

HOLY WEEK

2024



Monday 25th March



Settle yourself from distractions... and pray:

Father God, during this Holy Week, show me more of Jesus. Help me to journey through this week looking towards the cross.

Amen



Read Mark 11:12-19.



Think and meditate on what you read...

What challenges you in this passage?

What confuses you?

Jesus was not happy with what was happening in the temple. It was supposed to be a house of prayer!

We can be thankful that as Christians we are filled with the Holy Spirit and can pray at any time and in any place. We always have access to God!

What is the challenge though that Jesus brings to us? Do you ever exchange prayer for other things?

Who/what do you go to instead of God in prayer?

Tuesday 26th March

Today we meet at
Thelma's home for our
Mid-Week Meeting (12:00).



Complete the prayer:

Father God,
Thank you for _____

I'm sorry for _____

Please _____

Amen



Read Mark 11:20-12:34.



Think and **meditate** on what you read...

There were 6 events in today's reading.
Which one jumped out at you the most? Why?

If you could ask God a question about today's
reading, what would it be?

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Wednesday 27th March

Today is our **Day of Prayer**
at the church building.

A Psalm of King David

“My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.

Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.” ~ Psalm 145:21



Before you pray today, think about why God is
worthy of praise.

Father God, help me to see you as King David did.
Show me today something I can give you praise for!

Amen



Read Mark 12:35-14:11.



Think and **meditate** on what you read...

Look at the start of chapter 14 again.
Some people might think giving praise to God is a
waste of time. That it's better to be doing something
practical to help people.

What do **you** think?



Try and find time to come to church today and pray.
Gathered prayer meetings are at 8am, 1pm and 8pm.
Each are an hour long. You don't have to come to all 3!

Otherwise, drop in for **private prayer** anytime between 10am and
8pm for as long or short as you want and explore the prayer stations.

Thursday 28th March

Pray for the **Easter Trail**
happening at church!

There are a lot of major events in today's reading, take your time and let the events sink in as you read.



Read Mark 14:12-72



Think and meditate on what you read...

Put yourself in the shoes of the disciples, imagine being there:

- Around the table at the last supper
- In the garden of Gethsemane
- Following along and in the courtyard

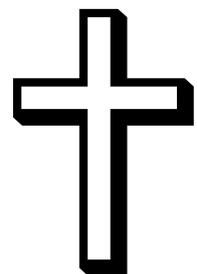


Gather your thoughts and feelings and pray:

Father God, we see how the disciples let Jesus down. Judas betrayed, Peter denied, the disciples could not stay awake and keep watch, they fled and deserted your Son.

Lord help us in our own weakness.

Amen



Good Friday

Today we meet at
church at 10:30am.

²⁴ “**He himself bore our sins**” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “**by his wounds you have been healed.**”

²⁵ For “**you were like sheep going astray,**” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. ~ 1 Peter 2:24-25

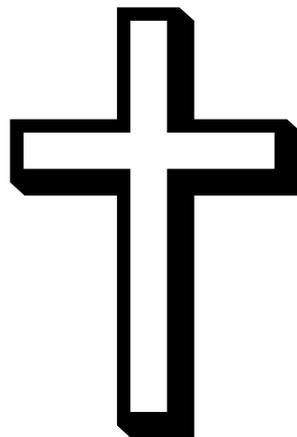


Read Mark 15



Settle yourself from distractions... and pray:

Father God, as I have journeyed through this week with my eyes on the cross I now come and kneel before it.



Lord Jesus, you bore **my** sins upon yourself.
You died for **me**. I am sorry for all the times I have
rejected you and gone astray.

Thank you for forgiving **me**, for rescuing **me**, for
healing **me** and keeping **me** safe.

Amen

Saturday 30th March

The day in between...



Read Mark 16:1

So much had led up to the events of Good Friday. The disciples must have been filled with so much confusion, sadness, doubt. All they could see was the cross. The empty tomb and the risen Christ was yet to happen. The resurrection and the sending of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost was not a reality yet.



Think and meditate.

Are you living in the reality of the death **and** resurrection of Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit and looking ahead not back?



Settle yourself from distractions... and pray:

Father God, thank you that I am a new creation.
Lord I look ahead to tomorrow, help me to grasp the awesomeness of the resurrection. Holy Spirit fill me afresh and open my eyes.

Amen

Tomorrow we meet at church for breakfast at 8:30am and then our service at 10:30am. Don't forget the clocks go forward 1 hour!

Resurrection Sunday



Read Mark 16:2-8.



Think and **meditate** on what you read...

Mark ends his Gospel so abruptly doesn't he?

There is a feeling of "what are we going to do now?!"



As you pray today, ask God to speak to you:

Father God, what are you saying to me this Easter?
As I have journeyed to the cross and witnessed the
resurrection, what am I going to do now?

Amen

What is God saying to me?