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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and increase your desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*Visitors, if you are worshipping with us today,
we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!*

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

***Procession with Palms**

(waving Palm Branches)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

***Processional Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11**

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

***Blessing of the Palms** *(with Palm Branches raised)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise and bless you, O God,

for the acts of love by which you have redeemed

us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Everlasting God,

In your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Let us go forth in peace,

In the name of the Lord.

***The Processional**

(with Palm Branches raised)

***Song of Praise:**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

ELW #344

(Verses sung as needed)

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1. You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**2. The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**4. To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.**

To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**5. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

Kids Sermon

Angie Hinze

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens —
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;

the moth will eat them up.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;**

I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Lenten Verse:**

“Let Your Steadfast Love...”

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**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.**

***Gospel: Matthew 27:11-54**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" ⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is,

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon:

PMA Bill Huelle

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn of the Day:**

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

**ELW #335
vv. 1-3**

**1. Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

Refrain: **In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.**

**2. Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me. *Refrain***

**3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain***

***Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayers of the Church:**

Each petition ends with:

Merciful God...**receive our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

....through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

Offering

Offertory: "Hosanna" (Praise is Rising)

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

We spread our cloaks before you, O Lord, and honor you with the offerings of our hearts and lives. Receive them for the sake of all whom you love and came to deliver. In your most precious name we pray, Amen.

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

***Words of Institution**

***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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever, and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Come! Meet Jesus again in the sacrament of our salvation,
the meal of our strength and preservation.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Gracious God, we have heard once again the story of your sacrificial love through Jesus' death on the cross. May the gifts of bread and wine we have received nourish us and strengthen us as we journey with Jesus to the cross and empty tomb. Amen.

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

May God who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
‡ bless you now and at the day of his coming. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn:**

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

**ELW #264
vv. 1&2**

- 1. Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!**
- 2. God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you!
Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!**

*Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝

Prayers for healing: **Elnora Sell, Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Jan Van Newkirk, Wes Sell, Susan Martin** (recovering from a fall), **Linda Spomer** (healing/pain from broken back), **Lee Saip** (recovering due to an infection—Wes & Elnora’s son-in-law), **Perry Crom** (health issues-nephew of Shirlie Schuldies), **Willard Rusch** (recovering from a fall—Becca Pierce’s father), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from heart surgery), **Catherine Rahrs** (blood clots—Val Rahrs’ mother), **Paul Bueide** (recovering), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit’s son and Jim & Sheila Miller’s grandson).



Lynn Margheim, 4/4; Bill Thomas, 4/5; Gregg Gingrich, 4/6; Will Voss, 4/6;
Tanner Blomenkamp, 4/9; Monty Copsey, 4/9; Ruth Harris, 4/9

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.

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APRIL FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Pancake Mix

BACKPACKS: Mac 'n Cheese Bowls

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW APRIL MISSION PROJECT: CALVARY KITCHEN SHOWER

A box will be placed in the Reception Area on the table under the CLCW bulletin board next to the narthex door to receive items needed for the kitchen. The kitchen could use the following:

Paper plates, paper towels, napkins, Styrofoam & plastic cups.

Cash donations are also welcome; be sure to clearly mark them 'Kitchen Shower'.

Be sure to designate CLCW on the envelope.

EASTER LILIES

You are invited to bring an Easter Lily to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. If you would like to dedicate your plant *in honor of or in memory* of a loved one, fill out the form located outside the church office and return it to the office so that we can print these remembrances in the Easter bulletins. You may bring your plant between April 3 - April 9 and may take it home after the Easter Sunday services to enjoy.



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutheran's) LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 5th @12 p.m.

Join us at noon to watch "The Passion of the Christ." We will have deli sandwiches, chips, veggies and dessert, along with popcorn and movie snacks. The running time for the movie is 2 hours and 7 minutes, so we will start the movie at noon and finish up a little after 2pm. Please join us if you can!



April 7: Good Friday Service @ 7:00 p.m.

The Calvary youth will lead the Good Friday Tenebrae service and "Watch the Lamb" Drama this year. All youth are welcome to participate in this service. You will need to dress in plain black attire (from head to toe). We will meet at the church at 5:30 pm to rehearse, followed by pizza and drinks. We will also practice on Palm Sunday (4/2) at 11:30 am at the church. Lunch will be provided.



April 9: Easter Sunday

Easter Service at 10:30am! Come join us for our Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45 am before church!



Laundry Love

Calvary has partnered with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month; our next event is April 15th. In preparation for that day, we will need quarters as well as dryer sheets, softener and laundry detergent. So, save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's offices.

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY BILL!!

Love Chris



WORSHIP LEADERS

This Sunday – April 2

USHERS: Deb Brown & Vicki Howell
LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle
HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Shari Copsey
COMMUNION ASSTS: Tracy Steele & Chris Thomas
POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn
ACOLYTES: Ayden Tompkins & DaKota Newsom
MEDIA: Chris Jensen
AUDIO: Jim Dorn
ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler
ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher
COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

Maundy Thursday – April 6

LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle
COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen, Rick & Lynn Margheim
POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn
ACOLYTE: Merrick Walsh
MEDIA: Chris Jensen
AUDIO: Jim Dorn
ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

Next Sunday – April 9

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey
LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle
HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen
COMMUNION ASSTS: Rick & Lynn Margheim
POWERPOINT: Matt Payne
ACOLYTES: Ben Moravec & Max Judy
MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten
AUDIO: Jack Martin
ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh
ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher
COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Margheim's

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday

10 a.m. – Worship
11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. – EPIC/JAM Lunch & Good Friday Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 4

12 p.m. – Sarah Study
1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, April 5

12 p.m. – OWLS Luncheon

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday

11:30 a.m. – Exec Meeting
6 p.m. – Choir Practice
7 p.m. – Worship

Friday, April 7

Good Friday

5:30 p.m. – EPIC/JAM Good Friday Rehearsal
7 p.m. – Worship: "Watch the Lamb"

Saturday, April 8

Holy Saturday

5:30 p.m. – Easter Vigil Worship

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 a.m. – Worship

APRIL 2, 2023
PALM/PASSION
SUNDAY



From cheers to rejection to triumph.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 21:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem
Monday	Matthew 26:14–27:66	Jesus' trial and crucifixion
Tuesday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	The servant's humiliation
Wednesday	Philippians 2:5-11	Christ shows us true humility
Thursday	John 13:1-35	Jesus washes disciples' feet
Friday	John 18:1–19:42	Jesus suffers and dies
Saturday	Psalms 31:9-16	Prayer for protection
Sunday	John 20:1-18	Christ's resurrection

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, from the cross you triumph over all the forces that lead us away from you; give us faith to follow the way of the cross through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Suffering God, in a world where many lack the food they need, help us to care for others as you care for us with this meal today. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's face shine on you with the steadfast love of the cross of Christ
(Psalm 31:1-6)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK
Stay with Me



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

WEEKLY MILESTONES

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When was a time you were part of a crowd that was cheering loudly?
- If you were part of the crowd cheering for Barabbas to be set free instead of Jesus, why do you think you would do that?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 26:14–27:66.

What we experience in life can help us see things in the Bible we might otherwise miss. For example, in the age of social divisions we witness today, we can understand how very fragile a democracy can be. Pilate gave the crowds a moment to be a democracy by asking them who to free, Jesus or Barabbas. The crowds chose Barabbas. The week before, crowds were cheering on Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. Within a week the crowds saw things differently. Jesus takes our feelings, our lack of insight, our willingness to follow the crowd with him to the cross. It is all part of our brokenness that fails to see the truth of Jesus. However, our failures do not stop God's plan—God's will—according to Philippians 2:10-11 is that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." From the cross we learn that our foolish ways as individuals and as a society will not conquer God's will.

Discuss: How do you tell the difference between the will of God and the will of a crowd?
Pray: Suffering God, you know how we fail you and yet you love us all the way to the cross; give us faith and wisdom to follow you all the days of our lives through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you care for people whom others look on with disrespect?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This coming week is Holy Week. We remember the journey of Jesus from his entry into Jerusalem to his last meal, trial, crucifixion, death, and resurrection. These stories are central to our faith. Choose a space in your home to observe Holy Week. Each day, add an item (listed below), think or talk about its' role in the Passion story, and close with the prayer: Sunday: Palm branch, Monday: Bottle of perfume, Tuesday: Coins, Wednesday: Bowl of water,

Thursday: Bread, Friday: Nails, Saturday: Stone. After placing an item each day, pray: Eternal God, help us to grow in our faith so that we may be faithful witnesses to the power of Jesus' resurrection. Amen.



In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org