Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done.”

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

Jesus washed his disciples’ feet in an act of love and vulnerability intended to be an example of service in his name. On Maundy Thursday, we traditionally wash each other’s feet as a physical example of our own vulnerability and willingness to serve in Christ’s name. This year, we wash hands – something that is an act that we know IS service to God’s people by saving lives in our homes and communities. It’s also something the priest does before Eucharistic prayers in an act of vulnerability and service. Today, we wash our own hands, or those of others in our homes out of love for Christ, and all of God’s people. We must love as God first loved us.



The Prayers

Pray for the world, for our community, for your friends and loved ones, and for the needs on your heart. Prayer is a gift of service and humility for the world.

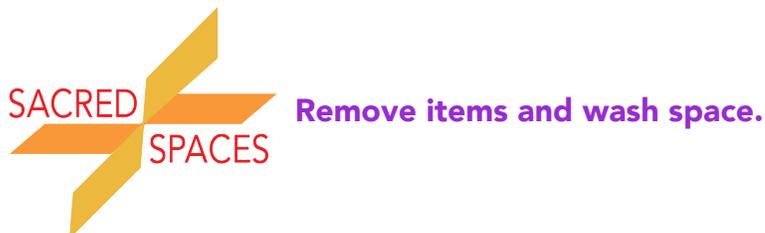
The Lord's Prayer

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on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Stripping the Altar

On Maundy Thursday, our tradition is to take everything that we can out of the sanctuary in the church, and wash the altar. This is a symbolic preparation for the death of Christ that we remember on Good Friday, and an act of love and service. Many traditions still wash and anoint the bodies of their loved ones before burial. In the same way, we serve Christ and God's people with this tradition. You may want to keep this intent at home by washing the surface of your sacred space, and removing things from it. You may prefer to wash your table where you eat. Psalm 22 is a Psalm that often accompanies this action, and it is on pages 16-17 of this booklet. Whatever you choose to do, remember that Christ's death is not the end, and God's love for us never ends.





Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.
Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.
But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.
All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
'Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!'
Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.
Many bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shrivelled;
I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
But you, O Lord, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!
Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.
I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.
From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live for ever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.
Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.



**The Triduum
(Maundy Thursday,
Good Friday,
Easter Vigil)
is one liturgy in three
parts – as we follow
Christ's journey through
Jerusalem to his death
and resurrection.
They are all part of
one whole:
Good Friday's pain,
suffering, and death
gives way to life eternal
on Easter. We therefore
do not have a
dismissal until the end
of the Easter Vigil,
when our observance
is concluded with
Easter joy.**



Good Friday

The Christian observance of the crucifixion of Jesus on the Friday before Easter was first recorded in the 4th Century Jerusalem. The proper liturgy borne through history contains the Solemn Collects, the liturgy of the word, and the veneration of the cross. It is, as The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander says, "a day of great solemnity, devotion, self-examination and prayer, it is also a day of restrained anticipation, promise, and hope."

On Good Friday, we walk with Christ through suffering and torture to death. While we may wish to avoid this day and hurry to the "more positive and happy occasions like Easter," doing so prevents us from developing the spiritual muscle memory that reminds us that Christ is with us in the suffering and deep trauma of life. It is Good Friday that prepares us for the real pain of life. Together we pray every Holy Week, and together we support each other when pain and trauma happen. The Body of Christ carries us, both broken and healed.

Home Devotion for Good Friday



Almighty God, we pray 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.**

Psalm 22

The Psalm for today is Psalm 22. Read it from yesterday's devotion. (Page 16-17)

Read John 18:11-19:42 Today's Gospel is John's version of the Passion narrative. Notice how it differs from Mark's version that we read on Palm Sunday.

Reflect: On Good Friday, we realize that no matter our pain, no matter our sorrow, even when we feel abandoned, Christ has borne the same, and is with us. When have you been in pain and felt abandoned? Can you now see that God was with you? What might keep you connected to God when you are in pain, sorrow, or fear?

The Solemn Collects

Our heavenly Father sent his Son 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 its unity in witness and service
For all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve
For Bishop Yehiel Curry, Bishop-Elect Paula Clark, and all the people
in our churches
For all Christians in this community
That God will confirm God's Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

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 in authority among them;
For Joe, the President of the United States
For the Congress and the Supreme Court
For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations
For all who serve the common good
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, and despair
For the sorrowful and bereaved
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger
That God in his mercy will 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.**



**Worship with
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Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;
For those who have never heard the word of salvation
For those who have lost their faith
For those hardened by sin or indifference
For the contemptuous and the scornful
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of
his disciples
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others
That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and over of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us commit ourselves to our 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.**



Take this time to pray before the cross.

Veneration of the Cross

The very first recorded celebrations of Good Friday as observance of the Crucifixion are by the pilgrim Egeria in the 4th century, and veneration of the cross was the center of the liturgy. It was recorded that the original cross was displayed at the site of the crucifixion for veneration, and as the ceremony traveled throughout the world, the tradition of veneration also spread. Traditionally, a wooden cross is brought into the worship space, and follows the path that the Paschal candle will follow at the Easter Vigil. While the anthem is sung, the congregation traditionally kneels, sits, or approaches the cross (and kneeling reverently, kisses, touches, and/or prays before it). At home, you are invited to spend time with whatever cross you have, honoring it as the vehicle by which Christ's death – and therefore resurrection occurred. The following are three forms of meditating and praying before the cross.



Anthems of Veneration

Antem 1

We glory in your cross,

O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

Antem 2

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;

if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Antem 3

O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.**

Good Friday Offering

Since 1922, Episcopal churches have joined with parishes around the Anglican Communion in sending the Good Friday offering to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children. All offerings to StGs designated as Good Friday will go to this effort.

Zion's Good Friday offerings will go to Benevolence Offerings through the Metro Chicago Synod.

Holy Saturday

This morning we awake after observing the day Jesus died. It is disorienting, waking to Christ in a tomb, even when we know he will rise again. Much as Good Friday helps us build the spiritual muscle memory of Christ's presence with us when we experience tragedy and trauma, Holy Saturday strengthens us for death and grief. We will all face a time when someone we love dies, and on Holy Saturday we sit in contemplation of death surrounded by prayer and community, just as we know Mary Magdalene sat at Christ's tomb. Holy Saturday is a quiet day of observation and waiting. In this quiet, beside the tomb, we give thanks that we know death does not prevail. We know in times of grief that Christ and the community of prayer are with us.



This morning, you might lay out a white cloth as a reminder of the cloth that covered Christ, and in anticipation of Christ's victory in the Vigil this evening.

Home Devotion for Holy Saturday

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 31:1-5

- 1 In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.
- 3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
- 4 take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.
- 5 Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

A Reading

John 19:38-42

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.



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Reflect: On Holy Saturday morning, we remember the barrenness and despair of Jesus's death, even as we know he will rise. Observing the Triduum helps us know that Christ is with us in all of our pain, sorrow, grief, and joy. How might you prepare your heart and soul for this day of death and resurrection?

The Lord's Prayer

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thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
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And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Grace

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.
Amen.

Devotions before the Tomb

The First Apostle – by Robert T. Pynn

Now his body writhes in pain: once it was my delight, now it is my sorrow. Blood drains from arms that held me close, now they are fixed and life has fled from flesh and bones. As we take him from wood to earth, all is silent, empty – passion surrenders to another love that is not here or there but rides the breath of a greater mystery confounding the finite corpus of my desires.

No longer the object of my affections, he has become the subject of my truth. The memory of his love no longer clings to the skin of my life. He has dissolved the mirage of separation and pours the pure wine of his presence into the waiting chalice of my heart.

Prayer for Holy Saturday

All-powerful and ever-living God, your only Son went down among the dead and rose again in glory. In your goodness raise up your faithful people, buried with him in baptism, to be one with him in the eternal life of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

As you leave the Tomb:

As the angels who guarded the tomb spoke to the Marys who were there, so they speak to us all. You may want to pray this as you end your devotion before the Tomb.

Angels: Whom do you seek in the tomb, O followers of Christ?

Marys: Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified, O heavenly ones.

Angels: He is not here; he is risen as he foretold; go, announce that he is risen from the tomb.

The Great Vigil of Easter

The Great Vigil of Easter is the pinnacle of the Christian liturgical year. As Leonel Mitchell notes, "This ancient rite leads us from death to life with Christ through fire, light, word, water, bread, and wine. A new fire is kindled, a great candle is lighted, by its light the Bible is read, prayer and praise are offered, and we celebrate the Easter sacraments of baptism and eucharist." We hear the great stories that shape our faith as the people of God, and celebrate our release from bondage to death, and freedom to new life through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In this service, the mystery of Easter comes alive, and we are a part of it. This year, we hold in our hearts the knowledge that Christ is present in the world and in our lives, even when we cannot receive the sacrament of Eucharist. Our acknowledgement of this, and prayers for Christ's presence are called Spiritual Communion. When we pray this, we join with all those who, for various reasons, are not able to receive Communion, yet celebrate the joy of resurrection.



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If you have these items, place a white cloth, a fresh candle, a bowl of water, a bell or other noise maker, and a plant or flower on your sacred space.

Home Devotion for Easter Vigil

On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to linger in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord in which, by virtue of our baptism into his death, into the hope of his resurrection, we celebrate the New Life we have received by his Mercy, awaiting the time when we may gather again around your holy altar.

Lighting of New Fire

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your Spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people. Bless this flame and those who keep this Easter celebration so that, burning with desire for life with you, they may be found fit to take part in that festival of Light which has no ending, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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Light your candle.



The Exsultet

Bringing of light identifies the new light of Christ shining in the darkness. This service begins with the lighting of the new fire – a symbol of renewal and new birth. The Exsultet is a special prayer for light that calls on the angels, the whole earth, and the church to rejoice in Christ's resurrection. It celebrates the mighty acts of Moses and Christ, and our participation in these acts through baptism and eucharist. This is a love song to the light.

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and we are reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our living sacrifice of this candle in your honor. May Christ, the light of the world, bring us healing. May Christ, your light in us, drive away darkness and fear. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find our faith ever burning, our love of mercy and justice ever afire – he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Sacred Stories of Salvation History

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

Use your own Bible to read these stories. If you are in a household, you may read the stories together.

After each story, pause for some conversation or meditation on the theme, followed by the prayer.

The Creation

The world is beautiful and good and made by a loving creator.

A Story from Genesis Chapters 1:1-2:2

Let us pray: O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature; Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Flood

God promises to care for God's people forever.

Reading: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Let us pray: Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Crossing the Red Sea

God hears the cries of God's people and saves them.

A Story from Exodus Chapters 14:10 -15:1

Let us pray: O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace

God delivers Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and God's power is seen.

Reading: Daniel 3:1-30

Let us pray: O God, Your Son protected faithful Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace of the king. Grant us protection in our time of testing that we would boldly confess Your name, reject all false worship, and live and died in confidence, knowing that we are safe in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



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Proclaim the resurrection of Jesus and the alleluias of Easter!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



Ring the bell, use the noisemaker, and sing or laugh, or shout with joy that Christ has overcome death, and we are all given life everlasting!!

Collect for the Great Vigil

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.**

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

An Easter Homily by St. John Chrysostom ca. 400AD

Are there any who are devout lovers of God?

Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival!

Are there any who are grateful servants?

Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

Are there any weary with fasting?

Let them now receive their wages!

If any have toiled from the first hour,

let them receive their due reward;

If any have come after the third hour,

let him with gratitude join in the Feast!

And he that arrived after the sixth hour,

let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss.

And if any delayed until the ninth hour,

let him not hesitate; but let him come too.

And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour,

let him not be afraid by reason of his delay.

For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first.

He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour,

as well as to him that toiled from the first.

To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows.

He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor.

The deed He honors and the intention He commends.

Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord!

First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together!

Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!

You that have kept the fast, and you that have not,

rejoice today for the Table is richly laden!

Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry.

Partake, all, of the cup of faith.

Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!

Let no one grieve at his poverty,

for the universal kingdom has been revealed.

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again;

for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set us free.

He has destroyed it by enduring it.

He destroyed Hell when He descended into it.

He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh.



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Isaiah foretold this when he said,
“You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below.”
Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with.
It was in an uproar because it is mocked.
It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed.
It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated.
It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive.

Hell took a body, and discovered God.
It took earth, and encountered Heaven.
It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see.

O death, where is thy sting?
O Hell, where is thy victory?

Christ is Risen, and you, o death, are annihilated!
Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!
Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!
Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!

Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead;
for Christ having risen from the dead,
is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. **Amen!**

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Easter Vigil was the traditional time of Baptism in the early church. Baptism, or renewal of Baptismal Vows, is the theological climax of the Great Vigil, as we remember that in the waters of baptism we make this journey with Christ.

The response is **“I will, with God’s help.”**

Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**



Use the water in the bowl in your holy place and make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a physical reminder of your Baptism. You are called, beloved, and renewed.

The Prayers of the People

Pray for the church and the world.

Jesus Christ is risen today, our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! So let us pray to our Lord, saying, "To you we offer praise eternal; Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go.

Silence

To you we offer praise eternal;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Incarnate Love, where hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, call forth new life by your touch. Bring forth life in the barren places of this world.

Silence

To you we offer praise eternal;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Author of life, you are the ruler of creation. All things created on earth sing to your glory. For the death of the winter, raise the fair beauty of the earth.

Silence

To you we offer praise eternal;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Loving Savior, you hold the future. You bless and restore our families, our communities, our world with babies and children. Though they face uncertain days, we trust them to the certainty of your endless and eternal love.

Silence

To you we offer praise eternal;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus, the health of the world, pour out your balm on our souls and the souls of all in pain or sorrow. Be the source of life for all people.

Silence

To you we offer praise eternal;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Purify us, O Lord, from all evil that we may rightly see you in the eternal light of your resurrection. By your victory, bring us from death to life eternal.

Silence

To you we offer praise eternal;
Alleluia! Alleluia!





The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

Grace

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending out

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. **Alleluia!**

Easter Home Devotion

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

From your personal Bible, or online, read the following passages:

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

John 20:1-18

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



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The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten,
not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Pray for God's church, the world, and any concerns on your heart and mind.

Grace

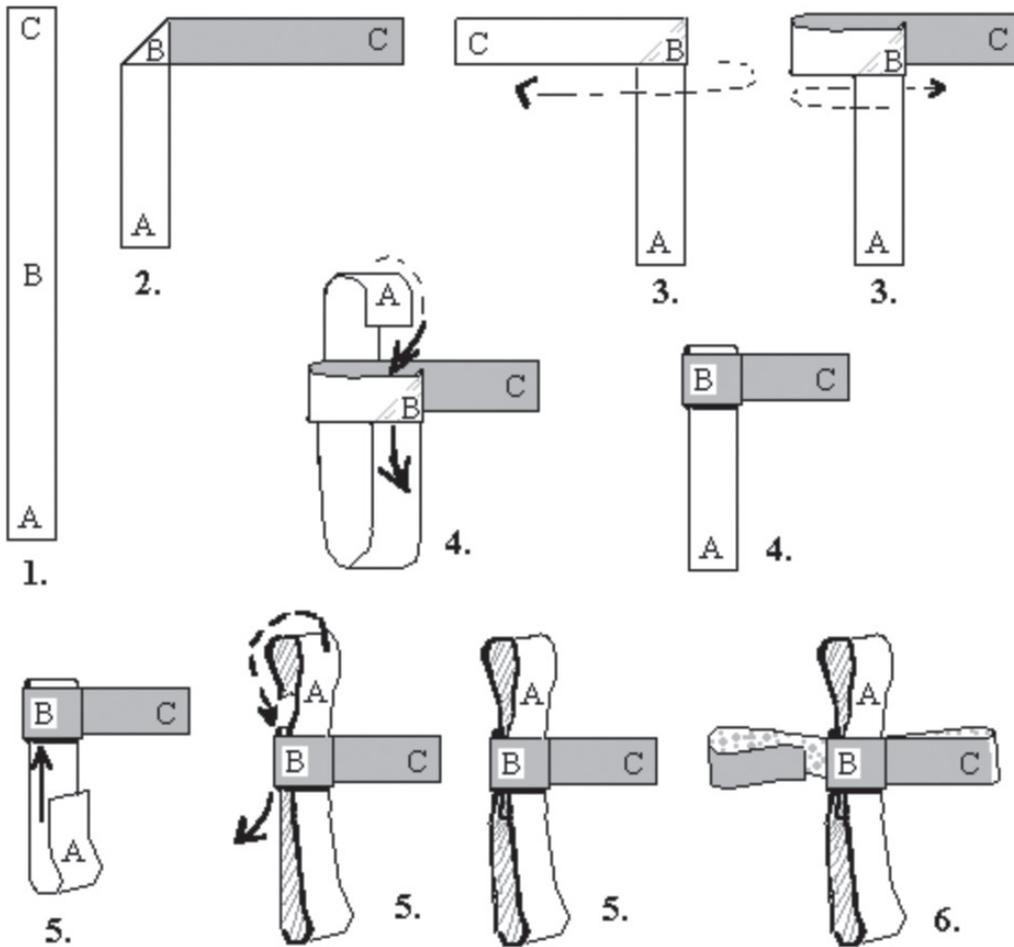
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending out

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit,
alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Palm Folding into Crosses



The “palm cross” helps us to remember the sacrifice of the Easter Passion, throughout the year. Please, share this activity with your children as a way of celebrating Palm Sunday and pass on the tradition.

START with a long vertical strip of palm as shown in the upper left drawing.

- Step 1: Make a diagonal fold near the middle of the strip so that the top part of the strip extends out to the right.
- Step 2: Fold C over B so that the top of strip extends to the left.
- Step 3: Fold C end under B so that top of strip extends to the right again.
- Step 4: Fold A under B and through slot and pull tight (shape looks almost the same but B now has more slots).
- Step 5: Bring A end up and through bottom slot at B and pull half way through and tuck A into top slot at B.
- Step 6: Bring C end over and through right slot at B and pull half way through and tuck C into left slot at B.

NOTES: In step 4 be sure to pull end A all the way through, snug and tight but gently. It is this step that creates the flat knot that has the slots you will use in steps 5 and 6. When you have completed step 6, push/pull to adjust the limbs of the cross and shape it. (www.geocities.ws/salvarolac/craft01b.html)



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