

## A Calendar of Readings and Reflections for Holy Week

### Passion/Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

This service commemorates our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem prior to suffering and death. Keep a palm branch in your home to remind you of Jesus' passion journey this week.

### Monday in Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Who takes the initiative in our relationship with God? What has God done on our behalf? With a pencil, circle the actions of God and Jesus in these texts. What shall be our response? What was Mary's response?

### Tuesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

What has God been writing on your heart these past weeks of Lent? How has God chosen what is weak and foolish in your life to become a source of new life in Christ?

### Wednesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

"Morning by morning, new mercies I see." What new mercies do you see in these spring mornings? How have you been sustained in difficult times? How can you sustain the weary with a word?

### Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-7, 31b-35

*God, food of the poor;*

*Christ our Bread,*

*give us a taste of the tender bread*

*from your creation's table;*

*bread newly taken from your heart's oven,*

*food that comforts and nourishes us.*

*A loaf of community that makes us human,*

*joined hand in hand, working and sharing.*

*A warm loaf that makes us a family;*

*sacrament of your body,*

*your wounded people.*

-Workers in community soup kitchens in Lima, Peru

### Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-10:42

How does Isaiah describe Jesus' suffering? How does the psalm describe our human suffering?

What words of comfort and hope do you hear in the Hebrews text? Read John's gospel aloud.

Reflect in silence. Pray.

### Holy Saturday

Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66

*The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.*

I Peter 4:7-8