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BEACH CHURCH
Pensacola Beach · Florida

**Serving as a Beacon for Christ
Following Jesus' Call to Love
God, Neighbor and Self**

Palm - Passion - Sunday

LITURGY OF PALMS AND PASSION

April 10, 2022

WELCOME

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

PALM SUNDAY CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the Kingdom of God.

SONG

All Glory, Laud and Honor

SCRIPTURE READING

[Luke 19:28-40](#)

SONG

Glory to the Lamb

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

SCRIPTURE READING

[Luke 22:14-23:56](#)

SONG

Ah, Holy Jesus

PASTORAL PRAYER - 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

SONG

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Mark's Gospel and Holy Week

Mark's Gospel tracks the events of this week on a daily basis. Place yourself among the disciples and experience the events of Jesus' last week among us.

Sunday:

"When they were approaching Jerusalem" (11:1 - 11)

Monday:

"On the following day" (11:12-19)

Tuesday:

"In the morning" (11:20-13:37)

Wednesday:

"It was two days before the Passover" (14:1-11)

Thursday:

"On the first day of Unleavened Bread" (14:12-72)

Friday:

"As soon as it was morning" (15:1-41)

Saturday:

"the Sabbath" (15:42 & 16:1)

Sunday:

"Very early on the first day of the week" (16:2-8)

Suggested Reading for Holy Week

The Last Week, Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan: An historical interpretation of the events of Holy Week that will deepen your understanding and faith.

Death On A Friday Afternoon, Fr. Richard John Neuhaus:

Death on a Friday Afternoon is a spiritual and intellectual exploration of the dark side of human experience with the promise of light and life on the far side of darkness.

F.A.Q.

What Is Holy Week?

For some Christians, the week preceding Easter is known as Holy Week. It begins on Palm Sunday and is traditionally a week of intentional reflection on the events preceding Jesus' death: his triumphant entry into Jerusalem; his betrayal by Judas; his Last Supper with his twelve apostles; his arrest, crucifixion and death; and his burial in a tomb.

What Is Palm Sunday?

On Palm Sunday, Christians celebrate Jesus' procession into Jerusalem, which occurred several days before his death. According to the gospels, the people of Jerusalem spread branches

from trees—identified specifically as palm branches in John's gospel—on the road to welcome Jesus as he rode a donkey into the city. Because of this, many Christian churches today offer congregants palm fronds as they enter the church on Palm Sunday. In some denominations, the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and of his death is read in church on Palm Sunday, juxtaposing the welcome Jesus received on one day with his betrayal and arrest a few days later.

What Is Holy Thursday?

On Holy Thursday (also called Maundy Thursday), Christians commemorate the Last Supper—a Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples the night before his death. During the meal, Jesus broke bread and offered his followers wine, saying “This is my body, given up for you.” Many Christians consider this event to have been the institution of the Eucharist, which is a sacrament in some denominations.

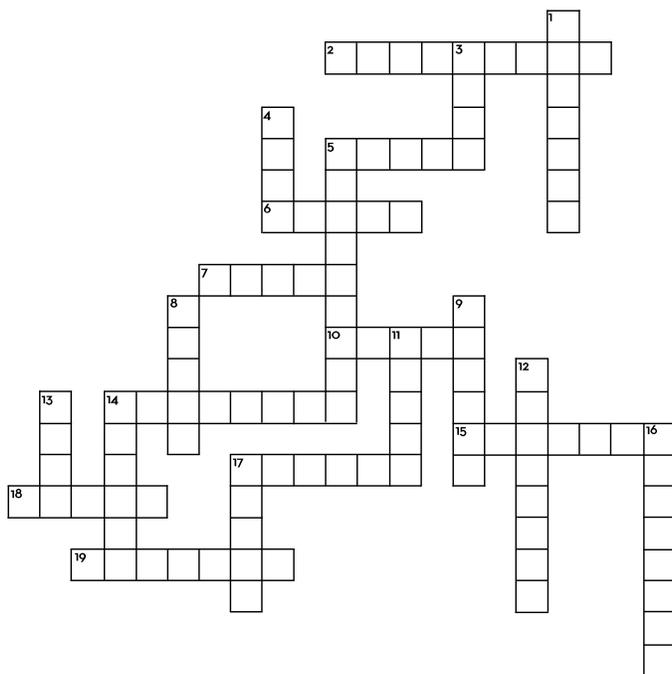
What Is Good Friday?

Christians observe Good Friday (for English-speaking Eastern Orthodox Christians, “Great and Holy Friday”) as the day Jesus was crucified and died. It is the most somber day on the Christian calendar. On Good Friday, some Christians abstain from meat or refrain from food altogether. They may also attend special church services that might include readings from the gospel stories of Jesus' Passion, Jesus' last words, and other Bible passages.

What Is Easter?

Easter is the most important Christian holiday, surpassing even Christmas. As a celebration of the day Jesus rose from the dead, Easter symbolizes forgiveness, rebirth, and God's saving power. Christians view the day as a victory over sin, death, and all destructive forces in people's lives.

This



JESUS'S LIFE

Can you figure out the crossword puzzle?

ACROSS

2. Jesus was born in the town of _____ (Luke 2).
5. Forty days after he rose from the dead, Jesus went back up to heaven, and a _____ hid him from the disciples' sight (Acts 1).
6. In the desert, Jesus fasted for _____ days before the Devil began to tempt him (Matthew 4).
7. When Jesus was transfigured on the mountaintop and some of the disciples saw his glory, his clothes became dazzling _____ (Mark 9).
10. While Jesus was on trial, Peter disowned him _____ times, saying that he didn't know Jesus (Mark 14).
14. At the Last Supper, Jesus and his disciples gathered in an upper room to share a special meal called the _____ (Luke 22).
15. After his friend _____ died, Jesus raised him from the dead (John 11).
17. Jesus was baptized in the _____ River by his cousin, John the Baptist (Matthew 3).
18. To escape from King Herod, Jesus's parents took him to _____ (Matthew 2).
19. Peter said that Jesus was the _____ (which means "the anointed one") and the Son of God (Matthew 16).

DOWN

1. Jesus performed his first miracle at a _____ in the town of Cana, where he turned water into wine (John 2).

3. Jesus taught that the most important command is to love the _____, and the second most important one is to love your neighbor (Mark 12).
4. When some men with a paralyzed friend could not get into a crowded house to see Jesus, they dug a hole through the _____ (Mark 2).
5. Joseph, who raised Jesus as his son, was a _____, and Jesus became one too (Matthew 13; Mark 6).
8. Jesus told his disciples that he was going away to prepare a place for them in his Father's _____ (John 14).
9. When Jesus was twelve years old and his parents were looking all over for him, they found him in the courts of the _____ (Luke 2).
11. When the women went to Jesus's tomb on Sunday morning, an angel told them, "He is not here; he has _____" (Matthew 28).
12. After King Herod died, Jesus's parents took him home to _____, and he grew up there (Matthew 2).
13. As Jesus was crucified, the sign above him read, "This is Jesus, the _____ of the Jews" (Matthew 27).
14. When Jesus called some fishermen to be his disciples, he told them, "From now on you will fish for _____" (Luke 5).
16. During a terrible storm, Jesus was _____ in the back of the boat; then he calmed the wind and the waves (Mark 4).
17. One of Jesus's disciples, named _____, betrayed him by guiding soldiers and officials to a garden so they could arrest him (John 18).

week's scripture reading is from Mark 1:1-11 (do you remember that Mark is one of the 4 gospel books of the bible and is in the new testament?).

Hosanna! Do you know what this Sunday is? It's called "Palm Sunday." We are entering "Holy Week", which is the special time on our church calendar that comes right before Easter. We have a lot of "Holy Days" (holidays) in the calendar, but this gives us a whole week of special things to remember! During Holy Week, we celebrate the final days in the life of Jesus. So, what kind of life did Jesus live...what things did He do that were so special? He was a little bit different from your typical celebrity, right?

Think about some famous people you know of. Who is a celebrity you have seen in the news? Who are some celebrities you can name? What kinds of things would you expect a famous person to have? Maybe they have a lot of money...probably fancy cars, or maybe even a helicopter! And famous people usually wear nice fancy clothes, right? And maybe eat fancy foods...sometimes they have bodyguards to protect them and keep them safe. Or they might have servants to do their work for them, like the cooking or cleaning around the house...you know, we tend to treat famous people differently than others, or we have special expectations of what we think they should do or be like. That's nothing new. People throughout history have given special treatment to those who were well-known, or who were leaders or rulers in society. Military leaders or government officials have often received a lot of attention. What about Jesus? What kind of leader was He?

People had waited for His coming to earth. They knew God had promised a king and a savior, and they probably had ideas about what kind of king He would be. They wanted someone to rescue them and make their lives better. At the time of His birth, the people of God were being bossed and bullied by Roman leaders, and they may have wanted Jesus to rescue them from the Romans. Perhaps they hoped that He would come galloping in on horseback and wipe out the oppressors. Maybe they expected Him to come with might and force. They wanted to make Him famous. That wasn't quite how Jesus lived, though. He wasn't born in a palace, but in a barn. He didn't come swooping in on a horse and waving a sword. He came gently, riding on a little baby donkey! He came with peace and humility.

When we talk about Palm Sunday, we celebrate that occasion, when Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem and crowds honored Him. The story doesn't end there, though. Jesus had a special dinner with His friends, right before He died. Before they sat down to eat, He did something that might have been considered odd: He washed His disciples' feet. That was normally a job for servants, because feet would get pretty smelly and dirty. But Jesus wanted to demonstrate that He came to serve others. He didn't have servants; He was the servant. After this supper, Jesus prepared to be arrested and crucified. He didn't have bodyguards; He gave Himself up to be killed. He knew it would hurt. He also knew it was the only way to pay the price for sin—not sins He had committed, but the sins of the world. He was taking care of a problem that went all the way back to the Garden of Eden. So Jesus went to the cross, and He died. That likely went against expectations, too.

What kind of ruler lets Himself be executed? Jesus laid down His life and allowed Himself to be crucified. But that is good news for us! With His death, He conquered death. He gave up His life so that we could have eternal life. He died...but that's not the end of the story! Oh, but that would be getting ahead of things. We'll rejoice in the next event later. But hopefully you already know what's coming! So for now, we get our hearts ready to remember the life and the last days of Jesus. We think about all that He did for us and are grateful for His love and sacrifice. And we should also be mindful of His attitude.

He didn't come to be celebrated or pampered. He lived to serve others, and He wants us to do the same. Pray and ask God for opportunities to live for Him and for one another. Let's thank Him for His son:

Dear God, Thank you for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Help us to remember to serve one another

Just as He served us.

Thank you for your love.

In Jesus name,

Amen!

