



Calvary  
Baptist Church

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# Home Worship Guide

## Holy Week

From Palm Sunday, to Good Friday, to Resurrection Sunday, this week is a BUSY week! With all that is going on it can be easy to loose sight of why we have so many holidays in such a short time. Try to take time every night to refocus your heart and mind as a household to look to Christ who lived, died, and rose again to give us newness of life in Him.

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# PALM SUNDAY

## “HOSANNA”

**Read Mark 11:1-11**

### **Discuss**

Have you ever seen something incredible or been a part of something memorable? Often those moments are followed up with immediate phone calls or texts to friends and family. Why? You want to share the excitement!

On the first day of Holy Week, we see Jesus entering Jerusalem for Passover. Passover is the largest Jewish feast of the year. God's people would come together and celebrate their deliverance from Egyptian slavery. It was a big deal! People would come from near and far to worship the Lord.

How would Jesus enter this sacred city? On a colt in order to fulfill a prophecy from Zech. 9:9 which declared that Israel's king would enter victoriously...but also lowly. There was one problem: Jesus didn't have a colt. Jesus told his disciples to enter the village and there they would find a colt tied up.

Certainly, this colt belonged to someone. Jesus' instruction? Tell them the Lord needs it. Immediately the disciples walk into the city, and find exactly what Jesus told them would be there. As we might expect, some people inquired why they are taking this animal. Like clockwork, the disciples tell them the Lord has need of it. They nod in agreement, and on the disciples go returning the colt to Jesus.

On Sunday, Jesus travelled to Jerusalem. As he approached the city, he was engulfed in the praise of many. Connecting the dots of the prophecy, they threw their coats and branches on the ground. In their minds, the king had finally come. What did the city sound like? Loud shouts! "Hosanna!" Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King! The whole city was frantically sharing the news and wondering, who is this?

That day, Jesus gave us another glimpse of His authority. The result? Awe.

### **Discussion Questions**

- The disciples were commanded by Jesus to go into the village and take possession of a colt. What were they to say to the colt's owner? That is a pretty interesting statement. Yet it worked! What in the Bible do you find hard to believe? Maybe a story or a command? This passage shows that King, Jesus' words are always true and good. He keeps His word!

#### **Sing**

*Here is Love*

William Reeves, William  
Williams, William Edwards

#### **Pray**

Thank God for being a  
good King!

# HERE IS LOVE

## Verse 1:

Here is love, vast as the ocean,  
Loving-kindness as the flood;  
When the Prince of Life, my ransom,  
Shed for me his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing his praise?  
He shall never be forgotten,  
Through Heav'n's everlasting days

## Verse 2:

On the mount of crucifixion,  
Fountains opened deep and wide,  
Through the flood-gates of God's mercy,  
Flowed the vast and gracious tide;  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above,  
And God's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

## Verse 3:

Let me all your love accepting,  
Love you, ever all my days;  
Let me seek your kingdom only  
And my life be to your praise;  
You alone will be my glory,  
Nothing in the world I see;  
You have cleansed and sanctified me,  
You have loved and set me free.

## Verse 4:

In your truth you will direct me  
By your Spirit, thru' your Word;  
And your grace my need is meeting,  
As I trust in you, my Lord.  
All your fulness you are pouring  
From your endless wells above,  
Without measure, full and boundless  
As I yield myself in love.



# HOLY MONDAY

## “HOUSE OF PRAYER”

Read Matthew 21:12-17

### Discuss

I love springtime! Each year, I look forward to budding trees and blooming flowers. My favorite activity this time of year? Getting my garden ready. I enjoy situating small, delicate plants in the ground and watching them grow and produce a harvest. Many gardeners label the plants the place in the ground. I do not. As they grow, their produce is a sure indicator of what they are.

On Monday, Jesus returns to Jerusalem. Through two recorded events, Jesus helps us see that who we are on the outside is often the best indicator of who we are on the inside.

As He walked into the city, Jesus grew hungry. Desiring to eat, He stops at a fig tree. But it had no fruit! With His disciples in ear shot, He rebuked the tree. Was He frustrated that His stomach would remain empty? I don't think so. Later in the day He enters the temple. During Passover, it would have been full of those worshipping God. What He finds there truly turns His empty stomach.

What does He see? Not contrite worship, but commerce. The place was filled with people exchanging their money and buying and selling the needed sacrificial animals. Filled with righteous anger, Jesus flips over tables and drives out those engaging in these acts. His reasoning? God's house was to be a place of prayer, not profit!

The point of these two events is clear. Like the fig tree, Israel, while physically alive, was spiritually dead. Their hearts failed to cultivate the sort of worship God desired. While they looked good on the outside, their lack of fruit revealed a deep disease. One Jesus had come to heal.

### Discussion Questions

- READ: Luke 6:45. True worship begins in the heart. What ways can you seek to cultivate a heart of worship?
- Think of the last week. In what ways did that worship make its way from your heart to your hands? Was it seen? How so?

**Sing**  
*And Can It Be*  
Charles Wesley

**Pray**  
Confess how you have not worshipped God as He deserves and pray for a worshipping heart

# AND CAN IT BE

Verse 1:

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain:

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Verse 2:

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.

[Refrain]

Verse 4:

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

[Refrain]

Verse :

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

[Refrain]



# HOLY TUESDAY

## “MOUNT OF OLIVES”

**Read Matthew 25:31-26:16**

### **Discuss**

Many were growing uncomfortable with Jesus’ teaching. Having rebuked those who challenged Him, Jesus travelled out of the city. Due east of the temple was the Mount of Olives. It was there that Jesus gave what has come to be known as the Olivet Discourse.

While He told numerous parables, and issued various warnings, the whole of them are summed up in our passage today. The heart of Jesus’ words? Destruction is coming. Judgement is on the horizon.

Jesus promises a day when He will return in glory. On that day, He will not be alone. Surrounded by all His angels, Jesus Himself will separate those who are His and those who are not. Those who are His will inherit a glorious kingdom. Those who are not His will be cast into an eternal lake of fire.

What is one distinguishing mark of those who will dwell with Him forever? They not only say the right things, but they also do the right things. Do you see how Jesus is contrasting the difference between the religious leaders of the day and His true followers? Like the fig tree we discussed yesterday, those who are loved by Jesus have lives that produce visible and beautiful fruit!

What a joy we have in the gospel. Our good works don’t earn us salvation. Instead, they reveal that salvation is in fact ours.

### **Discussion Questions**

- Our good works are to be public acts of service that cause people to look unto God (Mt. 5:16). How can we work towards making our actions direct attention to God and not ourselves? Give some examples!
- At the end of our passage today, Jesus foretells His coming crucifixion. Instantly, we see the religious leaders plot in the background to do just that. Nothing catches Jesus off guard. READ: John 10:18. What does this teach us about the love of Jesus?

#### **Sing**

*Depth of Mercy*  
Charles Wesley

#### **Pray**

Thank God for saving us by  
His mercy.



# DEPTH OF MERCY

## Verse 1:

Depth of mercy! Can there be  
mercy still reserved for me?  
Can my God His wrath forbear?  
me, the chief of sinners, spare?

## Verse 2:

I have long withstood His grace,  
long provoked Him to His face;  
would not hearken to His calls,  
grieved Him by a thousand falls.

## Verse 3:

I my Master have denied;  
I afresh have crucified,  
oft profaned His hallowed name,  
put Him to an open shame.

## Verse 4:

There for me the Savior stands,  
shows His wounds and spreads His hands.  
God is love! I know, I feel;  
Jesus weeps, but loves me still!

## Verse 5:

Now incline me to repent,  
let me now my fall lament;  
now my foul revolt deplore!  
weep, believe, and sin no more.



(Turn on captions  
for this video as it  
doesn't have the  
lyrics)

# HOLY WEDNESDAY

## “FORGIVENESS”

**Read Matthew 18:21-35**

### **Discuss**

We don't know what Jesus and His disciples did on Wednesday. Some think that after three full days of ministry, Jesus rested in preparation for Passover. This seems like a good day to discuss the reason Jesus made the long journey to the cross. Why did Jesus freely give His life? To offer true forgiveness to those who trust in Him.

What is sin? It is lawlessness. Sin can best be described as the violation of God's law. It is disobedience to the Creator. Since sin is the breaking of God's law, it is God and God alone that has the right to punish. We've crossed His line!

Because of this, only God can forgive sin. In the parable we read today, we see a story that reveals to us the incredible grace of God to forgive. In the story we're introduced to a king. One day, the king called one of his servants who owed him a bunch of money. The servant, not having it, fell on his face and pleaded with the king to forgive him his debt. What did the king do? Just that.

The Bible tells us that every person has a record of debt that's been recorded by God. That debt is our sin. If we were to sit down and begin to write out every sin we've ever committed, imagine how large that notebook would be! The joy of Holy Week is that Jesus would pay our debt by giving up His life! Did we owe the debt? Every penny. However, through faith in Christ, Jesus wipes the slate clean.

The parable is meant to show us, not just the underserved forgiveness we receive when we trust in Jesus, but how that forgiveness changes us. The servant whose debt is forgiven calls one of his servants that owed him just a tiny bit of money. His servant begged for mercy. Does he receive it? No. He put the man that owed him pennies in jail.

Once we've understood the incredible forgiveness we've been given by Jesus, we're able to radically forgive others. While we don't have the ability to forgive the sin-debt all owe to God, we are able to freely forgive those who have wronged us.

### **Discussion Questions**

- READ v. 21: How does Jesus' forgiveness of you allow you to truly forgive others?
- Are there people in your life you need to forgive? What is the first step towards doing that?

#### **Sing**

*Jesus Paid it All*  
Elvina M Hall

#### **Pray**

Thank God for forgiving you and pray He softens your heart to forgive others.

# JESUS PAID IT ALL

## Verse 1:

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."

## Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

## Verse 2:

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone.

[Refrain]

## Verse 3:

For nothing good have I  
Where-by Thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

[Refrain]

## Verse 4:

And when, before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save,"  
My lips shall still repeat.

[Refrain]



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

## “THE LAST SUPPER”

**Read Luke 22:7-20**

### **Discuss**

Every Passover, the Jewish people would gather for a symbolic meal to remember God’s deliverance of His people from the Egyptians. What takes place in Luke 22 is often called the Last Supper. Why? Because it is the last meal that Jesus would eat prior to His crucifixion. Not a very creative name, is it?

You may recall the story of God delivering His people from Egyptian slavery. In Exodus 12, God tells the Jewish people that He will kill every firstborn child and animal in Egypt. Who would be spared? Only those homes that spread the blood of a spotless lamb on their doorways. God keeps His word.

What’s different about this Passover meal, is that Jesus connects it to His final sacrifice. As the true spotless lamb, Jesus forever secures for His people what they could never secure for themselves- a true and eternal escape from death.

The bread He broke, symbolized His body given. The wine they drank, symbolized His blood. Blood that would institute a new covenant (promise) between God and His children. No longer would animals need to be sacrificed. A true and better sacrifice was imminent.

Isn’t it incredible how God has been preparing His people for the final perfect sacrifice for thousands of years? All of history has been perfectly orchestrated, and the minds of people primed, to lead to this exact moment.

Praise God, the He sent His Son to be the lamb of God that truly takes away the sins of the world!

### **Discussion Questions**

- Jesus’ death grants those who believe eternal life. What are you most looking forward to in heaven?
- How does the assurance of eternal life allow us to live differently today?

#### **Sing**

*Hallelujah For the Cross*  
Ross King and Todd  
Wright

#### **Pray**

Thank God for sending the  
perfect sacrifice for our  
sins

# HALLELUJAH FOR THE CROSS

## Verse 1

Up to the hill of Calvary  
My Savior went courageously  
And there He bled and died for me,  
Hallelujah for the Cross!  
And on that day the world was changed  
A final perfect Lamb was slain.  
Let Earth and Heaven now proclaim,  
Hallelujah for the Cross!

## Chorus

Hallelujah for the war He fought,  
Love has won; death has lost.  
Hallelujah for the souls He bought,  
Hallelujah for the Cross!

## Verse 2

What good I've done could never save,  
My debt too great for deeds to pay.  
But God, my Savior, made a way,  
Hallelujah for the Cross!  
A slave to sin my life was bound,  
But all my chains fell to the ground  
When Jesus' blood came flowing down.  
Hallelujah for the Cross!

(Chorus)

## Verse 3

And when I've breathed my final breath  
I'll have no need to fear that rest.  
This hope will guide me into death.  
Hallelujah for the Cross!

(Chorus x2)



# GOOD FRIDAY

## “THE CRUCIFIXION”

Read Matthew 26:57-27:66; Luke 23

### Discuss

Having been arrested by the Roman authorities, Jesus goes through a series of trials, overseen by the government of His day. Ultimately though, it was His own plan that handed Him over to death. While they thought they were in control, this was His plan all along. For this was the purpose for which He came.

He was stripped and beaten. Having the heavy cross hoisted upon His shoulders he walked to His death. Once hung on the cross, and with the piercing pain of the nails driven through His hands, Jesus speaks.

In fact, throughout the gospels we hear Him utter seven phrases. The one that gets me every time? “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” As we saw on Wednesday, the offer of forgiveness was the reason for which He came, and ultimately the reason He had to die.

With a billowing cry, Jesus spoke words that surely pained the cowardly Satan. “It is finished.” What was finished? His mission.

On the cross, the Father, poured onto Jesus the wrath that all those that would ever call upon Him deserved. If you’ve trusted on Christ, it was at this time your sins were atoned for. Each passing minute was a result of what you’ve done or what you will do. How do we respond? I only have one appropriate response.

Hallelujah, what a savior.

### Discussion Questions

- Take a moment and reflect on the reality that Jesus bore the punishment for your sin. What is your response to this life changing truth?
- Are there sins in your life you’re ashamed of? Look to the Cross. If you’ve trusted in Jesus, God has already paid the penalty for them. You no longer must live with them!

#### Sing

*When I Survey the  
Wonderous Cross*  
Isaac Watts

#### Pray

Confess your sins that held  
Christ on the cross and  
thank Him for His work

# WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDEROUS CROSS

## Verse 1:

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

## Verse 2:

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.

## Verse 3:

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

## Verse 4:

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.



# HOLY SATURDAY

## “THE GRAVE”

Read Matthew 27:56-66

### Discuss

Jesus died. His earthly body was bound and placed in a tomb. Following His death, the disciples fled. After giving years of their lives to Him, we might imagine that they were defeated. Without hope.

The gospels do not have any noted events taking place on the Saturday of Holy Week. One could certainly speculate that the disciples, fearing for their own lives, and in despair, are hiding.

Throughout His time with them, Jesus prepared them for this moment. He told them multiple times that He would die, but He would rise on the third day.

The question now? Would they believe Him?

On Saturday, I think that's a fitting reflection. When all seems to be chaos in our world, will we cling to the promises of God? When He is silent, will we remember that He has already spoken?

### Discussion Questions

- Life is hard. Often, the chaos of our world distracts us from the promises of God. Think for a moment. When life gets hard, what does it look like to take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ?
- What can you do to force the truth of God to unseat the often errant emotions of the heart?

#### Sing

*Arise My Soul Arise*  
Charles Wesley

#### Pray

Confess to God the times that you have doubted Him. Confess as well your sins to Him. Pray that He would soften your heart to trust Him more. Thank Him for all His mercy shown through His Son.



# ARISE MY SOUL ARISE

Verse 1:

Arise, my soul, arise,  
Shake off thy guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice  
In my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my surety stands;  
My name is written on his hands.

Verse 2:

He ever lives above  
For me to intercede;  
His all-redeeming love  
His precious blood to plead;  
His blood atoned for all our race  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Verse 3:

Five bleeding wounds he bears,  
Received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers,  
They strongly speak for me;  
Forgive him, oh forgive, they cry,  
Nor let that ransomed sinner die.

Verse 4:

The Father hears him pray,  
His dear Anointed One;  
He cannot turn away  
The presence of his Son;  
His Spirit answers to the blood  
And tells me I am born of God.

Verse 5:

My God is reconciled,  
His pard'ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for his child;  
I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And Father, Abba Father, cry!



# RESURRECTION SUNDAY

## “HE IS RISEN!”

**Read Matthew 28; John 20:1-18**

### **Discuss**

Jesus laid in the tomb. Dead. Hope seemed gone. Early in the morning, Mary Magdeline, visited the tomb. What she found, or more precisely didn't find, would change everything. She panicked. Where is Jesus?

Mary went with haste and informed some of the other disciples. They darted to the tomb to find that Jesus' body was gone. They were shocked. Eventually they went home, but Mary? She stayed.

With tear filled eyes she heard voices. Why are you weeping, they said? She replied, they have taken my Lord. Instantly, another chimed into the conversation. Whom are you seeking? What stopped her in her tracks? When Jesus called her name. “Mary.” He is alive!

Through the resurrection, Jesus changed everything. He proved that He was who He said He was. More importantly though, He defeated death for all those who call upon His name! Those who trust on Him, will live forever. There is nothing else, in all of time, that is more cause for worship and celebration, than the fact that Jesus lives!

What is still the sweetest sound one can ever hear? Jesus uttering their name. “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them.”

### **Discussion Questions**

- How should the resurrection of Jesus change our daily lives?
- The tomb is still empty. Like Mary, we have good news to share. Death has been defeated! Who in your life has yet to hear about Jesus? Think of someone. Pause and pray for them. Then seize the next opportunity you have to tell them the true story of Holy Week. Jesus lives, and through Him you can too.

#### **Sing**

*Resurrection Hymn*  
Keith Getty and Stuart  
Townend

#### **Pray**

Praise God for faithfully  
raising Christ!

# RESURRECTION HYMN

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“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

Mark 5:19

