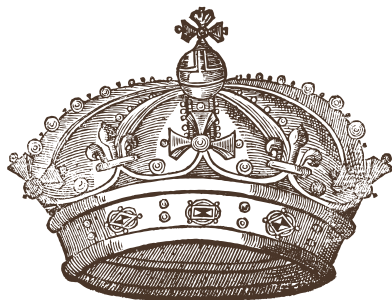


HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONAL

Community West Church



PALM SUNDAY

READ: LUKE 19:28-44

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal who Christ is for you.
Read today's passage of God's Word for you.

REFLECT

We all want to welcome Jesus as the King who serves us and what we think are our best interests. How do you need to yield your own hopes and dreams in order to worship and follow Christ open-handedly?

RESPOND: SURRENDER

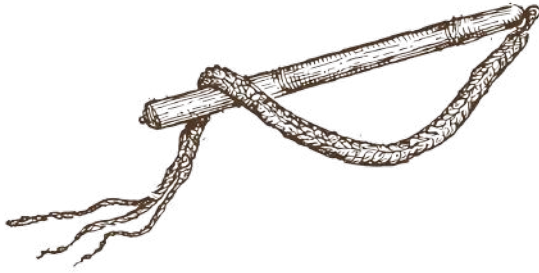
Jesus' arrival as a King raised up with a cross instead of a crown was an act of surrender. His journey to the grave would cost Him everything. What is it in your life that you need to surrender so that you can fully live for Christ, your King?

WORSHIP IN SONG

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (hymn)
"Hosanna" by Hillsong

PRAY

Christ, help me to embrace You and enthrone You, to place You on the throne of my heart exactly as You were meant to always be.



CLEARING MONDAY

READ: LUKE 19:45-48

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REFLECT

Sometimes zeal expresses itself in anger. Anger, though, can be righteous anger, anger against the injustices in front of us. Jesus was upset that the market selling sacrifices was levying an unjust burden on those trying to come before God. Do you share in God's anger over those who put barriers between people and Him?

RESPOND: HOSPITALITY

Freely offer your time and listening ear to someone who needs friendship because God has done the same for us. Without any expectation for reciprocity, hold space for them as an example of the freedom we have to be received by God.

WORSHIP IN SONG

Before the Throne of God Above (hymn)
"Come As You Are" by David Crowder

PRAY

Help me never to come between You and Your people.



FIG TUESDAY

READ: MATTHEW 21:18-22

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REFLECT

The evidence of someone's faith is often referred to using the metaphor of a tree bearing fruit (or not). By cursing the fig tree, Jesus sends a firm warning to those who do not "bear fruit," those who do not have evidence of a life changed by the work of the Holy Spirit.

What is the evidence of how God is continually at work in you?

RESPOND: CONFESSION

Because we all fall short of the expectations of God, stopping short of the new life He wants to form in us, we can be honest before God and others about the sin in our lives. Confess one of your sins to God and another person today.

WORSHIP IN SONG

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (hymn)
"Though You Slay Me" by Shane and Shane

PRAY

Thank You for being faithful to me in my faithlessness.



SPY WEDNESDAY

READ: LUKE 22:1-6

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal who Christ is for you.

Read today's passage of God's Word for you.

REFLECT

Judas valued silver over Jesus, but this wasn't an exchange that became possible in an instant. Judas had allowed disagreements with Jesus over time to poison his relationship with Him. What would you have disagreed with Jesus about?

RESPOND: FORGIVENESS

Judas' betrayal of Jesus has become the paradigmatic example of selfishness and treachery. We know Judas did not have an opportunity to ask for forgiveness before he thought it was too late. Who might you ask for forgiveness from, to make amends for your own selfishness?

WORSHIP IN SONG

More Love to Thee (hymn)

"Brother" by The Brilliance

PRAY

Forgive me, Lord, for betraying You each day.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

READ: LUKE 22:7-38

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REFLECT

Jesus introduces our sacrament practice of communion during his last meal: telling the Twelve to break bread when they're together to remember His broken body and to drink wine to remember His blood poured out for them. How can this change how you receive communion today?

RESPOND: PEACEMAKING

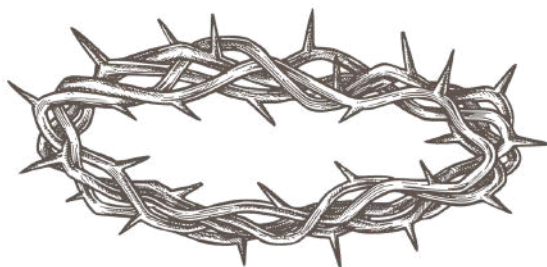
It's easy to think of Christ enjoying a last meal surrounded by good friends. But Jesus knew each of those around the table would desert Him in His greatest hour of need. He still extended a meal to them. Try extending a gesture of peace to someone who has wronged you, knowing Christ has stretched further out to you with His grace.

WORSHIP IN SONG

Jesus, What a Friend For Sinners (hymn)
"To the Table" by Zach Williams

PRAY

Thank You for Your Body and Blood, given for me.



GOOD FRIDAY

READ: LUKE 22:39 - 23:49

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal who Christ is for you.
Read today's passage of God's Word for you.

REFLECT

Most of us tend to think of ourselves as "good people." Each of our shortcomings, the ways we have strayed from God, was enough to put each of us on the cross. We deserved the death Christ died, but it was His desire that He die so that our sins would never keep us from Him.

RESPOND: FASTING

If it's safe to do so, fasting from a meal can help us feel need. As you feel the need for food, turn to God and orient yourself in need for Him.

WORSHIP IN SONG

O Sacred Head Now Wounded (hymn)
"Reckless Love" by Cory Asbury

PRAY

Jesus, help me to know my need for You. Thank You for dying in my place, paying the price for my sins.



HOLY SATURDAY

READ: LUKE 23:50-56

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal who Christ is for you.
Read today's passage of God's Word for you.

REFLECT

Holy Saturday acknowledges the space between the beginning of our restoration and a final restoration to come. How are you still waiting for God's work to be completed in you?

RESPOND: LISTENING

Spend 5 minutes asking God to remind you of the work He's begun in you and the work He still has to do in you.

WORSHIP IN SONG

Be Still, My Soul (hymn)
"Death in His Grave" by John Mark McMillan

PRAY

Jesus, as I remember You still in Your grave, I know I too am caught in time between life and death, between the new life I've been given in You and the sins I hold onto. Tell me what it means to wait patiently for You to finish Your work in me.



RESURRECTION SUNDAY

READ: JOHN 20:1-31

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REFLECT

The first Easter morning began with confusion and fear that yielded to a torrent of joy and hope. Jesus has triumphed over sin, Satan, and death - and in our union with Christ we claim the same victories. How might your life reflect the confidence you have in Jesus' resurrection more clearly?

RESPOND: PRAISE

Take a walk, as you're able, and praise the Lord for the dawning of new hope, new life, new joy in the resurrection.

WORSHIP IN SONG

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (hymn)
"Graves into Gardens" by Elevation Worship

PRAY

Jesus! Thank You for freeing me from the weight of my sins, the despair of death, and the darkness of the grave. In our freedom, conform us to You in Your new life and to spur us to invite others to the hope You've birthed from the empty grave.

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JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 PM

St. Giles Presbyterian Church
5200 Grove Avenue, Richmond

GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 PM

Community West Church
2340 Pump Road, Henrico

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

6:30 AM

Community West Church, front lawn
2340 Pump Road, Henrico
- casual dress, pancake breakfast to follow -

EASTER WORSHIP

10:00 AM

Community West Church
2340 Pump Road, Henrico



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