

Keeping Holy Week at Home

Palm Sunday

Suggested activities

- Read the Matthean Passion narrative. A form of this narrative which can be used in a sequence of times and places in the home has been shared by Bishop David Wilbourne and may be helpful for wider use. The national Precentors' Network is also recording a Passion for online sharing.
- Make your own 'palm' cross out of paper or card (video/notes to explain how).
- Families/households: make your own cross out of paper or card, and blu-tack to window

National initiatives

- A pre-recorded Palm Sunday Eucharist with the Bishop of Manchester will be released.
- ++Justin will publish a reflection on Facebook/website.

Maundy Thursday:

- The Walking the Way of the Cross reflections (by Paula Gooder, Stephen Cottrell, and Philip North) may be used, either as a devotion or a start for Bible study.
- Other forms of Bible study (Mark 14.22-26, Luke 22.14-23, 1 Corinthians 11.23-25?).
- Washing each other's hands
- Making bread, or dough twisters, with a grace about Jesus being the living bread.

National initiatives

- ++Justin will publish a reflection on Facebook/website.

Good Friday

Suggested activities

- Dramatic reading of the Johannine Passion narrative.

National initiatives

- ++Justin will publish a reflection on Facebook/website.

Holy Saturday

Suggested activities

- Preparing an Easter garden (whether using plants or as a craft activity); preparing and painting Easter eggs.
- Making a donation to an appropriate charity.
- Observing the Easter Vigil in some form at home (either here or early on Sunday). Some networks are planning recorded or live-streamed vigils with wide participation.

National initiatives

- ++Justin will pray the Exultet, offering some reflections on 'waiting in hope':
- ++Justin will publish a reflection on Facebook/website.

Easter Day

Suggested activities

- Practising spiritual communion as this is a day on which all ought otherwise to receive Holy Communion in church.
- Lighting a candle at dawn using the following prayer:
Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.
- Joining in with the 'Sing Resurrection' initiative from CTBI, which encourages everyone to sing the hymns Jesus Christ is risen today and Thine be the glory outdoors at 10 am.

National initiatives

- The BBC will broadcast ++Justin's Easter Day service, with the Bishop of Dover
- ++Justin will publish a reflection on Facebook/website.