



Having a Holy, Holy Week

Instructions for Worship and Activities

Palm Sunday

Before you participate in the livestreamed service of worship, we invite you to go out into your yard and cut a branch of something. It would be best if it has green on it, but if not, any branch will do. During the service as we sing the first hymn, wave your branch. Then, once worship has concluded, tie that branch to your front door, or lamp post, so that it can be seen by others. Leave it where it can be seen until at least Friday.

Maundy Thursday

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper electronically during the Maundy Thursday service. So that you are ready to participate before the livestreamed service of worship, have a piece of bread or cracker nearby. Also, have something to drink --it can be wine, water, orange juice, milk -- whatever you have is fine. Since the events we remember on Maundy Thursday take place in the context of a meal, perhaps you'd like to be eating your evening meal as you watch the livestreamed service, or you might wish to eat just before the livestream starts. At the appropriate place during the service you will be invited to eat the bread and drink the cup as the rest of the congregation does the same. When the livestream feed concludes, take a few moments to sit in silent prayer before you resume other activities.

Good Friday

We invite you to light a candle or turn on a particular light near your computer before the livestream service starts, and then, at the end, as the candle in the sanctuary is extinguished, extinguish the candle you have lit or turn out the light. If you have a cross, you might wish to hold that cross during the service of worship or place it next to your computer or IPAD screen. When the livestream feed concludes, take a few moments to sit in silent prayer before you resume other activities. While the service will be over long before 3 PM, if you have a bell, at 3 PM, go outside and ring the bell 3 times to mark the time of day when, according to Mark's Gospel, Jesus died. If you don't have a bell, you can improvise by tapping a spoon on a glass.