

Experience Easter in the home:

Please journey through Easter Week with these readings and prayers. I hope that you find it helpful. Sue



Palm Sunday:
Hopes and Dreams

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds gathered and shouted, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord". People began to throw their cloaks and palm leaves onto the ground to make a path for Jesus, they were very excited and full of hope. Some of the called Pharisees, grumbled but Jesus told the people not to worry, God was with them. **PRAY:** Father God, help us to look ahead and to know that we can always share our hopes and dreams with you. **AMEN**



Foot washing:
Servant King

"Jesus took off his outer clothing and wrapped a towel round his waist. After that he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciple's feet, drying them with the towel". "When He had finished washing their feet, He put on His outer clothes and returned to His place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. 'You call me teacher and Lord, and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that YOU should do to one another as I have done for you."

PRAY: Refresh me and my Spirit Jesus' name, Revive me and renew me in the name of Jesus **AMEN**



The Last Supper:
Remember me

On the night before He died, Jesus had supper with his friends, his disciples. He took some bread and thanking God for it, he broke the bread. Jesus gave the bread to each one of his disciples and said, 'Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me'.

PRAY: Father God, we thank you that Jesus came to live among us and we thank you that He gave us a special meal when we can remember Him. **AMEN**



Gethsemane:
Alone

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." But, they were tired and they fell asleep. In the darkness of the night Jesus felt very alone. **PRAY:** Thank you God that you have promised to listen to us when we are feeling alone. **AMEN**



Good Friday
The Crucifixion

'Soldiers led Jesus outside the walls of Jerusalem to Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. A crown of thorns was placed on his head. They nailed him to the cross and fastened a notice to it that read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews'.

While the soldiers waited for Jesus to die they cast dice to see which one of them would take away Jesus' robe to keep for themselves. When Jesus became thirsty, the soldiers offered him a sponge soaked in vinegar. At three o'clock that afternoon, Jesus died. **PRAY:** Lord, today we remember your sacrificial love, love that shone light into the darkness and brought us forgiveness of our sins. Thank you that we can now walk in the light of your life, Hope, truth, freedom and forgiveness. **AMEN**



Easter Day:
He is Risen: Alleluia!

After the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and two other women set out at dawn to visit the tomb where Jesus had been laid. As they reached the entrance to the cave, they were startled by the dazzling figure of an angel, who said, 'Do not be afraid. For I know that you are looking for Jesus, who died. He is not here. He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.' **PRAY:** Father God, as we celebrate Easter this year with great uncertainty because of Covid-19, help us to remember that first Easter Day and all that happened, the day when Jesus brought us hope and light and we thank you for Him, His sacrifice and His promise of unconditional love, for we know that He is with us always. Alleluia! **AMEN**



Our Lord Jesus Christ, taught us
to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for Him.
In this time of uncertainty and anxiety,
give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our prayers, our love,
and your love,
for your name's sake. Amen