

04-13-25 FOR THE HOLY WEEK JOURNEY

“Within each of us is the capacity to claim Christ and reject him almost at the same time.

Palm/Passion Sunday is about the celebration and acknowledgement of the one who comes in the name of the Lord. It is a time for declaration of faith and reaffirmation and recommitment to discipleship as we follow Christ with our whole lives. But it is also a time of confession, of acknowledging that we don't live up to the commitments we have made in the past and that our declarations with our lips seem far from the actions of our lives.”

Derek Weber



Daily Scripture and Questions for Reflection

- Monday Luke 19:28-40 What does it mean to celebrate and acclaim Jesus in your daily living, especially in uncertain times? How can you 'set apart' this Holy Week to deepen your relationship with Jesus? How will you remember and reflect upon the events leading to Jesus' death? What will keep you open to both the hope and the pain of Holy Week?
- Tuesday 12:20-36 What does it mean for you to live as a child of the light? What aspects of your life do you need to turn away from in order that you might turn back towards God? Is there something God is calling you to do about which you are uncertain? How can you surrender yourself to God and trust in God's call?
- Wednesday John 13:21-32 What does it look like for you to claim Christ? Have you ever tried to hide your Christian identity? When have your words or actions been a denial of Jesus' teachings? In what ways have you fallen short of commitments you made in the past as a follower of Jesus? Entering the final days of Holy Week how will you prepare to stay awake with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, walk with him to Calvary, stand at the foot of the cross, and wait for his Resurrection?
- Thursday John 13:1-17, 31b-35 How do you live into Jesus' commandment to love others? Who in your life is in need of love? What does it look like for you to live a life of humble service in the name of Jesus? How can you help to sustain others, especially the poor, the outcast, the oppressed?
- Friday John 18:1-19:42 What doubts, pains, and burdens do you need to lay at the foot of the cross this year? How will you pray for the brokenness, hurt, and suffering of our world on this day? How might you walk the path of justice to alleviate the sufferings of others?
- Saturday John 19:38-42 How has your spiritual life deepened throughout your Lenten journey this year? How has the Lenten journey heightened your anticipation of tomorrow's Easter celebration? How will you reaffirm and recommit to the life of discipleship as you prepare to celebrate Easter?

Daily Household Prayer

Giver of light, your steadfast love endures forever. Open our hearts to the Blessed One who comes so humbly, on a borrowed colt. Open before us the gates of your justice, that we may enter, confessing in heaven and on earth that Jesus is Lord. Amen.