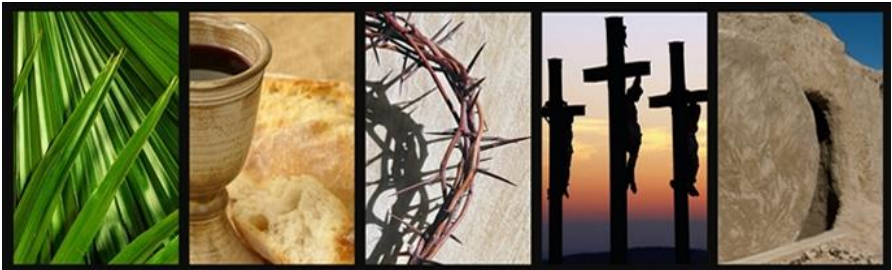


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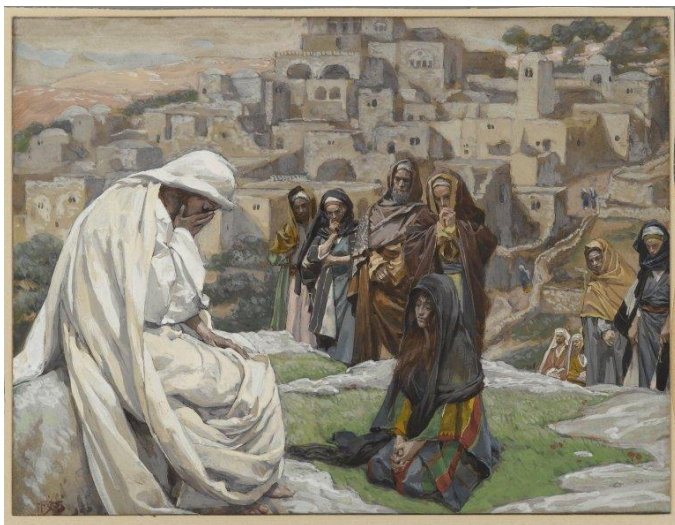
Praying and reflecting as we continue to walk with Jesus.



Lord Jesus, we thank you that you journeyed towards Jerusalem, knowing what lay ahead, but never turning aside...
We thank you that you heard and made possible the Hallelujahs of ordinary people...
Grant that when the shouts of acclamation die,
We may have the faith and trust to still walk beside you, even to the cross.
Lord, help us to never turn aside from your love.

When we “turn aside” from Jesus, who calls us back? How?
What do we do, I wonder?
Perhaps talk to Jesus about these things?

TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK



As he approached Jerusalem...he wept over it. Luke 19:41

Lord Jesus,

You wept over the unseeingness of Jerusalem.

As you enter the city to suffer and to die for us,
take the veil of unseeingness from our eyes, we pray.

By your grace may we see only your love.

Light our way as we journey with you, we humbly pray.

Amen.

WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK



My house will be a house of prayer... Luke 19:46

Servant Lord, Jerusalem was your end

- but our beginning...

In all we do and are, walking in prayer,

may we be found beside you on the way to the cross,

to the path of your glory and our salvation.

Amen.

MAUNDY THURSDAY



Loving Lord, as humble servant, this night you kneel before your friends
And in humility that shocks, you wash our feet.

You share your bread and cup, symbols of the work you must complete,
and you call us friends.

Bound together in love for you, trembling, not understanding,
we eat with you... follow you into Gethsemane as you pray to your
Father for yourself, for us...

and in our human-ness - we fall asleep...and again....

Lord, you understand our frailty, grant us greater resilience and vigilance
as we watch for your Kingdom to come again, we pray.

How often do I (metaphorically) “fall asleep” when I am “on watch” for
opportunities to share Jesus with others?

Pray about this?

GOOD FRIDAY



When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all (extract from Isaac Watts)

Almighty God,
As we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son,
Help us to see and know your love for us,
So that in humility, love and joy
we may place at His feet
all that we have and all that we are.
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour” (Celebrating Common Prayer)

As I stand at the foot of the cross, do I ask God to open the eyes of my
heart to receive His amazing, divine love?
A love that demands my soul, my life, my all?
Do I give thanks and...???
Would it be good to change some things?

EASTER SATURDAY



Loving Lord, on this disconcerting day,
this “silent Saturday”,
Be in our rememberings of yesterday, we pray.
Be with us as we live again
Your love poured out on the cross for us,
For each of us.

Re-awaken in us the significance of
your gift of Mary to John
And of John to Mary.
As with burdened, broken hearts-
like them, we rest, still, shocked -
at the foot of your cross,

Guide us to follow your example
of loving, supporting, comforting others,
of attending to their needs,
remembering always that
through Your loving sacrifice,
You faithfully attend to ours.

In your name we ask Lord. Amen.
(based on John19:25-27)

EASTER SUNDAY



Jesus Christ is risen today - ALLELUIA!!!

This is the day of the Lord's victory!

Let us be happy, let us celebrate (Psalm 118:24 GNB).

Lord, today, with joyful hearts we celebrate that you are our living Lord,
Risen from the tomb, alive in all your golden radiance
be present with each of us, we pray....

Set our hearts on fire anew with love for you –
for each other, for your planet and all that lives and breathes on it.

Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving! Alleluia...

We are renewed in you, O Lord, Alleluia. (St. John Chrystostom 4th
century)

Renewed in Jesus? What does that mean for you?

How does being renewed feel? Healed perhaps, in some way?

Give thanks to the risen Jesus...

**Give thanks for anything that God is putting on your heart this Easter
Sunday**