

Holy Week
5th April 2020 – 10th April 2020
Scripture focus – Holy Week and The Passion of Christ

Gather

Set up a prayer focus area, lighting a candle. Begin with the Sign of the Cross and join together in prayer.

Christ our Saviour,

As we enter this Holy Week, we ask for your continued strength and guidance, so we may remain steadfast in our efforts to grow closer to You in faith. May we keep the growth from this season of Lent in our hearts and our minds, so we continue to move closer to You through all we do.

Amen

Listen

Share the stories of the events of Holy week from Matthews Gospel, beginning with Palm Sunday -
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+21%3A1-11&version=NIV>

Once you have shared them together, consider how God is talking to us through these scripture passages.

What are the messages?

What can we learn?

What is Lent and the sacrifice Jesus made for us all about?

How can and should this sacrifice change us?

How have we or can we grow closer to God?

Respond

Create your own resurrection garden! Remember to make sure the tomb stays sealed until Easter Sunday. Think about adding a tealight inside the tomb to be lit when the stone is rolled away at Easter to remind us of the joy the risen Christ brings as our saviour and light of the world. The light of hope. You could even add a scripture quote from the gospel passages studied today to our gardens to remind you of this period of transformation and growing closer to God.

Resources

- Planting dishes
- Florist moss
- Gravel
- Mini plant pot
- Pebble
- Twigs
- Twine
- LED tealight
- Scripture quotes



Go forth

Read the Easter Gospel, the Sixth Sunday of Lent, The Passion of Christ from Matthew's Gospel. End with silent reflection.

Use your Holy Week and Easter reflection bookmarks this week to encourage mindfulness and reflection during this most holy of weeks.