

Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



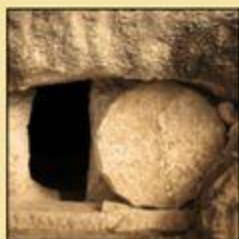
Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



THE LAST SUPPER

READ MATTHEW 26:17-46

On the first day of the Festival of _____ Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want to make preparations for you to eat the _____?"

He replied, "Go into the _____ to a certain man and tell him, The Teacher says: My appointed time is _____. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples in your house." So the _____ did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the _____ with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will _____ me."

Deeply _____ they began to say to him one after the other, "Surely it is not I, _____?"

Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the _____ with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is _____ about him. But, _____ to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been _____."

Then _____, the one who would betray him said, "Surely you don't mean me, _____?" Jesus answered, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he _____ it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my _____."

Then he took a cup, and when he had given _____, he gave it to them saying, "_____ from it all of you. This is my _____ of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of _____. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now until that day when I drink it new with you in the _____ of my Father."

After they sung a _____, they went out to the Mount of _____.

Jesus said to Peter, "This very night before the cock crows, you will deny me _____ times."

Jesus went to the Garden of _____ to pray. He instructed the Apostles _____, _____, and _____ to keep watch over him while he prayed. Instead of keeping watch, they fell _____. After the third time, Jesus said to them, "Get up, let us go. Look, my _____ is at hand."

Lord body city disciples hymn woe distressed blood James Rabbi Unleavened
born Gethsemane broke written Peter bowl three near table betrayer
thanks sins kingdom Olives betray Passover Judas Drink John

NAME _____
GRADE _____
CLASS DAY/TIME _____

EASTER REFLECTION

I celebrated Easter with _____

The church I celebrated Easter was _____ in _____
_____.(city/state)

What did you notice about the decorations of the church?

What was the tone of the music? _____

Easter celebrates the _____ of Christ.

What spoke to your heart at the mass?

Describe your family's Easter traditions.

