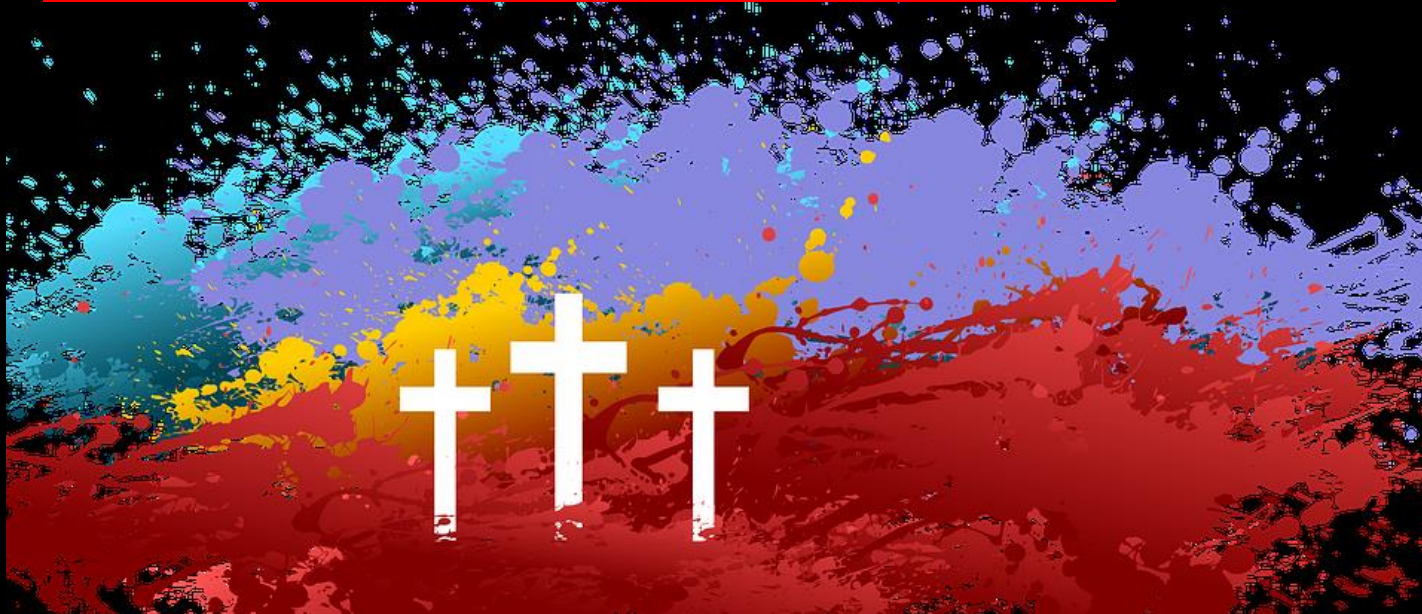


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FULL OF HOPE
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This is Holy week



Holy week



Life at the moment is very strange
We can't see our friends and family like we normally do

Some of those we know might be sick
We might worry a bit about the future.

Holy week is the week we remember the events that led to
the death of Jesus

The Disciples too were afraid
They didn't know what was going to happen

They didn't understand all that was going on
They couldn't be with Jesus

For the disciples too this was a very strange time

Lets spend a few moments thinking about Holy Week

The Good News is this week is not the end of the story
No matter what happens God is with us.



We turn to
God
Who is the
Light and
Hope of
Our Lives

Response

Lord you are always with us

- When we are worried or afraid
- When we feel alone
- When we cannot see our friends and family
- When are ill
- When we think things will never be better



Holy week begins

- With cheering crowds waving palms and shouting. But the crowds were just there for a day out. They cheered because everyone else did.
- When the crowd turn nasty later on everyone will still join in but this time they'll shout crucify .
- Lord forgive me when I just do what everyone else does, when I don't stop to think if I might be hurting someone



Mary anoints the feet of Jesus

- Mary brought oil to anoint Jesus' feet , Judas protested . Mary wanted to heal, Judas to betray. Mary put her faith in Jesus, Judas couldn't do that
- This Holy week we can chose to make things better or worse.
- Lord help me put my faith in you



Peter is told he will betray Jesus

- Peter believes he will always follow Jesus but Jesus knows that Peter will fail because he will get scared and frightened
- Often we let people down . We don't intend to, we just get it wrong or we don't have the courage to do the right thing
- Jesus however always forgives. He always gives second or third or how ever many chances we need
- Lord when I get things wrong , help me start again



Judas betrays Jesus

- Who knows why Judas did this. Perhaps he thought he was doing the right thing, maybe he lost hope in Jesus
- When things are difficult, when life isn't what we want it can be easy to forget about God.
- Lord help us even when things are difficult to trust in you, to believe that you will always be with us



Jesus celebrates the last supper with his disciples

- During this meal Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. That was Jesus, the one everyone was following, the one everyone looked up to getting down and washing the dirt from peoples' feet!
- Then he said "I have given you an example, now follow it". In other words Jesus was saying the most important thing you can do is help others
- Lord help us to follow your example to put others first and ourselves last



Jesus goes to the garden of Gethsemane

- Jesus goes to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane . He takes Peter, James and John with him. But they fall asleep and he is left alone
- He knows he might soon be arrested, that death is near. He is afraid, alone. He evens asks God to make it alright, to take all the pain and hurt away. In the end though he prays that whatever happens God's will be done
- Lord when we pray the 'Our Father' we pray thy will be done, not ours. Help to try to mean that, at least for today



Let us pray together

Our Father, Who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against
us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

