Palm Sunday: 28th March 2021



Today Marks the first day of Holy week when Jesus rode into Jerusalem to celebrate the festival of Pesach. The people welcomed him waving palm leaves and shouting Hosanna, which means "save us now". Mark 11:7-10

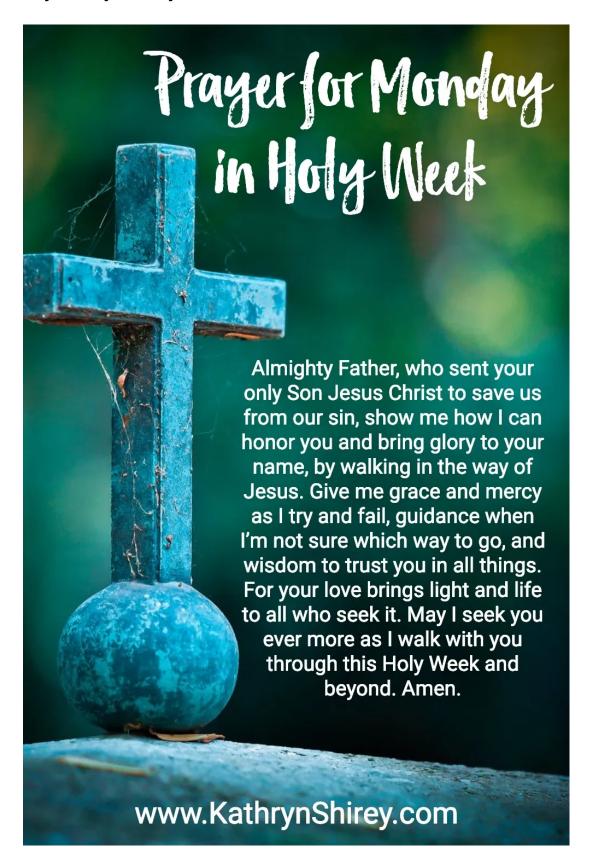
Others placed palm leaves on the ground before him. This is similar to how we would roll out the red carpet for the arrival of an important person.

At the beginning of Mass on Palm Sunday many churches begin the service with a procession of people waving palm leaves. In these unusual times, with the churches closed, I invite you to create your own palm crosses from strips of paper to mark this special day.



Almighty Father, You sent your only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sin, show me how I can honor you and bring glory to your name, by walking in the way of Jesus. Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, guidance when I'm not sure which way to go, and wisdom to trust you in all things. For your love brings light and life to all who seek it. May I seek you evermore as I walk with you through this Holy Week and beyond.

Amen.





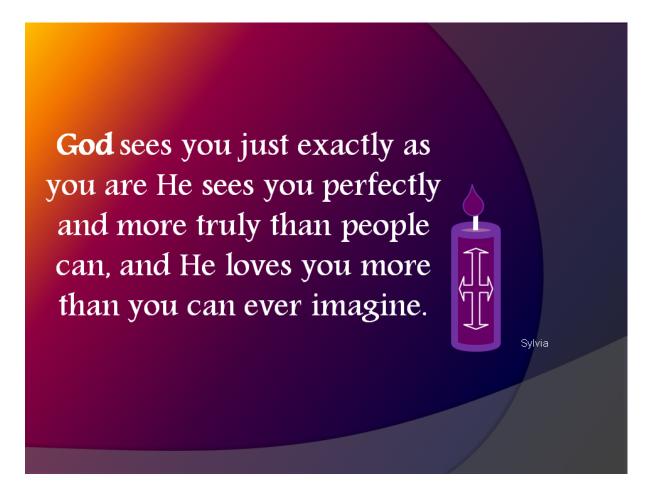


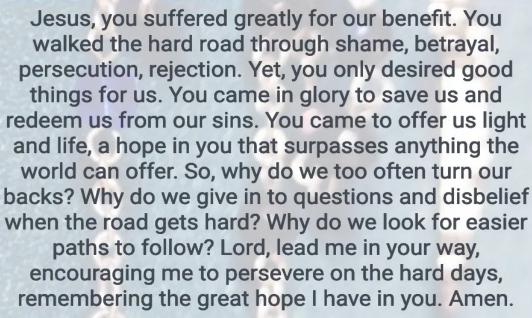
Spy Wednesday 31st March



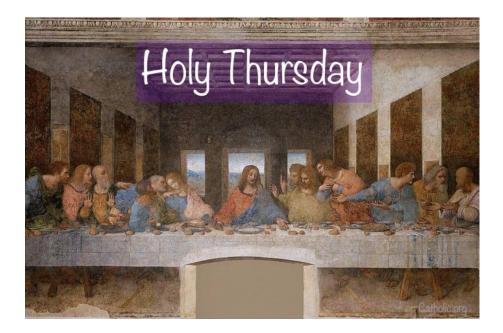
One of His disciples, Judas, had become disillusioned with Jesus' teachings. Judas went to see the Jewish leaders and agreed to show them where they could easily capture Jesus.

The Jewish leaders were more than happy with this arrangement and offered Judas thirty pieces of silver. (Matthew 14:1-12)









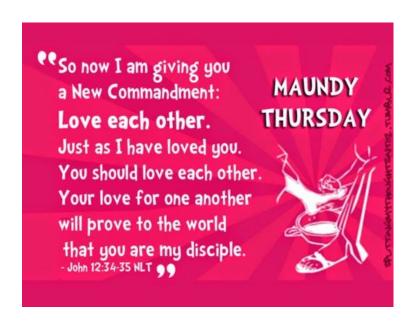
It was the Jewish festival of Passover and Jesus celebrated with his disciples in Jerusalem. He gave them the commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you"

Jesus changed the original celebration, firstly he washed the feet of his friends and then during the Last Supper, Jesus compared the bread and wine to his body and blood.

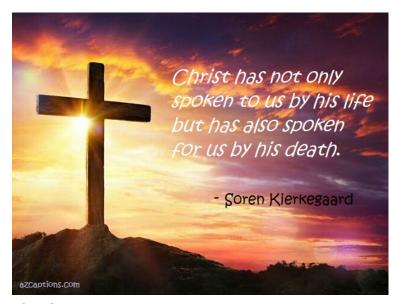
Later that night, Jesus and the disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.

The disciples fell asleep while Jesus called out to God for help. This is often referred to as the "Agony in the Garden" as Jesus knew he was going to die.

Shortly afterwards, Judas arrived with soldiers to arrest Jesus and betrayed him with a kiss. (Mark 14:32-52)



Good Friday

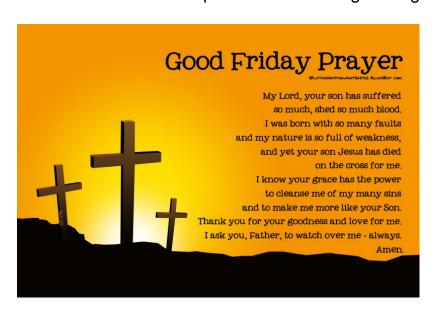


On Good Friday we recall when Jesus stood trial before the High Priests and later a Roman Governor called Pontius Pilate. Although Pilate didn't think he was guilty of any crimes, Jesus was still sentenced to death by crucifixion. Later that day after having been beaten and mocked Jesus was crucified and died in the afternoon. His body was taken from the cross and put into a guarded tomb.

Today, Christians remember in a special way what Jesus did for them. It is the day that Christians remember God allowing Jesus, his perfect son, to take the world's sin unto Himself.

Good Friday is a time of sadness and thankfulness. Some Christians will fast on Good Friday. This helps them remember the sacrifice Jesus made for them on the day of crucifixion.

It is a special time of asking for forgiveness.



Holy Saturday:

On the Sabbath, Jesus rested.

He was in the grave.

He had finished his work.

To most people's eyes,

It looked as if it were all over.

He was dead and buried.

But only as a seed dies when it is planted in the earth,

Not to decay, but to spring to new life.

Teach us to take refuge in you when we are afraid

Teach us that death is not our end

Teach us to hope always in you

And in the resurrection, the making of all things New.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen



Holy Saturday. The best reminder that the silence of God doesn't equal the absence of God.

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Easter Sunday



Happy Easter,

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. For Christian, this day is a day for rejoicing because Jesus proved that death is not the end of everything. You may hear church bells ringing today and even get treated to an Easter egg to symbolize new life. This is a wonderful time of hope and faith that better days are to come. Wishing you all a wonderful Easter.





A Prayer for Easter Eyes

My Lord, Jesus, You have risen to new life! Give me new eyes with which to recognize your presence in the world around me. Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of your grace. Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of your Kingdom. Soften my gaze so that I view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion you showed to so many. May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of your glory. In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.

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