



"The week that changed the world continues to change our lives."



## Prayer for the Week

Lord of Glory,  
we proclaim your death and  
look ever forward to your  
Resurrection.

As we contemplate your  
Cross, the tree on which you  
hung so that we may have  
life, may we be ever aware of  
the life that springs from  
death, the light that rises  
from darkness, and the hope  
that banishes fear.

Draw us close to you, so that  
we may know the glory your  
Cross points to.

We ask this through Christ,  
our Lord.

Amen.

# Holy Week: The Journey to the Cross

## WORD OF THE WEEK

Romans 5: 6-8

**For when we were still helpless, Christ died for the wicked at the time that God chose. It is a difficult thing for someone to die for a righteous person. It may even be that someone might dare to die for a good person. But God has shown us how much he loves us—it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!**

## PALM SUNDAY

The Sunday before Easter we celebrate Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem. Crowds of people welcomed Jesus by waving palm branches, and lining the road with their cloaks.



What's the biggest crowd you have ever found yourself in?

Is it easy to get caught up in the crowd?

Have you ever got caught up and gone with the crowd even when you knew it wasn't the right thing to do?

## MAUNDY THURSDAY



The Thursday before Easter commemorates the Last Supper. When Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, shared the bread and the wine with them, prayed in the garden of Gethsemene and was arrested.

Jesus arrested, judged, found guilty and condemned to die is held captive overnight.

If I were arrested and held this night what would I be found guilty of?

That I made friends with people irrespective of their colour, creed or class...

That I shared my bread with the poor...

That my words... and actions... brought healing and forgiveness...

That I made justice and didn't count the cost ...

That I sought the truth and then spoke of it...

That I recognised my neighbour and loved them as my very self...

That I met God along the way in the healing and forgiveness I received...

That I accepted hospitality at many different tables...

That I was changed by the lives of others...

... and often repented my arrogance and foolishness

in encountering their wisdom ...

That friends and strangers sometimes paid the price for me...

That I never sought out suffering...

... but journeyed with it to the best of my ability...

That the love of those about me taught me to love myself before God...

You call us out of brokenness

to mend and remake your creation.

Grant us the courage to stay

with all those who are held captive this night.

In the name of Jesus who is good news, Amen.

## GOOD FRIDAY

The Friday before Easter is the most solemn day of the churches year. This is the day that Jesus was crucified and died on the cross for our sins.

Take a moment in silence to think about the mistakes you have made. And in your own words offer a prayer to God to say you are sorry.



## EASTER SUNDAY

Hallelujah! Christ is risen. This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. It is a day of great joy knowing that Jesus over came death.

Watch this: [CLICK HERE](#)

(He Arose | Igniter Media | Easter Church Video)

## HOLY SATURDAY



Holy Saturday is the Saturday before Easter the day Jesus was in the tomb.



What must it have been like? Jesus, who you love and trust, who said He would rise, who you believe is the Messiah is now dead and in the tomb.

Saturday is a day of waiting in hope. Are we living our lives with this same hope? Do we really believe that Jesus rose and is now in heaven? Are we living a life that reflects that hope? Or have we given up hope and given into the deception that this life is the end?