

## DIY Holy Week at Home 2020

To prepare for the (extended) week make a special space in your home. It might be on a small table, it might be placing a small cloth on a large table, it might be a tray.

### Friday before Holy Week (April 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Pour some oil or perfume into **an egg cup** to represent the costly perfume that was used to anoint the feet of Jesus.

Loving God, I place this small container as I remember the actions of Jesus' friend and disciple Mary (John 12 v 1 - 11). I offer you my own love and humble devotion as I begin this 10 days of living through Holy Week.

### Saturday before Holy Week (April 4<sup>th</sup>)

This was the Sabbath and Jesus spent it with his friends in Bethany.

### Palm Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>)

Collect a **leaf** from the garden or from a walk to represent a palm branch. If you are unable to go out, find one on the internet or draw one and cut it out.



Loving God, I place this leaf as I remember what you did on the first Palm Sunday (Matthew 21 v 1 - 11). I offer you my own worship at the beginning of this Holy Week. Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

### Holy Monday (April 6<sup>th</sup>)



Get **some coins** to represent the exploitative money changers in the temple. Again, a picture can be used if coins are not available.

Loving God, I place these coins as I remember your challenge to the money changers in the temple (Matthew 21 v 12 - 17). I offer you my own desire to challenge exploitation, injustice and manipulation.

### Holy Tuesday (April 7<sup>th</sup>)

If you have a mousetrap (!) use this today, or any other **sort of trap**. If not, a packet of cheese (that might get used in a trap) or a picture of a trap - to represent the questions that were used to try and trap Jesus.

Loving God, I place this trap as I remember how the religious people tried to trap you with their clever questions (Matthew 21 v 23 - 24 v 51). I offer you the times that I feel trapped and my concern for others that feel like this.

### Holy Wednesday (April 8<sup>th</sup>)

Leave a **space** in your display to indicate a day of rest. This day is not mentioned in the Gospels, imagine what Jesus did on his day off. Relax in Bethany? Spend it in prayer? Sleep?



Loving God, I offer you my rest as well as my busyness, my need to relax and to take time off as well as my need to be doing, and to be busy.

### Maundy Thursday (April 9<sup>th</sup>)

Find a **small piece of cloth**, perhaps a flannel, to represent the towel with which Jesus dried his disciples' feet and a small glass, or cup to represent the cup that Jesus shared during the Passover meal.

Loving God, I place this cloth and this cup as I remember how Jesus washed the feet of his friends (John 13 v 1 - 17) and the events of the Last Supper (Matthew 26 v 17 - 30). I offer you my attempts to serve others along with my desire to remember the sacrifice of your body and blood as I eat and drink in your presence.

### Good Friday (early April 10<sup>th</sup>)

Find a **cross**, or make one out of twigs, or use last year's palm cross, or use a picture or a photograph.

Loving God, I place this cross as I remember the events of your arrest, torture and crucifixion (Matthew 27 v 1 - 56). As I think about 'love so amazing, so divine', I offer you 'my soul, my life, my all' (Isaac Watts).



### Good Friday (later April 10<sup>th</sup>)

Use a **cup on its side**, possibly with its saucer, or a mug on its side to represent the tomb. A **rolled up pair of socks** makes a good stone! Try 'pop socks' if you have them. You may like to place a (very) small cloth (or tissue) inside to represent grave clothes.

Loving God, I place this cup as I remember the tomb in which your body was placed by Joseph of Arimathea (Matthew 27 v 57 - 61). I offer you my deep and heartfelt sadness (even grief) as I contemplate the enormity of our loss.

### Holy Saturday (April 11<sup>th</sup>)

Look for an **elastic band** or paper clip or anything that keeps things in place to represent the guard that Herod placed outside the tomb .

Loving God, I place this rubber band as I remember the guard that Herod ordered to keep the stone in place, and to keep the body safe (Matthew 27 v 62 - 66). I offer you this waiting time with all my emptiness.

### Easter Sunday (April 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Roll the stone away and reveal the empty tomb.** Read Matthew 28 v 1 - 13.

Loving God, with Christians throughout the world, I rejoice in the overwhelming joy of this resurrection day. Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.

Edmond Budry (1854 - 1932) transl. by Richard Hoyle

