

COMMON PRAYER

*for Children
and Families*



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Holy Week

Palm Sunday

The one who enters in the Lord's name is blessed; we bless all of you from the Lord's house. —Psalm 118:26

Praise God, praise God, praise God we say,
welcoming Jesus along the way.
Waving our branches of palms we say,
hosanna, hosanna along the way.
Welcome to Jesus, our blessed king.
Praise God, praise God, praise God we sing. Amen.

Monday of Holy Week

Jesus said, "Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves." —Matthew 11:29

Walk with me, Jesus, walk with me.
The way isn't always easy, you see.
But your love, it reaches up to the sky,
and carries me, so that I can try.
The way isn't always easy, you see.
Walk with me, Jesus, walk with me. Amen.

Tuesday of Holy Week

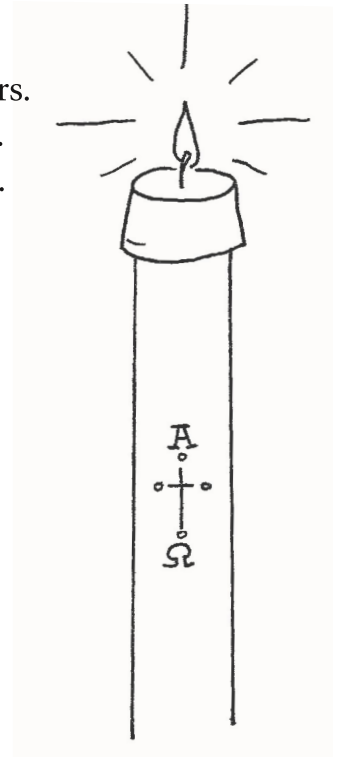
Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be." —John 12:26

I will follow you, Jesus, by following love,
and earth will grow closer to heaven above.
When we serve others and do good deeds,
when we show people kindness and care for their needs,
earth will grow closer to heaven above
when we follow you, Jesus, when we follow love. Amen.

Wednesday of Holy Week

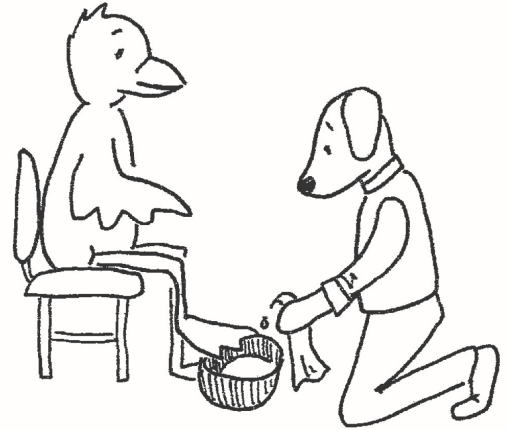
Jesus said to the crowd, "The light is with you for a little longer . . . While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become children of light." —John 12:35–36 RSV, adapted

The light of Christ glows in me and in others,
and in the family of God all are sisters and brothers.
It's a light you must see with your heart to believe.
It's a light you can share, you can give and receive.
In the family of God we are sisters and brothers,
and the light of Christ shines in me and
in others. Amen.



Maundy Thursday

Jesus said to his disciples, "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other." —John 13:34–35



A new commandment, you gave at the table,
to love one another as you made us able.
When we love one another, all will know it is true
that we and our friends, indeed, follow you.
So let us remember the commandment to love
so the world becomes more like heaven above. Amen.

Good Friday

*Jesus said, "It is completed." Bowing his head, he gave up his life.
—John 19:30*

When Jesus died that day on the cross
all creation together sighed, "This is a great loss."
Time grew empty and the afternoon dark
as the light of the world had not even a spark.
The women stood by at a distance in tears
wondering what would become of their fears.
Fear not, the angels soon will say.
Jesus's death has given us the way. Amen.

Holy Saturday

There was a garden in the place where Jesus died and in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. They laid Jesus in the tomb. —John 19:41–42, adapted

We speak few words this day that is hollow,
this day that sighs with one great sorrow.
We sit in the garden next to the tomb
knowing that soon it will be a womb. Amen.

Easter Vigil

*Sing, heavens! Rejoice, earth! Break out, mountains, with a song.
—Isaiah 49:13*

Alleluia! Alleluia! We sing this night,
joining heaven and earth that rejoice with delight.
Jesus, our Lord, is risen today.
God's love and light is here to stay.
Joining heaven and earth that rejoice with delight,
Alleluia! Alleluia! We sing this night. Amen.