



Holy Week Prayer Walk

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WELCOME TO GLEN MAR'S HOLY WEEK PRAYER WALK!

During this walk you will journey through twelve stations, each focusing on a small part of the events of Holy Week. Station 1 is located behind the ELC playground, and the walk continues around, behind the church, through the lower parking lot, and up toward the cross.



The materials in this booklet will guide you at a pace that works for you.

- At a minimum, read the scripture and say the prayer at each station.
- If you have a Family Kit, locate the Resurrection Egg item for the station, examine it, and add it to one of your eggs.
- To go a little deeper, read the Family Reflection and discuss or ponder the questions.
- To go a lot deeper, read and meditate on the Going Deeper reflection.
- Feel free to spend time later on any parts you don't get to during the walk.

STATION 1: TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

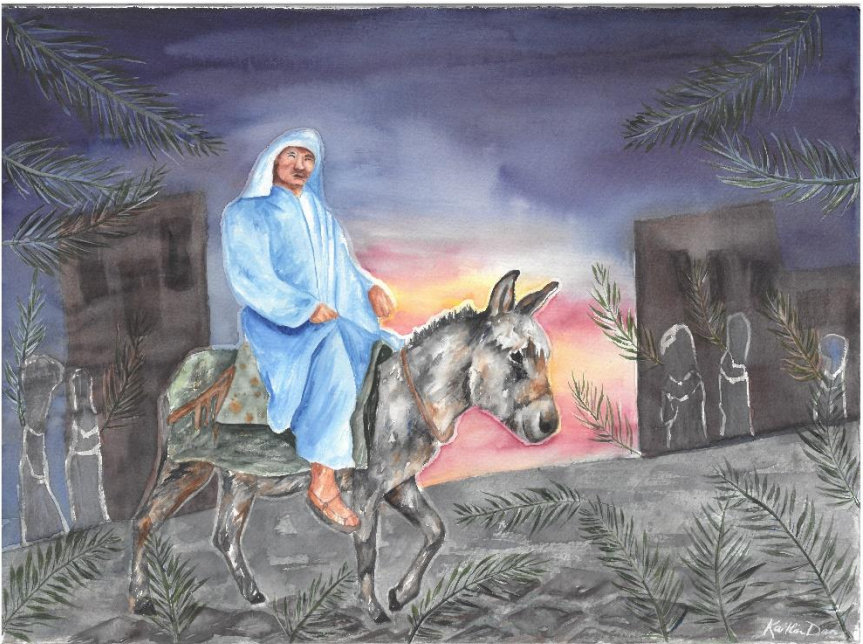
The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him.

They shouted, “Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the king of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Don’t be afraid, Daughter Zion. Look! Your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt.”

John 12:12-15 (CEB)

RESURRECTION EGG: PALM



Artwork by Kaitlin Dan

FAMILY REFLECTION:

Many people believed that Jesus was the son of God, and they were excited to see him when he came to town. While things were going well for Jesus, it was easy for people to love him and follow him. However, when the Jewish leaders challenged Jesus by saying he was not the Son of God, people were afraid, and most of them turned against him.

- When is it easy for you to follow Jesus? When is it hard?
- What does it look like to praise and honor Jesus today?
- A king riding on a donkey was a traditional sign of peace. Why do you think Jesus chose to ride on a donkey?

GOING DEEPER:

The "Triumphal Entry" of Jesus into Jerusalem was a momentous occasion that was documented in all four Gospels. The language used in the description of Jesus' entry would contrast the triumphal entries of kings, victors, and conquerors who rode in embellished chariots drawn by four horses carrying items acquired in conquest and prisoners of war.

In contrast, Jesus enters Jerusalem not in an embellished chariot drawn by four horses but on a donkey and not wearing a crown or robe. Instead of a celebratory parade where people were afraid, oppressed, and imprisoned, Jesus' parade symbolized freedom and liberation. Wherein the Roman Empire's entry was a celebration of war, Jesus enters not as a conqueror but as the Messiah of peace and love.

The people exclaimed, "Hosanna...Blessed is the King of Israel." The word, Hosanna, means "save us." The people shouted for Jesus to save them. They proclaimed that it was not the Roman Empire, but Jesus who was their king.

Even though we pull out our palms and parade once a year on Palm Sunday in honor of Jesus' Triumphal Entry, we proclaim every day that Jesus is our king. Every day, we shout, Hosanna, for peace, love, justice, liberation, and mercy. Shout, "Hosanna!"

PRAYER:

Gracious God, you are our king. Your reign comes humbly mounted on a donkey for peace and love. So, we, your people shout, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" Amen!

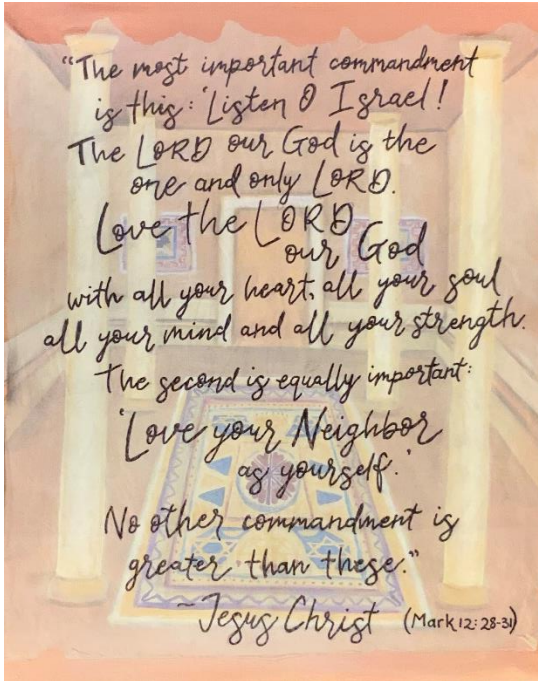
STATION 2: JESUS TEACHES IN THE TEMPLE

One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

Mark 12:28-31 (NLT)

RESURRECTION EGG: HEART



Artwork by Christine Garner

FAMILY REFLECTION:

Jesus taught that showing love to God and showing love to other people are the most important things we can do in our lives. One of the ways we can let others know we love them is to show them respect and kindness. We show God love by trying to do what God has asked us to do, which is to show love to others. How? By noticing when somebody else is sad or afraid or hurt and trying to help him or her. When a kid is being made fun of or is sitting alone in the lunchroom, maybe that's a time to be a friend. When a neighbor is ill, or when someone begs at an intersection, perhaps we can help. When we want to show love to God, we need to watch out for those who need us to be a friend.

- How do you show love to others?
- Who is someone you know that could use a little bit of extra love right now? How will you show them love the next time you see them?

GOING DEEPER:

Jesus didn't just talk about loving God and loving others, he lived out that love. Holy Week shows how far he was willing to go to obey God and to let go of his own life for the sake of others. As his best friends let him down, misunderstood what he was about and betrayed him, and as the religious authorities schemed to get rid of him, Jesus gave up his own life for their sake and asked God to forgive them. In his teachings, Jesus warned his followers not to do nice things or offer invitations just to the people we like or to folks who can do us a favor in return (Luke 14:13-14).

In his life, Jesus showed us how to trust God (even in the midst of fear, pain and doubts) and how to truly lay down ourselves for the sake of others, even and especially when there is no thanks or appreciation given. In school, at work, when driving around town, we discover that people can be pretty mean to each other. We may want to hide, or fight back, or perhaps get even with someone who has hurt or insulted us. Jesus would tell us that the best way to love and trust God is to ask God to help us change our hearts and show love to that difficult person. That's hard to do, but it is what Jesus did, and we see it very clearly this hard week.

PRAYER:

Dear God, please help us to love you and love others. Help our hearts trust that YOU are our best Safety and Guide, as shown to us through the self-giving love of Jesus. May we let go of our need to hit back, get even, or not get involved, and instead may our hearts, minds and strengths be willing to do what you ask us to do: love you and show love to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

STATION 3: THE LAST SUPPER

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take this and eat it, for this is my body.”

And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, “Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.”

Matthew 26:26-28 (NLT)

RESURRECTION EGG: PRETZEL



Artwork by CJ Chang

FAMILY REFLECTION:

Passover is a time every year when Jewish people remember how God rescued them from slavery in Egypt. The traditional Passover meal is full of symbolism about God. Jesus and his disciples ate the Passover meal together on the night he was arrested. During the meal, Jesus taught them a new way to see the bread and wine – as symbols of the new covenant God was making through Jesus. A covenant is like a solemn promise.

- What promises does Jesus make to us?
- How does the Lord's Supper remind us of these promises?

GOING DEEPER:

What do you suppose that last meal was like? A bunch of friends are enjoying a big meal, a feast, a lot like a Sunday dinner. They're probably laughing, teasing each other, remembering everything that's happened since they met, talking about what they'll do tomorrow, maybe telling dumb jokes. In the middle of it, Jesus does something unexpected, something new. He picks up a loaf of bread, blesses it, breaks it into pieces, and gives everybody one, telling them that it's his body. What did you say, Jesus? Then he takes a cup of wine, thanks the Father for it, and passes it around the table, saying that it's his blood and that we now have a new way to relate to God. Huh?

This sacrament was as mysterious to Jesus' followers as it is to us. In some way we don't really understand, Jesus is in the bread and wine. We don't know how, but he is. In the middle of our lives, Jesus comes in the bread and the wine to do a new thing with us. Do you think the guests at that meal went back to the way they were before Jesus did that thing? Do we? Or are we all changed, maybe in some way that is itself a mystery?

PRAYER:

Brother Jesus, we don't really know how you do what you do when we meet you at your table, but we believe that you are with us then and always. Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.

STATION 4: JESUS PRAYS IN THE GARDEN

They went to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and Jesus said, “Sit here while I go and pray.” He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed. He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by. “Abba, Father,” he cried out, “everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”

Mark 14:32-36 (NLT)

RESURRECTION EGG: PRAYING HANDS



Artwork by Grace Johnson

FAMILY REFLECTION:

Jesus knew he was going to die, and he was very troubled. He gives us an example here of how important it is to pray and how to pray when we're troubled. Shortly after he finished praying Jesus was arrested.

- Why do you think Jesus brought his disciples with him when he went to pray?
- What did Jesus pray for, and how did God answer his prayer?
- How hard is it for you to pray for God's will to be done when you'd rather have things go your way?

GOING DEEPER:

In the Garden of Gethsemane, we see Jesus in his humanity: frightened, stressed, and grieving. He is well aware of the danger and threats that are all around him, and although we've never faced what Jesus was facing, his emotions are familiar emotions. We all feel afraid at times; we all experience times that are stressful; we all know the pain of sadness. And we can also identify with the deep desire for that fear or stress or grief to go away!

So Jesus goes to the garden seeking strength, comfort, and hope. He asks his closest friends to be with him in this time of pain because he needs the presence of people who love him. How important it is to have trusted people in our lives who are willing to walk with us in times of problems or heartaches, but Jesus reminds us that's not all we need. Then Jesus prays. He prays in vulnerability and obedience: "Abba, Father, take this away but not what I want but what you want": a prayer of trust and faithfulness.

As we face our own challenges, Jesus shows us the way: to name our situations, to seek the help of those who love us, and to pray with honesty and trust.

PRAYER:

Jesus, sometimes I feel afraid or sad and I'm not sure what to do. Thank you for showing me a time when you were sad and afraid and what you did. I can tell someone I trust how I feel and ask for help, and I can tell God how I feel and trust that God is always with me. Amen.

STATION 5: JESUS IS BETRAYED AND ARRESTED

And even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests and elders of the people. The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: “You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss.” So Judas came straight to Jesus. “Greetings, Rabbi!” he exclaimed and gave him the kiss.

Jesus said, “My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for.”

Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

Matthew 26:47-50

RESURRECTION EGG: COIN



Artwork by Jodie Sovereign

FAMILY REFLECTION:

Judas was one of Jesus' disciples, but his focus on money led him to betray his friend. Judas went to the people who were trying to hurt Jesus and sold him out for a bag of coins. He may have even justified his betrayal by thinking of the good things he could do with the money.

- Why do you think Judas did that?
- How do you think Jesus felt when Judas betrayed him?

GOING DEEPER:

Judas was one of the 12 disciples, chosen by Jesus to be part of his inner circle of friends and closest followers. Perhaps Jesus, as God's Son, knew that Judas would betray him and that would lead to his arrest and all the events that followed. Jesus sent Judas away at the Last Supper saying, "Do what you are going to do," so it appears that is the case. You could even argue that Judas had an important role to play in God's redemptive plan, because without Judas, there would be no Good Friday, and, I suppose, no Easter Sunday. Still, it is hard to imagine, to be betrayed with a kiss, seems more than we can bear on Jesus' behalf. The early church routinely exchanged kisses on the cheek, but they did it as signs of peace and love, not betrayal. It was called "the Kiss of Peace." I love that the church took what was originally meant for bad things and turned it into something good, something God can use, something that shares love and peace. It reminds me of how God turned Judas' betrayal into raising Jesus to life again on Easter morning.

PRAYER:

Dear God, thank you for turning Judas' betrayal into something you could use for our good. Thank you that you call us to be people who love each other and who walk in the way of peace. Amen.

STATION 6: JESUS IS TRIED AND CONVICTED

Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"
Jesus replied, "You have said it."

Then the leading priests kept accusing him of many crimes, and Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer them? What about all these charges they are bringing against you?" But Jesus said nothing, much to Pilate's surprise.

The crowd went to Pilate and asked him to release a prisoner as usual.

Pilate asked them, "Then what should I do with this man you call the king of the Jews?"

They shouted back, "Crucify him!"

"Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?"

But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!"

So to pacify the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

Mark 15:2-5, 8, 12-15

RESURRECTION EGG: LEATHER



Artwork by Sean Danaher

FAMILY REFLECTION:

The priests who were in power falsely accused Jesus of all sorts of crimes in order to get him in trouble. The priests stirred up the crowd, leading them to call for Jesus to be crucified.

- Have you ever done something unkind because "everyone was doing it"?
- Have you ever gotten in trouble for something you didn't do?
- Why do you think Jesus didn't defend himself?

GOING DEEPER:

As the clouds thicken and darkness approaches, we are now with Jesus at his trial before Pontius Pilate. We quickly see that the courtroom tilts towards the judge and the crowd and away from Jesus. If there are those on Jesus' side, we don't see them or hear them. He is left all alone. Pilate speaks - "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus responds, "That's what you say."

This is all Jesus says at this most pivotal time in his life. We can imagine Pilate and then the crowd shouting and yet Jesus is silent. Why? His silence speaks volumes. We are told that Pilate is amazed at his silence. The Greek word means to regard with wonder, admiration, and astonishment. Pilate knew there was something more about Jesus. Yet he could not bring himself to fill in the blanks.

Neither could the murderous crowd. The question is – can we?

PRAYER:

Silent God, we trust that beyond absence there is a presence. That beyond pain there is healing. That beyond brokenness there is wholeness. That beyond conflict there is peace. That beyond pain there is forgiveness. That beyond silence there is a word. That beyond a word there is understanding. That beyond understanding there is love. And friends – Jesus is a bridge from here to there. In the silence of his death – may we somehow also hear the whisper of his love. Amen.

STATION 7: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

Carrying the cross by himself, he went to the place called Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, Golgotha). There they nailed him to the cross. Two others were crucified with him, one on either side, with Jesus between them. And Pilate posted a sign on the cross that read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” The place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, so that many people could read it.

John 19:17-20 (NLT)

RESURRECTION EGG: NAIL



Artwork by Mary Ellen Conley

FAMILY REFLECTION:

Jesus was crucified to take the punishment for our sins. Because God is holy, our sin must be punished before God can forgive us. Jesus did that for us!

- Have you ever taken the blame for something someone else did? What might inspire you to do that?
- How should we respond to what Jesus did for us?

GOING DEEPER:

The crucifixion was chock-full of subversive slights and degradations meant to humiliate Jesus. There was the crown of thorns, the purple “royal” robe, the sarcastic praise, and the tongue-in-cheek sign for all to read. In an ironic twist, these mockeries told of a deeper truth that even the disciples didn’t fully comprehend: Jesus was (and is) the true king... the one the world’s been waiting for.

God’s power revealed through our crucified and resurrected king is more than just the forgiveness of sins, it’s the redemption of our stories. God is powerful enough to take even the ugliest parts of our lives—times when we couldn’t feel farther from God—and somehow transform them into testaments of good news. Even Pilate, though he would never have known it, became a kind of evangelist by posting what was written onto Jesus’ cross in multiple languages. God has a way of making it work.

PRAYER:

God of the cross, thank you for your love. You see us fully and know us fully, but still chose to take on death so that we could have life. Help us to trust you with both our lives and our stories – to let you take even our darkest depths and use them for something bigger and better than we could have ever imagined. Amen.

STATION 8: SOLDIERS CAST LOTS FOR JESUS' CLOTHES

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among the four of them. They also took his robe, but it was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. So they said, "Rather than tearing it apart, let's throw dice for it." This fulfilled the Scripture that says, "They divided my garments among themselves and threw dice for my clothing." So that is what they did.

John 19:23-24 (NLT)

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

Luke 23:34 (NLT)

RESURRECTION EGG: DICE



Artwork by Narae Kim

FAMILY REFLECTION:

The people who crucified Jesus didn't just want to kill him. They wanted to humiliate him so everyone would hate him. They had already made fun of him with a crown of thorns. Then they took his clothes from him and played a dice game to decide who got to keep the clothes. Surprisingly, Luke tells us that Jesus forgave them!

- Why do people sometimes do or say things to make others look bad?
- When have you had fun at someone else's expense? Does it matter if they are there or not?
- Is there someone who has hurt you that you need to forgive?

GOING DEEPER:

The Israelites distributed the land among themselves by casting lots. (Numbers 26:55) The apostles cast lots to replace Judas. (Acts 1:26) In those days, casting lots meant allowing God to decide, accepting God's will as the answer to the decision. We witness Jesus being obedient to God's will on the cross, and the soldiers asking for God's will to decide who is going to have Jesus' clothes. By dying on the cross, Jesus sacrificed himself to bring salvation to all the people on earth. The soldiers, on the other hand, were blinded by their greed for a free garment, unable to see the cruelty they were being a part of. Jesus was pursuing what is eternal and everlasting whereas the soldiers were desiring what is perishable and fading. It brings to mind the lilies in Luke 12:27 - the beautiful clothes with which God dresses the fields, and "Solomon in all his splendor" pales in comparison. Jesus strived for God's kingdom whereas the soldiers attempted to involve God's will in exploitation.

PRAYER:

Loving God, let our love and intention be genuine. Guide us to seek your will in love, not in our greed. Amen.

STATION 9: IT IS FINISHED

Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "I am thirsty." A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:29-30 (NLT)

RESURRECTION EGG: VINEGAR



Artwork by Molly Sellers

FAMILY REFLECTION:

Jesus' ministry lasted for about three years. The Gospels tell us many of the things that happened during that time: the stories he told, the people who followed him, the healings, the suffering. They tell us that final words Jesus spoke on the cross were, "It is finished." The ministry that he had set out to do on earth was done, over, finished.

- Have there been times when you felt that some part of your life was over? Maybe a time that school was ending or a relationship was falling apart?
- Can endings be both sad and happy at the same time?
- Is there something that you will be finishing soon? Do you feel happy, sad, excited—or maybe a mixture of several feelings?

GOING DEEPER:

The family and friends who stood helplessly by as Jesus died on the cross were devastated. They had hopes that he would live to lead the people to freedom from Roman rule and that he would restore the kingdom of David. Now that hope was gone. Finished. It had been an eventful three years, but now Jesus was dead, and they would have start anew to put their lives back together. There are times in all of our lives when we feel that the things we have worked for, planned for, and hoped for have died. We experience grief not only at the loss of those we love, but at the death of our plans and our dreams as well. Our Bible begins with the words, "In the beginning, God created..." And throughout the scripture God continues to act, bringing light out of darkness, hope from hopelessness, and life from death. Even though Jesus' earthly life was finished, his mission was not. Out of every ending there emerges a new beginning. God continues to act in our world today in ways that surprise and astound us. How is God working in your life to change an ending to a beginning? How is God calling you to be a messenger of hope to a hurting world?

PRAYER:

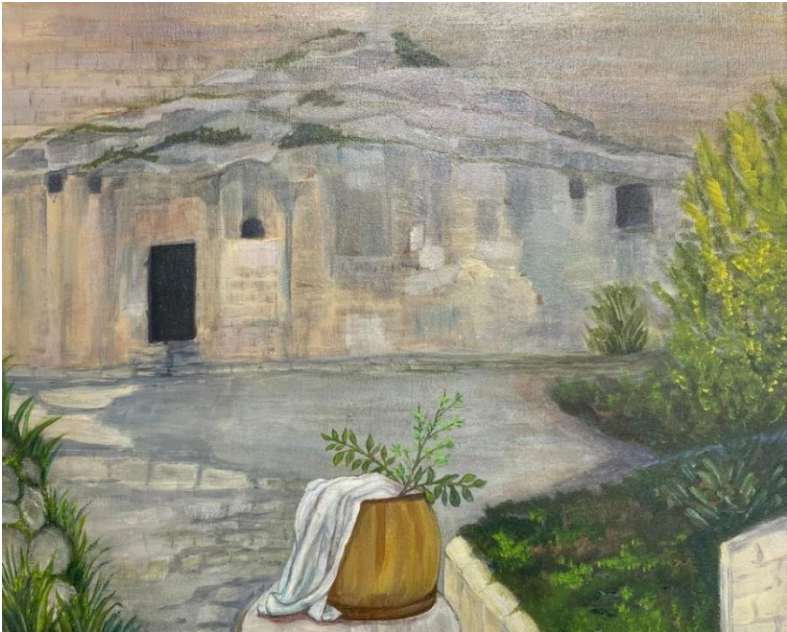
God, you continue to surprise us in the places we least expect to find you. Make us sensitive to the ways you work in our world and in our lives so that we may be filled with your Spirit and that your joy will shine through us. Amen.

STATION 10: JESUS' BODY IS PREPARED FOR BURIAL

Afterward Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus (because he feared the Jewish leaders), asked Pilate for permission to take down Jesus' body. When Pilate gave permission, Joseph came and took the body away. With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought about seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth. The place of crucifixion was near a garden, where there was a new tomb, never used before. And so, because it was the day of preparation for the Jewish Passover and since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

John 19:38-42 (NLT)

RESURRECTION EGG: GAUZE/FABRIC



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FAMILY REFLECTION:

After Jesus died, two of his secret disciples came and took his body. While he was alive, they were afraid of what the other Jewish leaders thought of them, but after Jesus died, they decided to risk their reputations to care for his body.

- When have you stayed quiet about your faith because of what people might think?
- Why do you think Joseph and Nicodemus decided to step forward and take Jesus' body?
- What kinds of things would inspire you to risk what other people think to follow Jesus?

GOING DEEPER:

Every detail regarding the burial of Jesus was a part of God's perfect plan for His beloved Son.

Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but had kept it secret for fear of the Jews, now boldly asked Pilate for the body of Jesus, and was given permission to take the body away for burial. Nicodemus, who had earlier visited Jesus at night, now openly assisted Joseph with the burial, bringing spices and strips of linen to wrap the body. Nearby was a garden with a new tomb in which nobody had been buried. They reverently laid Jesus in the tomb there, on the Jewish Day of Preparation.

The Day of Preparation was when the Passover lambs were slain to be eaten at the Passover meal the next evening. It was no coincidence that the Lamb of God was slain on that day, and buried in a special tomb by two of his followers, rather than by some unknown Roman in some unmarked grave. God wanted those who loved Jesus to be able to witness the miracle that was to come. The strips of cloth, the day, the place, the people, all were part of God's plan and for God's glory.

PRAYER:

Thank you, God for sending us your perfect Son to fulfill your perfect plan for our salvation.

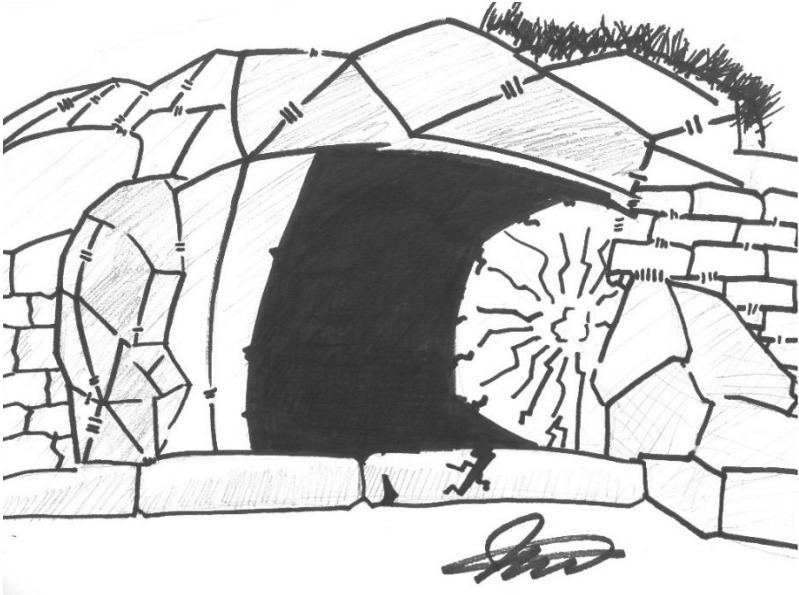
Thank you for your true Word, which teaches us that though you are Almighty God, your power is at work in even the smallest details of our lives to bring about your good purposes. Amen

STATION 11: THE STONE IS ROLLED AWAY

Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

Mark 16:1-4 (NLT)

RESURRECTION EGG: ROCK



Artwork by Jonathan Hampshire

FAMILY REFLECTION:

In Jesus' day, a large stone was usually placed over a tomb to prevent grave robbers from stealing the body or things that belonged to the dead person. The women were expecting the stone to still be blocking the tomb, and they were worried about how they would move it. They did not expect to see it already rolled away.

- How do you prepare to do something difficult or get past an obstacle?
- What do you think the women thought when they saw the stone rolled away?

GOING DEEPER:

Those women were internally strong to face one more time the death of their loved one. The crucified usually didn't get buried because they were to be seen by the public as a means of terror. The prior chapter narrates that 'Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.' 'Joseph wrapped the body in the linen cloth and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock.' The status of Joseph leads us to imagine that the tomb was a nice and secure one. The stone before the tomb was the concern for those women. Nevertheless, very early on the first day after the Sabbath, when one could actually do something, they went to the tomb. We imagine that they would desire to see their loved one, to give a proper funeral ritual, and to mourn, although it would be painful to see the scars of suffering in Jesus' body. Despite knowing they could not enter the tomb due to the stone, their desperate action of going to the tomb, derived from their deep love for Jesus, resulted in seeing the stone rolled away. Those women who loved Jesus the most witnessed the glimpse of resurrection.

PRAYER:

God, help us behave in love even in the darkest moment so that we will witness resurrection. Amen.

STATION 12: THE TOMB IS EMPTY. HE HAS RISEN!

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.

Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.

Matthew 28:1-6 (NLT)

RESURRECTION EGG: EMPTY EGG



Artwork by Christine Garner

FAMILY REFLECTION:

The women went to the tomb to mourn for their dead friend. Instead, they found an angel and an empty tomb! By rising from the dead, Jesus proved that he was the Messiah, and that God has power over evil and death.

- How do you respond when something good unexpectedly happens? Do you respond with joy or do you doubt that it is true?
- How should we respond to the good news of Easter?

GOING DEEPER:

Early in the morning, the women went to the tomb, and in Matthew's version of the story, an angel rolls the stone away (earthquake and all). The angel shows them that the Jesus they are looking for is not there, that God has raised Jesus from the dead. This is God's ultimate victory over sin and death, for us and for the whole world. Easter is the reason that we say the worst day is never the last day with God, and God's final answer to us is about love, and life. Easter is why we can say with confidence that nothing, absolutely nothing in this life or the next, can separate us from God's love for us, not even death. God's will for creation and for us, is life and joy and peace. Being Easter people means that we work for those things today, in the way we live and the choices we make, to love our neighbors and to live as followers of a Risen Savior, Jesus.

PRAYER:

God who loves us no matter what, on Easter you put a big exclamation point on your plan to love us, save us, heal us and free us. Help us to live as people who share your message of love, salvation, healing and freedom with everyone we know. Help us to live as Easter people every day. Alleluia, amen!

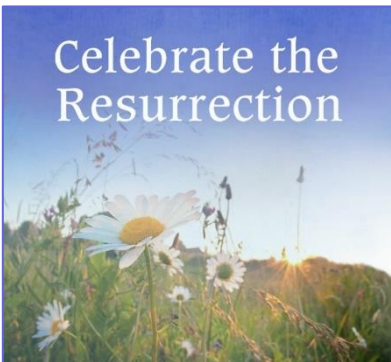
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**Come and Celebrate
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APRIL 14 ~ 7:00 PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY
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- In-Person AND Online 9:30 am
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- In-Person 11:00 am



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