

HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP DURING HOLY WEEK

During Holy Week we journey with Jesus through the final days of his life, his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the grave. Each service has incredible moments where we can participate in the story. Join us for these in worship gatherings and check out the ideas below for worshiping in your household throughout the week.

HOLY WEEK GATHERINGS

April 13, Palm Sunday, 10am (Hill Elementary)

April 16, Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm (Hill Elementary)

April 17, Stations of the Cross, 1pm (Ministry Space)

April 17, Confessions, 2:30pm (Ministry Space)

April 18, Good Friday Service, 7pm (Hill Elementary)

April 19, Light & Lessons, 2pm, 7pm (Church of the Resurrection)

April 20, Easter Sunday, 10am (Hill Elementary)

OTHER HOLY WEEK ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Read through the Passion story in each of the Gospels: Matthew 26-27, Mark 14-15, Luke 22-23, and John 18-19.
- Prayer walk throughout your neighborhood, praying for the light of Jesus to shine. Check out this how-to prayer walk guide from Father Trevor McMaken.
- Fast on Good Friday or another day from food or from something else to spend time in prayer and silence (Check out these <u>fasting resources</u> from Father Aaron Damiani).
- Wear dark clothes on Good Friday and wear something special on Easter.

- During the day on Holy Saturday, tell your baptism stories as we get ready to remember and renew our baptisms on Easter Sunday.
- Draw the Passion story in chalk on your sidewalk.
- Read through the Vigil stories throughout the week (<u>see them here</u>) or dress up and act out one
 of the Vigil stories (Red Sea, Creation, etc.).
- Wake up early on Easter morning and find somewhere to watch the sunrise, remembering that the light of Christ has dawned upon us (Isaiah 60).
- Get flowers that you can bring out on Easter morning.
- Have a special meal on Easter Sunday. If you gave up certain food or drinks for Lent, plan to enjoy them as you feast!

MAKE A CROSS

- If you have a cross in your home that is meaningful to you, bring it out and put it in a special place for Holy Week. Use a cross that is simple (not too ornamental or decorative), large, and helps you connect to the actual cross of Jesus.
- If you don't have one, this is a great time to get one or make one to have in your living room throughout Holy Week. You could make one out of wood with instructions like this, or a simpler one like this one Pastor Trevor made, cut one out of paper or cardboard and attach to your wall, or gather branches from your yard to tie together into a cross.
- On Maundy Thursday cover it with dark fabric, on Good Friday lay it on the ground, and on Easter Sunday put some flowers on it!

OTHER RESOURCES

- <u>Holy Week Explained Videos</u> by Church of the Resurrection
- Holy Week Devotional Guide from Immanuel Anglican Church
- Why We Celebrate the Easter Vigil by Canon Stephen Gauthier
- A Guide to Holy Week by Church of the Resurrection
- God's Saving Deeds Easter Vigil Devotional & Art Book from Church of the Resurrection
- <u>Lenten & Good Friday</u> Devotional & Art Book from Church of the Resurrection
- <u>Easter Vigil Reading Videos</u> from past Vigils at Church of the Resurrection

