



**Holy Week 2023**  
*Faith Hope Love*



View this short video about Holy Week  
<https://bustedhalo.com/video/holy-week-in-two-minutes>

*Palm  
Sunday*



Palm Sunday

# LUKE 19

Jesus proceeded on his journey  
up to Jerusalem.

As he drew near to Bethany  
at the place called the Mount of Olives,  
he called two of his disciples.

He said,  
“Go into the village opposite you,  
and as you enter it  
you will find a colt.  
Untie it and bring it here.”

So they brought the donkey to Jesus,  
who rode alongside the crowds while  
the people were spreading their cloaks  
on the road;

As he was approaching the Mount of Olives,  
the whole multitude began to praise God  
aloud with joy  
for all the mighty deeds they had seen.

They proclaimed:  
“Blessed is the king who comes  
in the name of the Lord  
Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest.”





# What Kind of King are You?

What kind of King  
rides on a donkey  
a donkey that might be borrowed,  
or might be hijacked?

What kind of King  
builds a castle  
with a wide open door for children to enter  
but a needle-eye sized hole for the rich?

What kind of King  
rides on a donkey  
into the city where  
his assassins are waiting?

What kind of King  
lets his followers send a  
public message to the competing powers?

What kind of King are you?

What kind of King  
can send two followers  
to fetch a donkey  
and know exactly what they'll need to say?

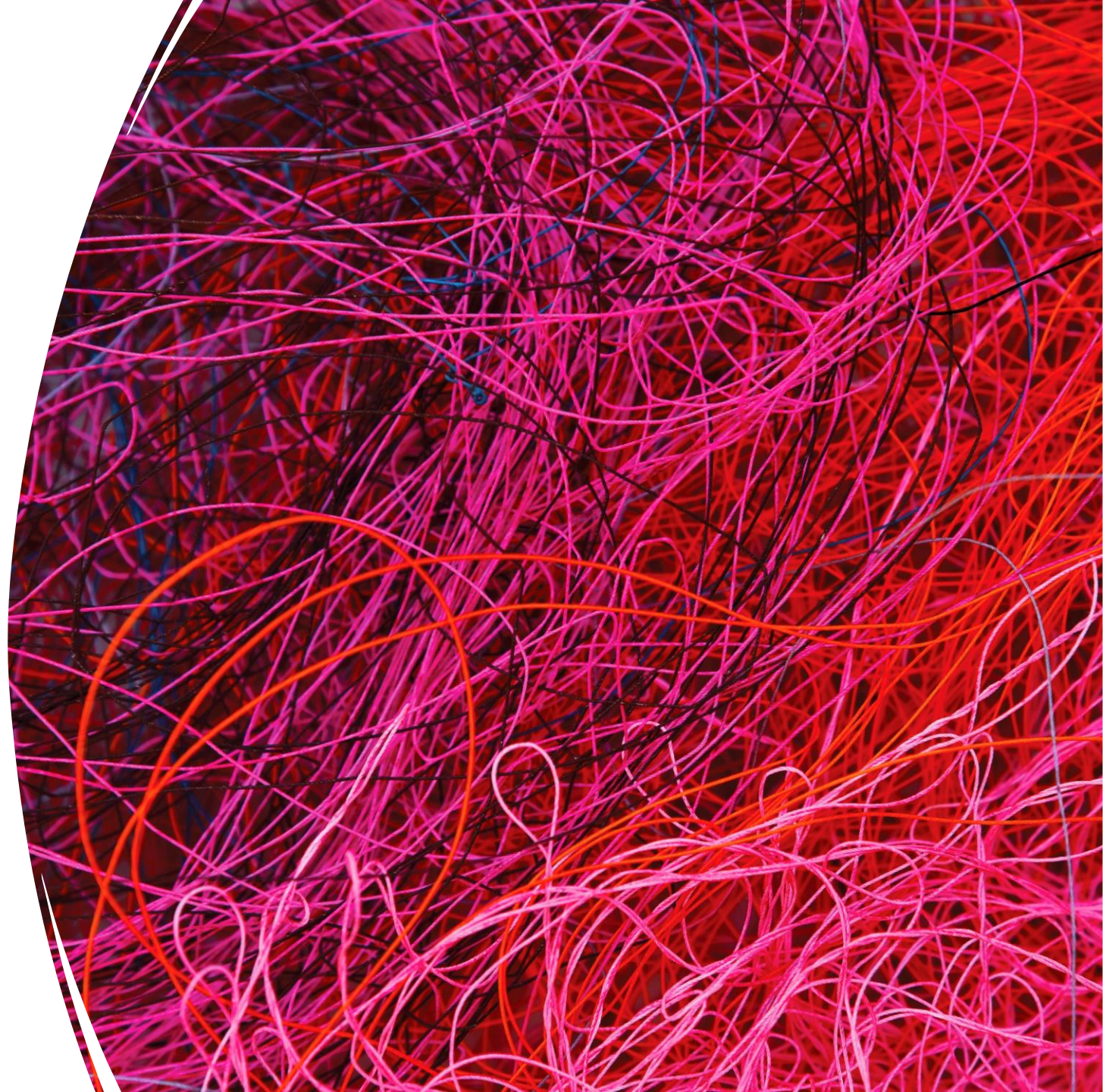
What kind of King  
can tell a blind beggar  
"Your faith has made you well."  
And actually make him see?





# Jubilation turns to anger and derision

All who see me deride me.  
They divide my clothes among  
them  
and cast lots for my robe.



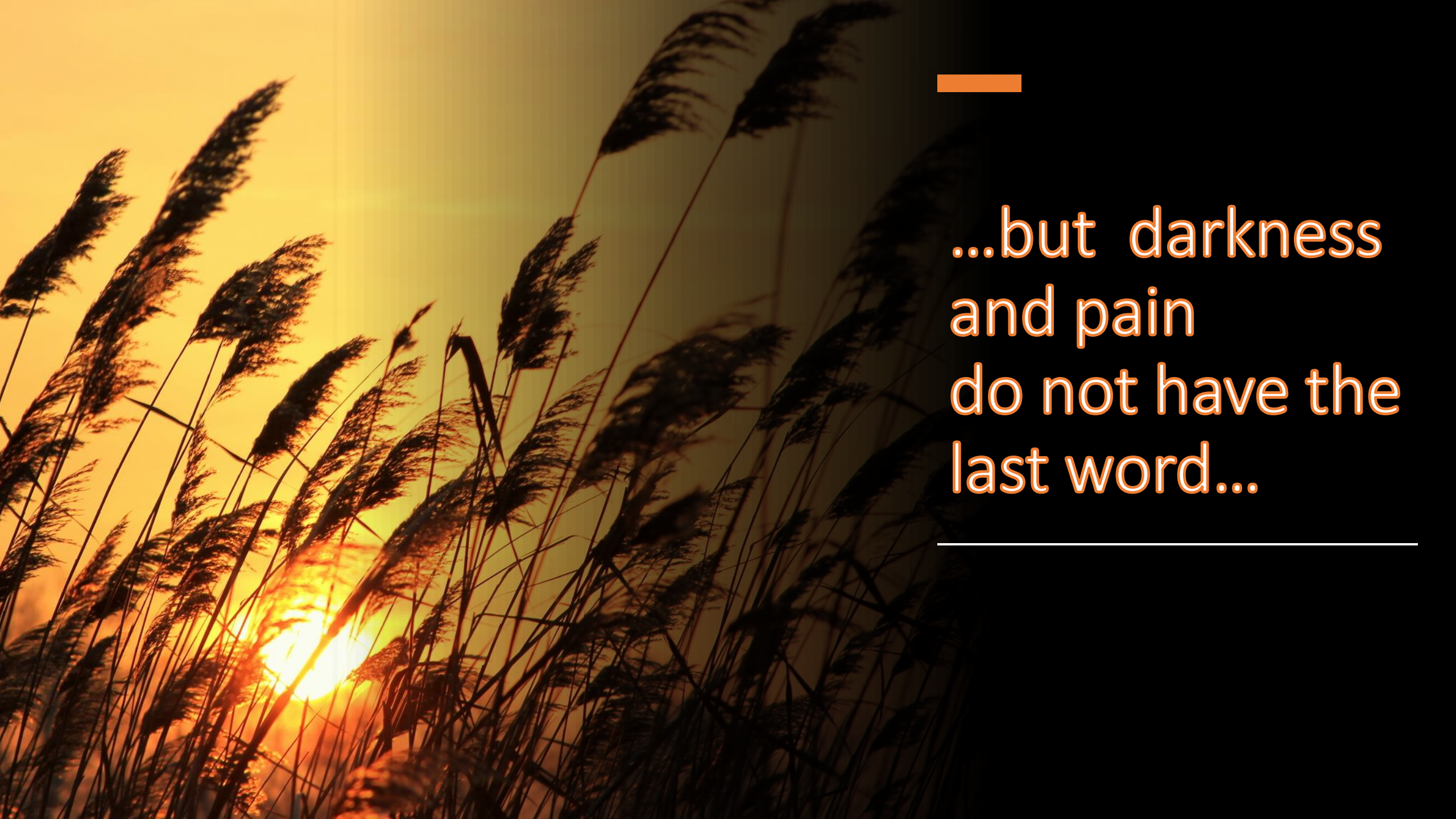


‘No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends’ (John 15:13)

- Though suffering and chaos befall us, they can never quench that inner light of providence.
- The human journey is a continuous act of transfiguration.

There is no  
question  
about the reality  
of evil,  
of injustice,  
of suffering ...





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...but darkness  
and pain  
do not have the  
last word...

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• Love

will triumph over destruction



Light  
will shine through  
the darkness



... to create  
a world of  
empathy  
and care...

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... of peace  
and justice,  
of new life  
lived to the full.





# A PRAYER FOR PEACE

For those who risk their lives  
each day for peace,  
May their hearts glimpse  
providence at the heart of  
history.

May our swords be turned into  
ploughshares

And no hurt or harm be done  
Anywhere along the holy  
mountain.



We pray for all who are suffering  
the injustice and heart-breaking  
devastation of war. We remember  
especially the people of Ukraine.

We pray for peace.

*(pause for silent prayer).*

Lord, hear us.



We pray for the courage never  
to be afraid to speak up for  
justice.

*(pause for silent prayer).*

Lord, hear us.



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We remember our school communities and we pray that you will guide and protect them in all their concerns.

We pray that they will enjoy time for rest and relaxation during the holidays.

*(pause for silent prayer).*

Lord, hear us.






We pray for all who are  
sick and for those who  
care for them.

*(pause for silent prayer).*

Lord, hear us.

A close-up photograph of a pair of hands, likely belonging to an older person, gently cupping a lit candle. The candle is white and has a bright, steady flame. The hands are positioned on either side of the candle, with the fingers slightly curled. The background is dark, making the light from the candle stand out. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

**We remember  
all who have died  
and we pray for those who  
are bereaved  
in our school community.  
*(pause for silent prayer).*  
Lord, hear us.**

# FINAL PRAYER

May this Holy Week be a time of increasing our understanding of Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life.

May this time deepen our experience of the reality that God's love enfolds us, transforming sorrow into joy, darkness into light, and death into the fullness of life.





# Inter-Diocesan Easter Music Project

Waterford & Lismore - Kerry - Limerick - Kildare & Leighlin - Dublin - Ferns

## in aid of Mary's Meals

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Watch on the

Diocese of Waterford & Lismore YouTube Channel

## 2021 Inter-diocesan Easter Music Project

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAopVZUJGpE>

3 songs focused on the 3  
movements of Easter

**Palm Sunday**

**The Crucifixion**

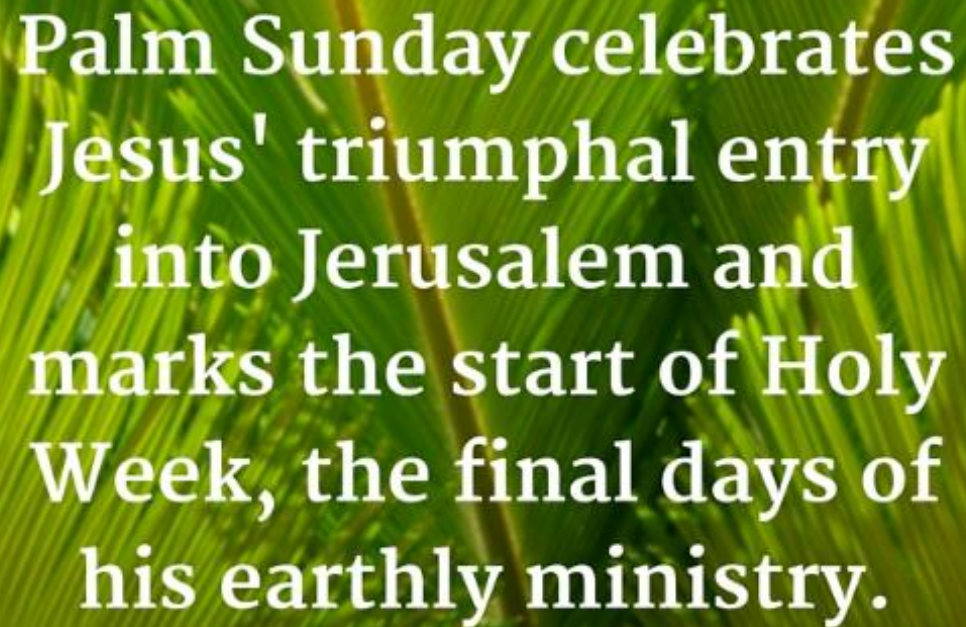
**The Resurrection of our Lord.**




# Prayer for Holy Week



O, God, as we journey through Holy Week  
and through this uncertain time of  
challenge towards the cross,  
May we remember  
the wonder of who You are.  
Beyond sickness,  
Your healing brings wholeness.  
Beyond sin, Your love is inexhaustible.  
Beyond brokenness, Your forgiveness is  
incomprehensible.  
Beyond betrayal, Your grace is poured out  
eternally.  
Beyond death, Your life is unimaginable.  
Beyond human understanding,  
Your ways are always higher than ours.



Palm Sunday celebrates  
Jesus' triumphal entry  
into Jerusalem and  
marks the start of Holy  
Week, the final days of  
his earthly ministry.



*Blessed is the  
one who comes  
in the name of  
the Lord!*

Matthew 21:9

**PALM SUNDAY**

# Spy Wednesday / Holy Wednesday



Holy Wednesday is also called "Spy Wednesday" because this is believed to be the day on which Judas Iscariot made arrangements to betray Jesus in exchange for thirty pieces of silver.

# Holy Thursday

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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1R9Z9gkOck>



The image features three simple wooden crosses of varying heights against a soft, purple-hued background. The crosses are positioned in the lower-left and lower-center areas. The text "Good Friday" is centered in the middle of the image in a white, sans-serif font. The overall mood is solemn and reflective.

Good Friday

# Good Friday

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Good Friday is the day on which Christians commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

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The events of Good Friday are remembered in the Stations of the Cross, a 14-step devotion

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Good Friday is a day of fasting within the Church

# Good Friday

Jesus, remember me, when you come  
into your kingdom

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGB2E0NzO2A>

Stations of the Cross



- <http://bustedhalo.com/video/virtual-stations-of-the-cross>

A silhouette of a cross is positioned on the left side of the image, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise with warm orange and yellow tones. The cross is dark and stands out against the lighter sky.

Were you there when they  
crucified my Lord?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OtEH-NfEqlc>



# Lewis Capaldi Someone You Loved

- So much beautiful sacred music expresses the sense of desolation of Good Friday.
- Songs outside this realm also capture the essence of this day.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1yVCeXYya4>

*now the day bleeds, into nightfall, and  
you're not here, to get me through it a*



# Holy Saturday

... a day of patient waiting

when we prayerfully

reflect on the

passion and death of

Christ and await his

resurrection.



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- “Every Holy Saturday, the Church waits as it were beside the tomb, meditating on Christ's death while awaiting the announcement of his resurrection. Like John, we can take Mary into our homes and ponder with her the last words of Christ. Like her, we can rest in a place between anguish and joy, waiting in quiet hope... A new day will come. His Cross is not defeat; it is victory!”  
— Sarah Christmyer, [Walk in Her Sandals: Experiencing Christ's Passion through the Eyes of Women](#)



“There is silence in the  
long wait of  
Holy Saturday...when grief  
is lived in solitude.”

Yet God’s apparent silence  
is not God’s absence...  
It is “not closure but a  
transition until the silence  
is broken by a familiar  
voice that speaks our  
name.”

See  
EASTER VIGIL  
slides



## There is Resurrection

From the depths of despair  
and darkness' grip  
comes boldest joy  
in resurrection life.  
He is alive.

From hopeless grief  
the power of death  
comes a new way forward  
a kingdom born  
eternal life.

And his people hold on  
they're awaiting the day  
of Pentecostal power.