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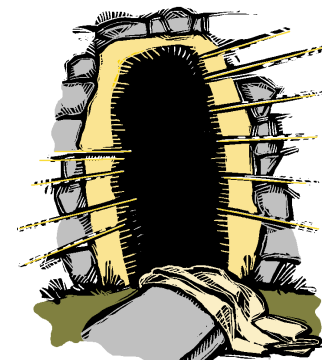
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0410-5th Sun of LENT



Lazarus!
Come forth!

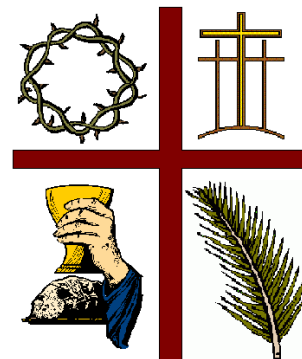
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0417 Palm Sunday



Holy Week



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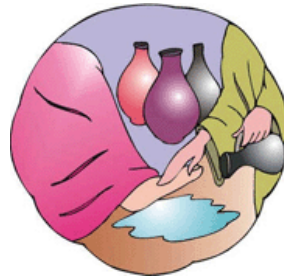


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Palm Sunday



Holy Thursday



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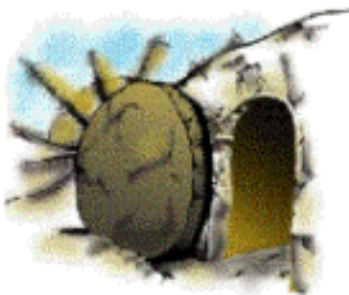
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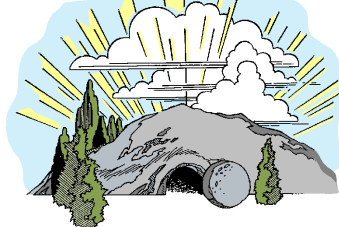
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Christ is Risen today!

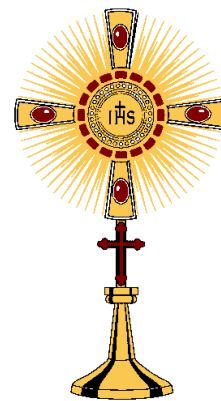
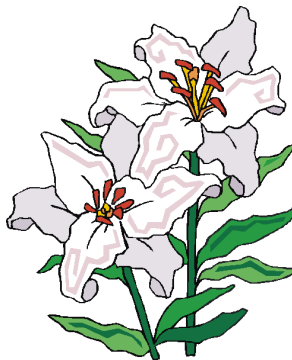


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Weekly Readings

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Apr 3 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Sm 16: 1b. 6-7. 10-13a
Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6 (1)
Eph 5: 8-14
Jn 9: 1-41

Apr 4 Lenten Weekday, Isidore of Seville

Is 65: 17-21, Ps 30: 2 and 4. 5-6. 11-12a and 13b, Jn 4: 43-54.

Apr 5 Lenten Weekday, Vincent Ferrer

Ez 47: 1-9. 12, Ps 46: 2-3. 5-6. 8-9, Jn 5: 1-16

Apr 6 Lenten Weekday

Is 49: 8-15, Ps 145: 8-9. 13cd-14. 17-18, Jn 5: 17-30

Apr 7 Lenten Weekday, John Baptist de la Salle

Ex 32: 7-14, Ps 106: 19-20. 21-22. 23, Jn 5: 31-47

Apr 8 Lenten Weekday

Wis 2: 1a. 12-22, Ps 34: 17-18. 19-20. 21 and 23, Jn 7: 1-2. 10. 25-30

Apr 9 Lenten Weekday

Jer 11: 18-20, Ps 7: 2-3. 9bc-10. 11-12, Jn 7: 40-53

Apr 10 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ez 37: 12-14
Ps 130: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8
Rom 8: 8-11
Jn 11: 1-45

Apr 11 Lenten Weekday, Stanislaus

Dn 13: 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 or 13: 41c-62, Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6, Jn 8: 1-11

Apr 12 Lenten Weekday

Nm 21: 4-9, Ps 102: 2-3. 16-18. 19-21, Jn 8: 21-30

Apr 13 Lenten Weekday, Martin I

Dn 3: 14-20. 91-92. 95, Dn 3: 52. 53. 54. 55. 56, Jn 8: 31-42

Apr 14 Lenten Weekday

Gn 17: 3-9, Ps 105: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9, Jn 8: 51-59

Apr 15 Lenten Weekday

Jer 20: 10-13, Ps 18: 2-3a. 3bc-4. 5-6. 7, Jn 10: 31-42

Apr 16 Lenten Weekday

Ez 37: 21-28, Jer 31: 10. 11-12abcd. 13, Jn 11: 45-56

Apr 17 PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Procession: Mt 21: 1-11. Mass: Is 50: 4-7
Ps 22: 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24
Phil 2: 6-11
Mt 26: 14 – 27: 66

Apr 18 Monday of Holy Week

Is 42: 1-7, Ps 27: 1. 2. 3. 13-14, Jn 12: 1-11. Chrism Mass: Is 61: 1-3a. 6a. 8b-9, Ps 89: 21-22. 25. 27, Rv 1: 5-8, Lk 4: 16-21.

Apr 19 Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49: 1-6, Ps 71: 1-2. 3-4a. 5ab-6ab. 15 and 17, Jn 13: 21-33. 36-38

Apr 20 Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50: 4-9a, Ps 69: 8-10. 21-22. 31 and 33-34, Mt 26: 14-25

Apr 21 Holy Thursday. At evening, begin Easter Triduum of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12: 1-8. 11-14, Ps 116: 12-13. 15-16bc. 17-18, 1 Cor 11: 23-26, Jn 13: 1-15

Apr 22 Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Is 52: 13 -- 53: 12, Ps 31: 2. 6. 12-13. 15-16. 17. 25, Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9, Jn 18: 1 -- 19: 42

Apr 23 Holy Saturday

Mass: Gn 1: 1 -- 2: 2 or 1: 1. 26-31a, Ps 104: 1-2. 5-6. 10. 12. 13-14. 24. 35 or Ps 33: 4-5. 6-7. 12-13. 20-22, Gn 22: 1-18 or 22: 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18, Ps 16: 5. 8. 9-10. 11, Ex 14: 15 -- 15: 1, Ex 15: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18, Is 54: 5-14, Ps 30: 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12. 13, Is 55: 1-11, Is 12: 2-3. 4. 5-6, Bar 3: 9-15. 32 -- 4: 4, Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 11, Ez 36: 16-17a. 18-28, Ps 42: 3. 5; 43: 3. 4 or Is 12: 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6 or Ps 51: 12-13. 14-15. 18-19, Rom 6: 3-11, Ps 118: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23, Mt 28: 1-10



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**Apr 24 EASTER SUNDAY. The Resurrection
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

Acts 10: 34a. 37-43

Ps 118: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23

Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8

Jn 20: 1-9 or Mt 28: 1-10 or,

at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24: 13-35

Easter Triduum ends after Evening Prayer.

Apr 25 Easter Monday

Acts 2: 14. 22-33, Ps 16: 1-2a and 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11, Mt
28: 8-15

Apr 26 Easter Tuesday

Acts 2: 36-41, Ps 33: 4-5. 18-19. 20 and 22, Jn 20: 11-
18

Apr 27 Easter Wednesday

Acts 3: 1-10, Ps 105: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9, Lk 24: 13-35

Apr 28 Easter Thursday

Acts 3: 11-26, Ps 8: 2ab and 5. 6-7. 8-9, Lk 24: 35-48

Apr 29 Easter Friday

Acts 4: 1-12, Ps 118: 1-2 and 4. 22-24. 25-27a, Jn 21: 1
-14

Apr 30 Easter Saturday

Acts 4: 13-21, Ps 118: 1 and 14-15ab. 16-18. 19-21,
Mk 16: 9-15

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4th Sunday in Lent Apr 3

Lenten advice

Fast from emphasis on differences;
feast on the unity of all life.
Fast from discontent;
feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger;
feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism;
feast on optimism.
Fast from complaining;
feast on appreciation.
Fast from self concern;
feast on compassion for others.
Fast from unrelenting pressures;
feast on unceasing prayer.

Collisions In The Dark

At this point in Lent, Easter joy and hope are in sight for those who see with eyes or faith. John's Gospel story of the blind man healed by Jesus invites us to reflect upon the many ways we see and the many ways that we can be blind as well. The good news at the heart of the story shines a light on all our darkness. If we open ourselves to Jesus as our Good Shepherd and Light, that we can be healed of every blindness, physical and spiritual. Jesus' healing gift empowers us to walk safely in valleys of darkness, His light guiding us on the journey.

Yet too often we Christians rely only on our physical eyes or the eyes of our intellect. We forget that a brighter light burns within us, enlightening our spiritual eyes with the gift of faith. If we continue to ignore this purer light we can become blind intellectually and spiritually. Do not despair! If today's lesson finds you stumbling in darkness, simply reach out in faith as the blind man did. Jesus will touch again the eyes of your heart, washing away doubts and darkness, spilling His pure light on your life from today forward.

5th Sunday in Lent Apr 10 **The Fullness of Life**

When Jesus walked among us, He saw a people burdened with diseases our modern medicine routinely takes care of. But, while the physicians of the day could not cure these sicknesses, Jesus could. He made the blind see and the deaf hear. He cured the sick, disabled and suffering. Yet, Jesus was not merely dispelling sickness. He was showing us the depth of God's love. How he longs for us to enjoy the fullness of life.

Jesus didn't cure the leper simply to banish his disease, the miracle brought a shunned man back to live in harmony among others. He cured the hemorrhaging woman, removing the stigma of her continued uncleanness to allow her to return to normal life. When Christ healed a body, He also restored the fullness of life to the suffering. And, God still wants us to enjoy the fullness of life. To show His love, God sends little miracles into our daily life. The spontaneous love a child shows to his mother, or the deep joy a widow has in seeing her children grow into wonderful adult, or the tender moment as family members gather around a dying loved one. God's love surrounds us, here and now; bringing the fullness of life to us. We are to imitate Christ and bring that love to others.

Closer to Your Perfection

As each Lenten week moves us
closer to celebrating
the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed
Let us continue to
search out faults,
raise our minds to you, and
pray to grow in holiness.
Let the culmination of
these fasting weeks
bring the image of your Son
to perfection within us.

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Palm/Passion Sunday Apr 17

Palm Sunday Victory

They cut the branches from the trees
and strewed them in the way
because they knew their Lord and King
would come along that day.
They sang hosanna to the King
and praised his holy name.
Now even in this modern day
we, too, should do the same.
The Christ who came that palm strewn way
to enter in the gate,
will enter in your heart today,
so do not make him wait.
That palm strewn path of long ago
is still a victory sign
that Christ still comes along the way
into your heart and mine.
Raymond Omer

Prayerfully Committing to a Life of Compassion

As we enter into Holy Week, we set our feet onto the path, following the Lord in His passion and death. As we walk beside Him, how can we ignore the suffering Jesus bore for us. As we begin to intimately understand His sorrows, they will spring forth in compassion for our brothers and sisters. This Palm Sunday begins a seven day journey that will transform us by the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus into joyous celebrants of Easter. Let us not rush down the path this week offers to find the empty tomb. Let each day be a step that brings us more in conformity with Jesus and his suffering. Only then can we truly know the miracle of Easter morning.

In every pang that rends the heart
The Man of Sorrows has a part.
Michael Bruce

Holy Week Choosing God

In His words and deeds, Jesus revealed that choosing God means caring for one another, showing mercy and justice, forgiving one another. In other words, choosing God means we are willing to face the same challenges Jesus faced: Sacrificing self, letting go of what we hold most dear. Jesus loved life. He did not want to die, yet he chose to die. And that decision, that choice "for God" has sent ripples through all time and space. Jesus' decision was His "yes" to God's will, His "yes" to live out, die out, and arise out of God's overwhelming love for us. Was Jesus afraid? Enough to sweat blood. Even so, Jesus chose God. Can you do less?

Let us follow

This Holy Week of our salvation
You endured for all who went astray
Through hours of pain and sore temptation
Let us follow You day by day

Good Friday Learn at His feet

Before you name your sorrows, consider Jesus. Stand beneath His cross and gaze up at His ultimate sacrifice. As you face the small crosses of life, watch Him handle His crucifixion. Your Lord bequeathed to you an example of the high art of being crucified. Behold how He reacted to betrayal, to lies, to false witnesses. Jesus Christ absorbed these pains, even as they added the shameful of being crucified in public. Humiliated, degraded, defamed, tortured and then murdered. That day he raised acceptance of the cross into an art form. He learned to accept all things from the hand of His Father. Can you do less?

An example to learn from

Two criminals were crucified with Christ. One was saved - do not despair. One was not - do not presume.

St Augustine

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Easter Apr 24

Something for everyone

The message of Easter is for all mankind ...not just the nice, pretty, kind or smart. God loves the drug dealer on the street just as much as the Sunday School teacher. And He has the same amount of love for a murderer in jail as He does for you. His love is unconditional, and He gives it to us this Easter, and throughout the year. We must live as forgiven people, moving past our mistakes to shine with God's light. And just as important, we need to be ready to forgive others for their sins against us. God's love is for you and me, embracing us, forgiving us, and loving us, no matter what.

Resurrection Morning

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only Light.
Sun of Righteousness arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high be near,
Daystar in my heart appear.
C. Wesley

Our Easter Gift to God

In return for the love which brought the Son of Man down from heaven, in return for the love which led Him to die for us on the cross, we cannot give Him holy lives, for we are not holy. We cannot give Him pure souls for our souls are not pure. Yet this one thing we can give and this is what He asks: hearts that shall never cease from this day forward, till we reach the grave, to strive to be more like Him, to come nearer to Him to root out from within the sin that keeps us from Him.

Frederick Temple

The words above the cross

The inscription Pilate ordered placed over Jesus on the cross was written in three languages: Greek, the language of literature and culture, Latin, the language of law and power, Hebrew, the language of religion. Thus in three chief tongues of men as proclaimed, in jest, what became a living truth: that Jesus is King of kings, and Lord of lords.

I know He is risen

How do I know that Christ is risen
What proof have I to give?
He touched my life one blessed day
And I began to live.
How do I know he left the tomb
That morning long ago?
I met him just this morning
And my heart is still aglow.
How do I know that endless life
He gained that day for me?
His life within is proof enough
Of immortality.

Not an end, a beginning

The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice.

Henry Knox Sherrill

Life has conquered death

Tomb, you will not hold Him longer;
Death is strong, but Life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right...
Phillips Brooks, "An Easter Carol"

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General Inspiration

In His name

For the name of Christ is on the lips of all: It is invoked by the just man in the service of justice; by the perjurer for the sake of deceiving; by the king to confirm his rule; by the soldier to nerve himself for battle; by the husband to establish his authority; by the wife to confess her submission. All invoke the name of Christ, the Christian with true reverence, the pagan with feigned respect; and they shall all undoubtedly give to that same Person whom they invoke an account both of the spirit and of the language in which they repeat His name.

Augustine of Hippo

Extra prayer

When the world falls down around you
And a prayer will see you through,
Say an extra prayer for someone
Who may need it more than you.
For who knows what hearts are breaking
In the silence of the night?
Just that extra prayer you whisper
May help someone see the light!
Every time you help a stranger
With an extra prayer or two
You are building secret blessings
That will all come back to you.

Nick Kenny

Love counts

A little boy, six years old, recently introduced to the magic of numbers by his first grade teacher, applied that knowledge in a spontaneous expression of affection toward his mother. With all the conviction a boy of his age could command, he said, "Mother, I love you as many times as God can count!"

Two Ends

Every person has two ends:
an end to think with
and an end to sit with.

What he accomplishes depends on
the end he chooses -
heads, he wins; tails, he loses.

Awww, Mom!

Jesus was walking along one day, when He came upon a group of people surrounding a lady of ill repute. It was obvious that the crowd was preparing to stone her, so Jesus made His now-famous statement, "Let the person who has no sin cast the first stone."

The crowd was shamed and one by one began to turn away. All of a sudden, a lovely little woman made her way through the crowd. Finally getting to the front, she tossed a pebble towards the woman.

Jesus slapped His forehead and groaned, "I really hate it when you do that, Mom."

Life is an altar

Too many believe Christian life is a barrel of blessings from which they are privileged to feed. Out of it they demand clothing and food and money and security. That isn't living at all. The Christian life is an altar, not a smorgasbord. And what goes on an altar? A sacrifice.

It's all in the way you look at it

Old Mr. Brown and his grandson were out in their garden one day. After weeks of hard work, the whole garden had been meticulously weeded, watered, and fertilized. The flowers and vegetables were all flourishing and beautiful.

Along came their local priest. Stopping to admire the garden, he said, "Greetings! Isn't it a miracle what the Lord can do in a garden?"

Before Mr. Brown could answer his little grandson piped up: "I don't know about that Father. You should have seen it when He had it all to Himself."