

04-10-22 FOR THE HOLY WEEK JOURNEY

“Holy Week and Easter shape our understanding of who we are as followers of Jesus Christ more than any other single event. We are, as others have said, Easter people living in a Good Friday world. We are defined by this sacrifice and by this gift of eternity.”

- Derek Weber

Daily Scripture and Questions for Reflection—

➤ Monday: Luke 19:28-40

How has the journey through Lent impacted you this year? What does Holy Week mean to you in terms of your spiritual life? What can you do so that Holy Week will be a meaningful time of preparation for your celebration of Easter this year?

➤ Tuesday: John 12:20-36

When/where in your life have you been walking in darkness? What does it look like for you to live as a child of the light? How has walking in the light changed your life?

➤ Wednesday: John 13:21-32

In what ways is Christ betrayed in our world today by the words and actions of people who call themselves Christians? How have you personally betrayed your commitment to Christ with your words or actions? How have you moved forward after such betrayals?

➤ Thursday: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

What does sacrificial love look like in your life? What act of humble service can you offer today to another person in the name of Jesus? How do we as a congregation live out Jesus' commandment to love one another?

➤ Friday: John 18:1-19:42

What does it mean that we live in a Good Friday world? Where and how are people around you suffering? What can you do to help alleviate that suffering? What forms of suffering in our world are most concerning to you? What role can our congregation play in alleviating such forms of suffering?

➤ Saturday: John 19:38-42

How has your journey through Holy Week this year further shaped your understanding of who you are as a disciple of Jesus? What role do silence and waiting play in your spiritual journey? What is your hope as you await this year's celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus?

Daily Household Prayer¹

Holy and Loving God, I ask that you keep me mindful of the profound nature of this Holy Week. Help me to go beyond the joyful parade of the palms and to follow Jesus into the suffering of the world, mindful that he was obedient to you, even to the cross. Amen.

¹ Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*, Year C, Vol. 1, Westminster John Knox Press, 2012.