



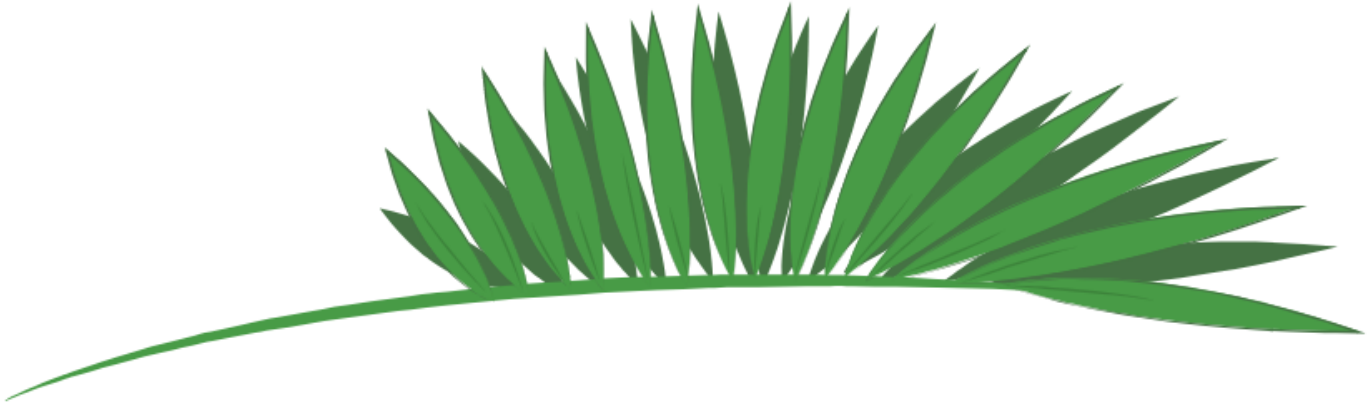
Holy Week at Home

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church

These resources are designed so that our church family will be equipped to observe the most important week of the church year. Included are daily activities, devotions, orders of worship, crafts and a great “Holy Week in a Box” that Terry put together.

Even though we will not be able to share many of the traditions we look forward to each year, we know that God is with us always--especially in times of pain and fear. As we enact the path of Jesus, may this Holy Week be one that guides us toward God’s never-ending story of redemption, renewal, and resurrection.





PALM SUNDAY

Read: Mark 11: 1-11

Listen: Today we remember when Jesus came riding into Jerusalem on a colt. The people cheered and celebrated by putting palm branches and coats on the road before him.

Do: Take Part in Online Worship. We will worship at 10:30 on Facebook Live and YouTube.

Take a Palm Sunday Selfie! Take a photo of yourself or your family waving your palm branches. Post it to social media before worship and be sure to tag the church. You can put your palm leaves in your sacred space or on your door or porch.



Holy Week in a Box: Palms

The people cut down palms and cheered as Jesus entered Jerusalem. Make some palm branches out of paper and lay them before the figure in your Holy Week box.

Ask: What do you think it felt like to wave branches in front of Jesus that day? What would you shout at Jesus to tell him that you're excited? How can we welcome Jesus into our lives and homes?



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Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021
10:30 AM

Bold text is read in unison.

GATHERING

*We gather as a community of faith to meet God in a new and fresh way.
We share joys and concerns and come into God's presence with song.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"The Palms"

J.B. Faure

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The story of faith is a story of courage.

It took courage for John the Baptist to prepare the way.

It took courage for Mary to say, "Here I am. Use me."

It took courage for the disciples to drop their nets and follow Jesus.

It took courage for the paralyzed man's friends to lower him through the roof.

It took courage for Peter to walk on water.

It took courage for Zacchaeus to give half of his possessions to the poor.

It took courage for Jesus to enter Jerusalem on a donkey.

Faith has never been easy. It is a journey of courage.

Again and again, God, show us the way.

Let us worship a brave and courageous God.

HYMN #196

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

1. *(Refrain)*

*Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One.*

2. *(Refrain)*

*The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present.*

3. *(Refrain)*

*To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.*

4. *(Refrain)*

*Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King!*

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of palm branches and hallelujahs:
We confess—we love a good Palm Sunday celebration.
We love the sound of a joyful parade.
We love shouting, “hallelujah!”
We love that Palm Sunday means Easter is just around the corner.
We love good news.
However, if we slow down and pay attention,
We know that Palm Sunday was not a walk in the park for you.
There was risk. There was fear. There was the threat of violence.
You were leading a peaceful protest against an unjust empire,
And the whole world knew it.
Forgive us for glossing over the courage this day took.
Remind us that the story of faith is a story of courage,
And even we can do hard things.
With hope we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith,
Even when we gloss over the truth, even when our courage fails us, even when we doubt that we can do hard things, God believes in us. God loves us. God forgives us. Hear and believe this truth:
We are known. We are loved. We are forgiven. Again and again and again. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

THE WORD

We hear the stories of our faith in scripture, song, prayer, and sermon.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Brian & Molly Pollock

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Christine Coy Fohr

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Hal Hopson

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:12-25

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

Renewed and refreshed by our experience with God, we go into the world to share God's love.

THE THIRD SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:26-48

HYMN #218

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

- Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!*
- Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.*
- Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

J.S. Bach



HOLY MONDAY

Read: Mark 11: 15-19

Listen: When Jesus came to Jerusalem, he went into the Temple. There were people buying and selling things, and maybe even taking advantage of people who were poor. This upset Jesus, who wanted the Temple to be a house of prayer.

Do: Write a letter today to someone who may live alone or may feel isolated from others. Try to make your letter writing like an act of prayer.

Attend our virtual **Holy Week Midday Prayer Service** today at Noon. It will be on both YouTube and Facebook.



Holy Week in a Box: Coins

Find the coins included in your Holy Week in a box. Lay them on top of the box. Remember how Jesus was hurt by people putting money over prayer.

Ask: How does it make you feel to know that Jesus became angry? How can we try to protect others from being mistreated? How can we use the gifts we have been given – like money – to glorify God?



HOLY TUESDAY

Read: Mark 12: 13-17

Listen: Some Pharisees and Herodians were sent to talk with Jesus. It says they were trying to trap him with their question. They asked if it was right to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor. Jesus knew they were trying to trick him. He responded in a way that amazed everyone.

Do: Find a coin in your house and take a look at it. Take note of whose face is on it and any other details you can find. Set that coin aside in your One Great Hour of Sharing box or another place where that money can be put to good use.

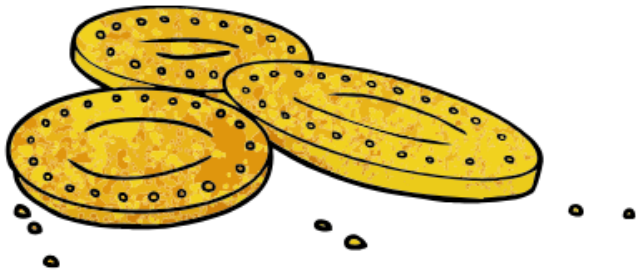
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Holy Week in a Box: Another Coin

Even after turning the tables, money continued to come up in conversation. Find the second coin from your Holy Week in a Box kit. Put it on the box next to the first coin. Remember how Jesus calls us to worship God over money.

Ask: How can we make sure we give to God? How can our generosity amaze others?



HOLY WEDNESDAY

Read: Matthew 26:14-16

Listen: One of Jesus' best friends, Judas, did something terrible to Jesus. He took money from the people who wanted to hurt Jesus and in exchange, he handed Jesus over to them to be killed. He loved money more than he loved his friend and it destroyed him.

Do: Attend our virtual **Holy Week Midday Prayer Service** today at Noon. It will be on both YouTube and Facebook.



Holy Week in a Box: Add a Third Coin

Place your third coin on top of the box. That is a lot of coins! Do you find it odd that money is such a big part of the stories in Holy Week? Look at the coins and wonder: how can money do so much good and so much harm?

Our church is participating in the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering, which supports people in need around the world. Some of this offering goes to responding to disasters like the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have been filling your fish bank, you may bring it to the church on Sunday morning when you come to bring a flower for our outdoor cross. You can also give online or by sending a check to the church. Be sure to add the note "One Great Hour of Sharing" on the designation.

Ask: Have you ever had a friend hurt your feelings? What did that feel like? Were you able to become friends again afterward? How do you think Jesus felt when his friend hurt him?



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Read: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Listen: Jesus shared a very special Passover meal with his friends. As they sat down, Jesus washed his disciples' dirty, dusty feet. They couldn't believe that their teacher would get so dirty for them. The meal these friends shared set the pattern for the communion meal we celebrate in church.

Do: Bake Bread. We will be sharing communion as part of our online worship this evening. While any kind of bread will work, it might be special to bake fresh bread using one of the recipes that is on the next page of this packet.

We will also have our virtual **Holy Week Midday Prayer Service** today at Noon. It will be on both YouTube and Facebook.

Participate in Worship tonight at 7:30 PM on Facebook Live or Youtube.



Holy Week in a Box: Table

Use the top of the box as a table. Draw a cup and plate on it, or make a cup and plate out of modelling clay. Place Jesus by the table.

Ask: What do you think Jesus' friends felt when Jesus washed their feet? What is it like to share a meal with friends? Is it different than eating alone?

Bread Recipes for Maundy Thursday & Easter

On Maundy Thursday and on Easter, we will be celebrating communion in our worship service. While any bread in your home will be fine to use, it could be particularly meaningful if you choose to prepare bread for the service in your own home. The first recipe listed below is a traditional bread recipe using yeast. If you do not have those particular ingredients, the second recipe uses ingredients commonly found in most cupboards.

No Knead Bread Recipe

3 cups flour (bread or plain/all purpose)
2 tsp instant or rapid rise yeast*
2 tsp salt
1.5 cups very warm tap water (up to 150 degrees)
1.5 tbsp flour (for dusting)

1. Mix flour, yeast and salt in a large bowl. Add water, then use the handle of a wooden spoon to mix until all the flour is incorporated. Dough will be wet and sloppy – not kneadable, but not runny like cake batter. Adjust with more water or flour if needed for right consistency.
2. Cover with cling wrap and leave on countertop for 2-3 hours until it doubles in volume. (It will be wobbly like jelly.)
3. Preheat oven to 450. Put Dutch oven in oven with lid on 30 minutes prior to baking.
4. Sprinkle work surface with 1 tbsp flour. Scrape the dough out of the bowl. Sprinkle with ½ tbsp flour.
5. Using a dough scraper (or cake server, large knife, or spatula), fold the sides inwards (about 6 folds) to roughly form a round shape. Slide a large piece of parchment/baking paper (not wax paper) next to the dough, then flip the dough upside down onto the paper (seam side down, smooth side up). Slide/push it towards the middle, then reshape it into a roundish shape.
6. Take preheated Dutch oven from the oven. Lift the dough using the paper and then place both inside the pot. Place the preheated lid on top.
7. Bake for 30 minutes covered, then 12 minutes uncovered or until deep golden and crispy.
8. Cool on rack for 10 minutes before slicing.

(from <https://www.recipetineats.com/easy-yeast-bread-recipe-no-knead/>)

Flatbread (easy)

2 cups all purpose flour
1 ¼ cups of lukewarm water
1 Tbsp baking powder
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp oil (canola, vegetable or shortening work best)
Additional 1-2 Tbsp oil (for frying)

Mix flour, salt, baking powder & 2 tsp. canola oil together in a mixing bowl and add most of the water. Continue mixing and adding water until it has the consistency of tacky pizza dough. Knead for a few minutes. Let rest in greased bowl for 30- 60 minutes. Divide into 6 pieces and roll out very thin (tortilla thickness) onto a floured surface. Heat cast iron skillet or griddle to 350F & add 1 T. canola oil. Heat oil til hot but not smoky hot. Cook until golden brown spots appear on one side, then flip and cook the other side until done.



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Maundy Thursday
April 1, 2021
7:30 PM

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GATHERING

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

"An Upper Room did my Lord Prepare"

arr. Brandenburg

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Tonight we will hear, again and again, of a love that knows no bounds.
May we be fully present here. May we worship holy God.**

HYMN #203

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

CHEREPONI

Refrain:

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

- 1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.
(refrain)*
- 2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away.
(refrain)*

- 3. These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.
(refrain)*
- 4. Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you.
(refrain)*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God who holds us together, if I were to place myself at your table, I would probably be Peter—misunderstanding your radical hospitality, sticking to the rules, arguing what I do and don't deserve.

Then again, it's possible that I'd be Judas—the one who betrayed you, the one who failed to see the good right in front of him, the one who might have thought he wasn't worthy of your love.

If I were to place myself at your table, it's possible I would be one of the unnamed disciples—watching, but not speaking, silently missing the opportunity to tell you what I believe and how much I love you.

If I were to place myself at your table, I am confident that I would have made the same mistakes your well-intentioned disciples made. There is no surprise there.

What is surprising is that I know you would have washed my feet nonetheless. So forgive me, God. Wash not just my feet, but my hands and my head also. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith,

Jesus knew that Peter would deny. He knew that Judas would betray, and he knew the disciples would hide in fear. And still—he invited them in. He washed their feet, and he fed them.

Friends, we worship the living Christ, whose love shocks, surprises, and far exceeds our understanding of love, so may this story tonight remind us:

No matter who we are, no matter where we go, no matter how great our mistakes or regrets are in life, we will always be invited in and held together by the Living God.

Again and again and again, we are forgiven.

Again and again and again, we are held. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

THE WORD

We hear the stories of our faith in scripture, song, prayer, and sermon.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Kim Harrod

THE GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Christine Coy Fohr

HYMN #205

“Live in Charity”

UBI CARITAS (TAISÉ)

1. *Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

*(Latin) Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

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INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

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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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

Renewed and refreshed by our experience with God, we go into the world to share God's love.

HYMN #204

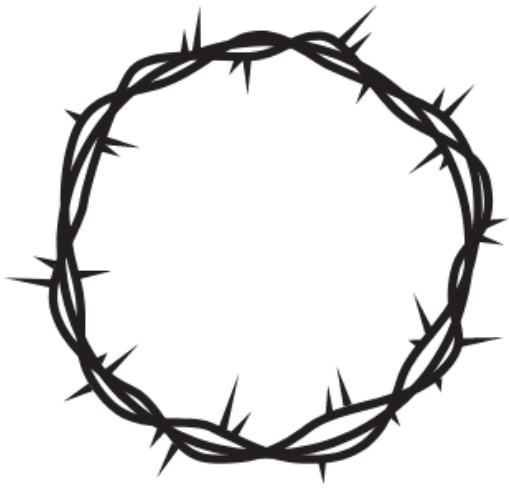
"Stay With Me"

STAY WITH ME

1. *Stay with me; remain here with me; watch and pray. Watch and pray.*

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

(Depart in silence. The service continues on Good Friday at 7:30 PM)



GOOD FRIDAY

Read: Mark 15:1, 15: 22-25,37,39

Listen: Today is the saddest day of our church year. Even though Jesus had done nothing wrong, the people hurt him, laughed at and teased him, and put him on the cross to die.

Do: Participate in Worship. We will have our **Holy Week Prayer Service** at 12:00pm (service included on the next page) as well as our Good Friday Tenebrae Service tonight at 7:30 PM. This Tenebrae service includes music from a previous service but with new recordings of the readings. Both services will be available on Facebook and Youtube.



Holy Week in a Box: Cross

Make a cross out of the pipe cleaner and place it with Jesus in front of the box.



Holy Week in a Box Continued: Cloth and Tomb

Wrap Jesus in the cloth. Place him in the box and put the lid on.

Ask: What does today's story make you feel? Sad? Angry? Confused? Why do we call it Good Friday if it is such a sad day? What makes you feel better when you are sad?



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Good Friday Midday Service
April 2, 2021
12:00 PM

Bold text is read in unison.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Surely he has borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.

LITANY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

O crucified Jesus,
Son of the Father,
Conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Eternal Word of God,
We worship you.

O crucified Jesus, Holy temple of God, dwelling place of the Most High, gate of heaven,
burning flame of love, **we worship you.**

O crucified Jesus, sanctuary of justice and love, full of kindness, source of all faithfulness, **we worship you.**

O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart, in you are all treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in
you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead, **we worship you.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family by whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed
and given over to the hands of sinners to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 52: 13- 53:9

THE PSALTER Psalm 22

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 4: 14-16

MEDITATION The Gospel of Luke

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Answer me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Lord, have mercy.**

I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna: I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Lord, have mercy.**

What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Lord, have mercy.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Lord, have mercy.**

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Lord, have mercy.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Lord, have mercy.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Lord, have mercy.**

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Lord, have mercy.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN

Jesus, Remember Me REMEMBER ME
Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom (x2)

Worship ends in silence. The service continues tonight at 7:30 PM.



HOLY SATURDAY

Read: John 19: 38-42

Listen: On Saturday, we remember that Jesus lay in the tomb this whole day. But the next day, the first person who saw him thought he was a gardener. For thousands of years, Christians have celebrated today by gardening.

Do: **Plant flower or vegetable seeds** in your yard or in a pot of dirt in your house. Remember to water them until they sprout up and produce beautiful flowers.

Holy Week in a Box: Stillness

On the Saturday, everything was so still you could almost hear the earth breathe. There was nothing that could be done. Holy Saturday is a waiting day. Place a tea-light by your box as a way of showing that you are waiting.

Ask: Do you like getting your hands dirty in the garden? Why do you think Mary thought Jesus was a gardener on Easter morning? What do you think he was wearing?



Read: Mark 16: 1-8 or John 20: 1-18

Listen: Christ Has Risen!! This is the best news of all-- death is not the most powerful thing in the world-- God's love is! We call this Good News "The Gospel" and it's the reason that we celebrate even when life seems like it is its very darkest. God's love has defeated sin and death and so today we celebrate!

Do: Bake Easter Breads! We have included several of the traditional Harvey Browne Easter Bread recipes in this packet. More can be found on pages 162-173 of the Harvey Browne cookbook, "A Second Helping".

Participate in Worship - Easter worship will be held at 10:30am on Facebook Live and our HBPres Youtube Channel. We will also have a brief outdoor Easter Sunrise service at 8:00 on the front lawn. Bring your masks!

Bring flowers to the church between 8:30 and 9:30 to add to our flower cross. Flowers from your yard will be a beautiful symbol of Christ's resurrection.



Holy Week in a Box: Empty Tomb

Open the box. Place Jesus at the side of it and the cloth neatly wrapped in the bottom of it.

Ask: What is your favorite kind of celebration? How does this Easter feel different than other years? How can you go share the good news today?



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Easter Day
April 4, 2021
10:30 AM

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GATHERING

*We gather as a community of faith to meet God in a new and fresh way.
We share joys and concerns and come into God's presence with song.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

arr. David N. Johnson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

This day is like every other day.

Alarm clocks beeped. Covers were removed. Coffee was brewed. Weary bodies came to life.

And yet this day, is like no other day—

For the sun rose, and we knew it was a miracle. The tomb was empty, and they knew it was love.

So again and again we say—

The longest night is over. Death has lost its sting. Jesus is among us. Alleluia! Amen.

Again and again and again—

Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN #232

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

1. *Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

2. *Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

3. *But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

4. *Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved Community, before God and before you, my family, I confess:

I have seen the sun rise and withheld my praise.

I have seen my neighbor suffer and withheld my aid.

I have seen love extended and chosen to walk away.

I have seen divisions deepen and managed to remain unfazed.

We hear you. We see you. You are forgiven.

God's love is like the sun.

No matter how lost we are in the night,

Day after day, the light will find you.

Rest easy. You are held in God's warmth.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Now we must pray.

Beloved friend, before God and before each other, we confess:

We have seen the sun rise and withheld our praise.

We have seen our neighbors suffer and have withheld our aid.

We have seen love extended and chosen to walk away.

We have seen divisions deepen and managed to remain unfazed.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

THE WORD

We hear the stories of our faith in scripture, song, prayer, and sermon.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Ben Blake

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24

Here ends the Psalm. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Christine Coy Fohr

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We know the fear of the upper room.

We know the feeling of hard days and long nights.

We know the grief of the tomb, and the particular ache of saying goodbye.

We know the pain of Good Friday, and we know the darkness before dawn. Still, we believe.

We believe that again and again, the sun will rise.

Again and again, God will draw near.

Again and again, we will march toward justice.

Again and again, the tomb will be empty.

Again and again, love will win.

Again and again, God will lead the church.

Again and again, repeatedly, we will be loved.

The journey will not be perfect.

We will need to rise before dawn. We will need angels along the way.

But again and again, the sun will rise. We believe. Amen.

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Rejoice!"

Joseph M. Martin

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

Renewed and refreshed by our experience with God, we go into the world to share God's love.

HYMN #248

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

- 1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.*
- 2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.*
- 3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Toccata from Sym. 5"

C. M. Widor

Easter Bread Recipes

Easter Breads – Pretzels

Brian Pollock

1 pkg dry yeast
1½ C lukewarm water (85°F)
2 Tbsp brown sugar
1 tsp salt
4 C all-purpose flour
1 beaten egg
Sea salt (to taste)



Dissolve yeast in warm water and let rise until doubled. Add sugar and salt and blend in the 4 cups of flour. Turn dough out onto a floured board and knead until smooth. cut off 4 inch pieces of dough; roll them into ropes about 6 to 8 inches or a length you can twist easily. Twist the ropes into pretzel shapes or any shape that you like. Arrange on a lightly greased cookie sheet or parchment paper. Brush beaten egg all over top of pretzels (those places you miss will not turn a golden brown during baking), the sprinkle with lots of sea salt (regular table salt will work as well). Bake right away, as rising is unnecessary, for 12 to 15 minutes in a 425 oven. They will be shiny brown like dry pretzels on the outside, but soft and breadlike on the inside. Serve them within 2 days or freeze them for reheating later.

Easter Breads – Danish Easter Duck

Nancy Pollock

(½ C. sherry)

Dough:

3 C. flour
1/3 C. sugar
1 tbsp dry yeast
¼ tsp ground cardamom
¼ tsp. salt
6 Tbsp. evaporated milk
1 stick butter, diced
½ C plus 2 Tbsp. hot water
3 egg yolks

Filling:

¾ C. chopped toasted nuts
½ C. sugar
¼ C. flour
3 Tbsp. butter (room temperature)
2 tsp. unsweetened cocoa
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 c. raspberry preserves

Glaze:

1 C. powdered sugar
½ tsp. vanilla extract
2 Tbsp. Grand Mariner
2 Tbsp. milk

Decoration:

Gum Drop
Yellow and green icing
melted chocolate
chocolate sprinkles

Soak ¼ C. raisins in ½ C. sherry overnight. Combine 1 ¼ C. flour, sugar, yeast, cardamom, and salt in electric mixer bowl. Heat milk, butter, and water in 1 quart saucepan to 120-130°F stirring so butter is dissolved. Add to dry ingredients and beat for 3 minutes. Add yolks and an additional ½ C flour. Beat 3 minutes more. Blend in remaining flour to make a soft dough.

Turn out on lightly floured surface. Knead until smooth and elastic, about 6-8 minutes (if using dough hook, knead about 4 minutes). Place in oiled bowl, turning to coat top of dough. Cover with plastic wrap and a towel wrung out in hot water. Allow to rise in warm place until doubled in bulk, 1.5-2 hours, or overnight in refrigerator.

Drain raisins, reserving sherry for plumping other fruits. Combine with all ingredients for filling, except preserves and mix until crumbly.

Turn dough out onto unfloored surface. Roll and stretch into rectangle 40" x 8". Spread dough lightly with raspberry preserves. Sprinkle filling over dough to within 1 inch of edges. Roll jelly roll fashion into a narrow roll about 2" in diameter and 40" long.

To shape duck: Cut off 3" length from each end of roll and set aside. Seal both ends of roll. Twist entire roll a few times. Shape roll into a large "S" on an oiled cookie sheet, using 1/3 of roll for head and neck and 2/3 for body. Shape duck loosely with coils close together but not touching.

Using 1 piece of remaining dough, shape duck beak and tail; use the second piece for feet and attach. Cover with waxed paper and allow to rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk, about 50 minutes. Preheat the oven to 325°F and bake 35-45 minutes or until golden brown. (It may be necessary to turn the pan to assure even browning.) Remove bread from oven and allow to cool until just warm to touch. Combine ingredients for glaze.

To decorate: Use a gumdrop for the eye, paint the body with the glaze and use colored icings for feathers. Highlight tail and feet with melted chocolate dusted with chocolate sprinkles. If desired, surround the duck with mushroom-shaped meringues on green-tinted coconut grass.

Duck may be prepared day ahead. Reheat in brown paper bag at 200°F in the oven for 15-20 minutes.

Easter Bunny Cake

Sharon Blayney

Bake any flavor of cake mix in two round layer pans, 8 or 9x1/2 inches, as directed on the package. Cool. Prepare Betty Crocker Fluffy White Frosting Mix as directed on package. Cut one layer in half; put halves together with frosting. Stand cake upright on cut edge.

With a sharp knife, cut a notch about a third of the way around the semicircle, forming the rabbit's head. Save cutout piece for the tail. Secure in place with a wooden pick. Frost rabbit with remaining frosting. Sprinkle generously with shredded coconut.

Make ears of white paper; color inside pink with crayon. Use pink jelly beans or gumdrops for eyes and nose. Coconut tinted green or paper grass around a few Easter eggs (jelly beans) form an attractive nest around the bunny. Freeze other layer for later use.



Easter Craft Ideas



Easter Bunny and Chick Washcloth Craft

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Yellow and white washcloths

Small pom poms

Rubber bands or hair ties

Orange felt/fabric

Ribbon

Glue

Googly eyes

TO MAKE THE WASHCLOTH BUNNY

1. First, fold a white washcloth in half along the diagonal to make a triangle.
2. Roll up the towel, starting at the corner across from the base of the triangle.
3. Fold the towel in half so the ends (the bunny ears) are pointing upwards.
4. Fold the towel in half again, so the bunny ears point downward.
5. Cross the ends over a bit so you won't have a seam showing.
6. Secure the bundle with an elastic in the center. Set the towel on the side and puff up and arrange the ears. Tie a piece of ribbon around the elastic. Use the glue dots to adhere plastic eyes, a pink pom pom for the nose, and a pom pom for the tail.

TO MAKE THE WASHCLOTH CHICK

1. Fold and roll a yellow towel as you did for the bunny.
2. Bend the towel into a spiral (as if you were making hot pretzels).
3. Secure with an elastic, puffing up and arranging the ends of the towel for the wings.
4. Tie a piece of ribbon around the elastic. Use glue dots to adhere plastic eyes and a triangle of orange felt for the beak.



Bunny and Egg Silhouette Craft

What you need

- templates (you will find them at the end of this tutorial)
- printer
- two sheets of white paper per shape (heavier paper is better) – one for the outline and one for background
- paper in many colors (I like to use scrapbooking paper too!!)
- scissors
- glue

Directions

- Start by cutting out the bunny silhouette outlines.
- Do not discard the little bunny tail :).
- Cut plenty of strips of colorful paper. You can use scissors, paper trimmer or just rip the paper with your hands for a more dynamic look.
- Glue the strips of paper on the white sheet of paper. No particular order is necessary.
- Once all the paper strips are on their place apply a glue on one side of the paper with the bunny silhouette.
- Glue it on top of the paper with all those colorful strips.
- All there is left to do is to pop on the little bunny tail and your Easter Silhouette Craft is all done and ready to be displayed.
- Repeat the process with the Easter egg silhouette.

Instructions with pictures and video found @ <https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/printable-easter-silhouette-craft/>



Bunny and Chick Bookmarks

Supplies Needed

Craft sticks in white and yellow (if you don't want to paint or color craft sticks)

White craft paint and Yellow craft paint (if using natural craft sticks)

White, Pink, Orange, and Yellow craft paper

Googly eyes

White and yellow pipe cleaner

Black marker

Pen

Scissors

Glue (craft glue if you have it)

How to Make Popsicle Stick Bunny Bookmarks

1. Begin by drawing a bunny head shape on white craft paper.
2. Cut out the bunny head and set aside.
3. Now, you will draw and cut out small pink ear shapes and a small pink nose to go on the bunny head
4. Glue the ears and nose in place.
5. Now, you will add googly eyes.
6. Then, you will draw on a smile and some dots for whiskers.
7. Glue the head to the top of a craft stick.
8. Twist your white pipe cleaner in half and then wrap around the craft stick just below the head and twist on sides to make arms.
9. Now your bunny bookmark is done.

How to Make Popsicle Stick Chick Bookmarks

1. Draw a circle on the yellow paper and cut out.
2. Cut a small orange beak from the craft paper.
3. Glue the googly eyes and beak onto the yellow circle to create the chicken head.
4. Now, you will glue the head onto the yellow craft stick.
5. Twist your yellow pipe cleaner in half and then wrap it around the craft stick just below the chicken head and twist on sides to make arms.
6. Now you have a chicken bookmark for Easter!