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Friday 3rd April

### **Holy Week Reflections**

Dear parents and guardians,

We will soon be entering Holy Week, a key period of time in our liturgical year. The children would usually come together throughout the week for reflections and prayer. Although we are unable to come together at this time, we have provided some suggested activities and prayers for you to complete at home if you wish to.

#### Prayer Tree

During Holy Week we would love for our families to create their own prayer tree. In the leaves please write the names of the people or communities you would like to pray for. Here are some ideas for creating your prayer tree





# Palm Sunday

Today on Palm Sunday we see Jesus enter Jerusalem in triumph. Seated on a colt, welcomed by the shouts of joy and praise of his disciples. They cannot keep the good news to themselves.

Prayer: Christ Jesus, forgive me for the times I have lost courage and been unable to speak up for what I know is right. Strengthen my voice to speak from my heart and help ensure that all people can make themselves heard. Amen.



# Maundy Thursday

Jesus washes the disciples' feet as an example of the kind of loving service that he expects us to show towards one another.

Prayer: Christ Jesus, you call us to walk humbly with you and to serve one another in love. Inspired by your example may we reach out to one another, tending to one another's needs. Amen. Our Vision:

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#### **Good Friday**

Today, on Good Friday, we remember the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is not an easy story to hear. It is filled with betrayal, violence and sorrow. Yet Christ's death is not without purpose. He dies for us and for our salvation.

Prayer: God of mercy, forgive us our sins. For the times we have closed our eyes to injustice: Lord, have mercy. For the times we have closed our ears to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor: Christ, have mercy. For the times we have closed our hearts to our sisters and brothers in need: Lord, have mercy. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.



#### **Holy Saturday**

Today we watch and wait in stillness and silence. We reflect on Christ's death on the cross for us. And we look forward with hope to the gift of new life in the resurrection.

Prayer: God of life, we look forward with hope to the resurrection when all things will be renewed. May we renew the face of the earth. Amen.



# **Easter Sunday**

How confusing it must have been for the disciples when Mary Magdalene came back to them saying that Jesus' body had been moved from the tomb. They must have wondered who had done

such a thing and why. But then, once they reached the tomb and saw the cloths lying on the ground, they finally realised what Jesus had been trying to teach them all along. They understood that he had risen. As it says in today's psalm, "This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad."

Prayer: Risen Christ, we praise you and give you thanks for your glory as we celebrate your resurrection today. Fill our hearts with your love, so that we too may renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Thank you again for everything you are doing to support the school and your children at home.

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