

Holy Week From Home

Worshiping with Westminster United Church

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord...
Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 118:26-27, 29

Palm Sunday, April 5

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

Pre-recorded Service with prayers, scripture, sermon at www.westminster-uc.ca/worship/sermons/

Before worship: Everyone is invited to make palm branches. Send a pic of you and your family with your palm branch to rev.m.robinson@gmail.com by April 3 for inclusion in the online video palm parade. Then, place the palm in your front window so those passing by can see it and be part of the celebration, too!

A Prayer for the week:
"Into your hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit; for
you have redeemed me,
O God of truth.
Keep me, O Lord, as the
apple of your eye; hide
me under the shadow of
your wings"

From The Divine Hours: Prayers for Springtime by Phyllis Tickle

Prayer for the evening:
"Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who work, or
watch, or weep this
night, and give your
angels charge over those
who sleep. Tend the
sick, Lord Christ; give
rest to the weary, bless
the dying, soothe the
suffering, pity the
afflicted, shield the
joyous; and all for your
love's sake. Amen."

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Maundy Thursday, April 9

Scripture: Mark 14:22-42 (John 13:1-17, 31-35)

LIVE Worship, 7PM (link to follow) with communion at home.

Before Worship: Gather bread and something to drink such as grape juice (or another kind of juice), wine, or water. You might consider baking your own unleavened bread (recipe is pg. 3). You will be using these as the elements during our LIVE online service.

Good Friday, April 10

Scripture:

The Passion Narrative from the Gospel of Mark Mark 14:43-72; Mark 15:1-41; and Psalm 22:1-2, 14-21

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Before/During Worship: Dim the lights. Have a lit candle. At one point during the service the Christ candle will be extinguished. Extinguish yours as well.

Easter Sunday, April 12 (Two Services)

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8 (Psalm 118:21-27)

A LIVE early morning Easter liturgy at 8AM to greet the day. (Link will follow).

Pre-recorded Service will also be available online with prayers, scripture and sermon at www.westminster-uc.ca/worship/sermons/



Dear God,
We have been joined
together
by our faith
by our concern for the
world
by this simple meal.
Nourish us, body, mind
and spirit.
Strengthen us for the
days ahead as we
witness to your love
Amen.

Bread Recipe for Holy Week

Make this bread ahead of time for use during worship, Maundy Thursday. You can also use it for Easter morning or anytime throughout the week.

1½ cups flour

½ cup whole wheat flour

34 tsp baking soda

½ tsp salt

3 tbsp shortening

6 to 10 tbsp honey

34 cup water

Mix dry ingredients. Cut in shortening. Add honey, then water. Mix by hand. Turn onto a floured surface and knead for a bit. Divide and shape into 4 balls. Roll or press to ¼ inch even thickness. Cut a shallow cross through the top. Bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees on a cookie sheet.