

## 04-02-23 FOR THE HOLY WEEK JOURNEY

“Holy Week is not a time when we merely reaffirm our belief in the great acts of God...God seeks through the mystery of the re-enactment of this drama to offer us power for new living itself.”

- Larry Neeb



### Daily Scripture and Questions for Reflection —

- Monday Matthew 21:1-11  
How will you welcome Jesus into your life this week? How will you journey with Jesus through Holy Week this year? What will enable you to claim space for prayer and reflection?
- Tuesday John 12:20-36  
Especially during Holy Week what does it mean for you to follow Jesus? To what do you need to die in order to live more fully and bear fruit for God’s kin-dom? What role can you play in challenging the status quo of systemic oppression and injustice?
- Wednesday John 12:1-11  
By what forms of lavish giving do you demonstrate you love for Jesus? What are the ways you hold back? How can we as a congregation discern between wasteful extravagance and faithful use of our resources?
- Thursday John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
What does it mean for you to love others as Jesus loves you? How do you offer humble service in various settings of your life—home/family? school/work? church/community? How do we as a congregation enact Jesus’ “new commandment” that we love one another as he loves us?
- Friday John 18:1-19:42  
What does Good Friday mean to you? What significance does the cross have for you? What do you need to lay at the foot of the cross? Who do you need to forgive? With whom do you need to seek reconciliation?
- Saturday John 19:38-42  
What have been the most significant aspects of your Holy Week journey? What new insights about the life of faith have you had through the events of Holy Week this year? As you take time today to pause and listen, to wait and watch, what else do you need in order to be prepared to fully celebrate the joy of Easter?

### Daily Household Prayer

Lord, we too cry, “Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!” We yearn for the day when your salvation and justice will be the experience of all people. We continue to repent from when we have failed to be obedient individually and as a church community. Extend your mercy, love, and grace to us again. This week, as we remember again the sacrifice and mercy of Good Friday, give us a fresh experience of your amazing and world-changing grace that burst forth from the good news of Easter Sunday. Amen.