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How To Celebrate Holy Week ~written by Anne Reynolds

Holy week is the week leading up to Easter and is celebrated by Christians throughout the world. We observe these holy days with awe and reverence in preparation for the celebration of Easter Sunday. Holy Week is marked by remembering the life and death of Jesus Christ. There are four main days during the week that mark the last week of Jesus' life here on Earth, culminating on Easter Sunday.

To celebrate Holy Week, you can begin by attending Palm Sunday church service. On Palm Sunday, we celebrate the first joy of the season, Our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem where he was welcomed by crowds worshiping him and laying down palm leaves before him. Christians throughout the world gather together at churches to worship and celebrate. Many churches have a processional throughout the church or give palm branches as you enter the church. At home, you can make the palm branch into a cross as a remembrance of Holy Week.

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. Since Jesus was born Jewish, the meal that he shared would have been the Passover meal.

During the Passover meal, Jesus breaks bread and gives it to his Disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you." Then, he passes a cup filled with wine and says, "This is my blood..." The Last Supper was the final meal Jesus shared with his Disciples in Jerusalem. Also during the meal, Jesus predicts his betrayal. Following the Last Supper, the disciples went with Jesus to the Mount of Olives to pray and he was betrayed by Judas.

You can celebrate Holy Thursday by attending a Maundy Thursday service and receive communion with fellow believers. During the Last Supper, Jesus washed the feet of his followers. Many churches reenact this practice and wash the feet of fellow members of a congregation.

Reflect on the significance of Good Friday as it commemorates Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and death. You can attend a Good Friday church service. Many churches use various scenes from Jesus' life to tell the story of Jesus' last days, called Stations of the Cross or have a Tenebrae service. Christians can pray and fast.

Contemplate on Holy Saturday what Jesus accomplished by dying on the cross. You can read the four gospel accounts of Jesus' last days on earth in the Bible.

After arrival at Calvary, Jesus was nailed to the cross and crucified between two thieves. A sign was posted above Christ to indicate His crime. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." It is commonly abbreviated in Latin as "INRI."

During Christ's last few hours on the cross, darkness fell over the whole land. Jesus was given a sponge with sour wine mixed with gall, a weak, bitter painkiller often given to crucified victims. Prior to death, Jesus spoke His last words, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" This line is the opening of Psalm 22.

At the moment of Christ's death, an earthquake occurred, powerful enough to open tombs. The long, thick curtain at the Temple was torn from top to bottom. Following the incredible events of the day, the body of Christ was removed from the cross and laid in a donated tomb, buried according to custom.

As Christians, we wait in anticipation for Resurrection morning.

Rejoice on Easter Sunday! You can choose to attend a sunrise service to watch the new day begin or attend Sunday morning worship service with other Christians. Celebrate with family and friends by sharing an Easter meal. You can watch a movie or TV program that emphasizes the life of Jesus and his resurrection.

The meaning of Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. The meaning of Easter also symbolizes the complete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during His three-year ministry. His resurrection changed everything and gave final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had conquered death once and for all.

Today, the meaning of Easter, for millions of Christians, is that of honoring and recognizing Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, and His glorious promises of eternal life for all who believe in Him. Because of the miracle of Easter, we have the hope of eternal life with Jesus Christ, our Lord.

April Birthdays

Colette Conner	1
Ken Conner	6
Kathy Zavatsky	6
Debbie Proffit	7
John Norton	9
Katherine Brown	11
Malcolm Thomas	17
Ian Thomas	26
Marjorie Gasaway	28

April Anniversary

Norman & Betty Spear 23

April Verse of the Month

He is not here;
he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee.
Luke 24:6

Join in!

Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 1, at 6:00 a.m. at the Vincentown Lake

Game Night on April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Chili Cook-off on Saturday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Service Around the campfire

On Sunday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m.

The Foods of Passover ~submitted by Bettie Rickards

Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on Maundy Thursday. The Passover meal is a Jewish ritual feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. It is held by a community or by multiple generations of a family, involving a retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt from the book of Exodus. The meal itself is based on the Bible verse commanding Jews to retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt: "You shall tell your child on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'" (Exodus 13:8)

Passover seder customs include telling and discussing the story, partaking of symbolic foods placed on the Passover Seder Plate, and reclining in celebration of freedom.

The centerpiece of the Passover table is the seder plate, which holds foods symbolic of the Israelites' enslavement in Egypt and their flight to freedom.

Bitter Herbs

Freshly grated horseradish and bitter greens reflect the bitter affliction of slavery. Some Passover plates have spots for two different bitter herbs or greens.

Vegetable

A green vegetable such as parsley or celery represents new life in spring, but since it's dipped in salt

water, it also represents the tears shed by Jewish slaves in Egypt.

Roasted Shank Bone

This is symbolic of the lamb that was sacrificed on the eve of Passover at the Temple in Jerusalem.

Haroset

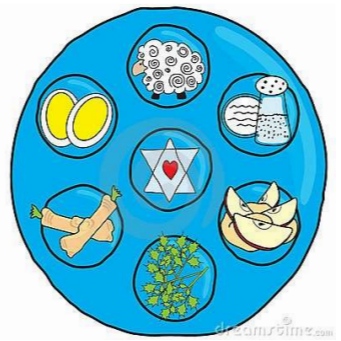
A chunky mixture of chopped walnuts, sweet wine, cinnamon, and apples symbolizes the mortar that Jews in Egypt used when they did building work for the pharaoh.

Roasted Egg

The egg symbolizes the roasted sacrifices brought to the Temple, and (because the egg is a symbol of mourning) also reminds Jews of the destruction of the Temple.

Matzo

The seder table hold several matzo, a cracker-like bread that symbolizes the speed with which the Israelites had to leave Egypt. They were in such a hurry that couldn't wait for the bread to rise.



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