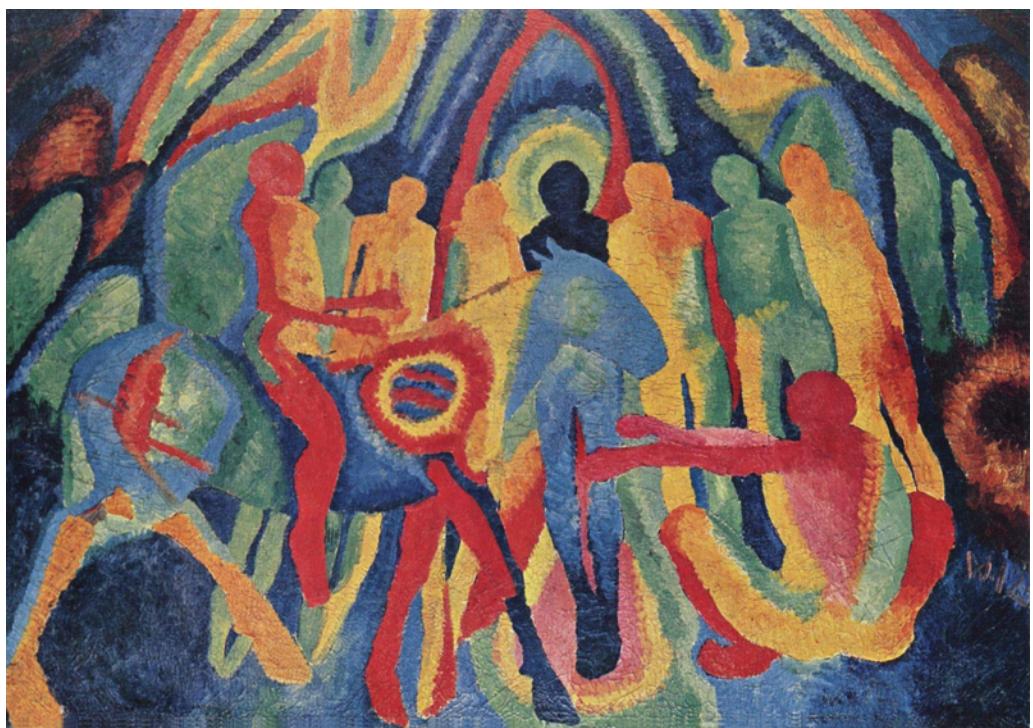




Holy Week Passport

On the Journey to Easter 2020

Anglican Diocese of Waiapu



Palm Sunday – Wilhelm Morgner

Sunday, 5 April

Palm Sunday

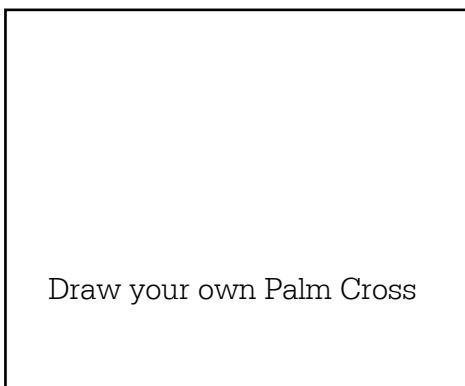
Today we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. This is a day of celebration, but it won't be long until people try to arrest Jesus.

Scripture: Read Matthew 21:1-9 together and see why today is called Palm Sunday

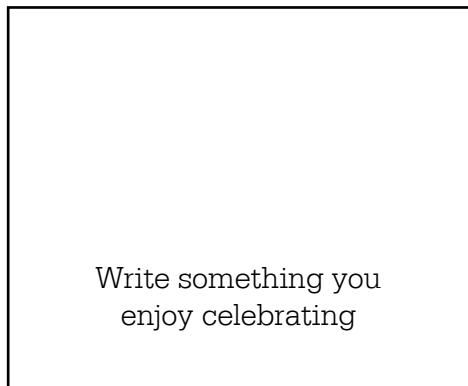
Activity: On Palm Sunday some churches share palm crosses. These are small crosses made of palm (Nikau) leaves. If you have some palm leaves, perhaps try making a cross for yourselves.

For a demonstration of how to create these crosses, YouTube or Google the phrase, 'Palm Sunday Cross Demonstration'

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Draw your own Palm Cross



Write something you
enjoy celebrating

Today we remember the story of Jesus being anointed at a town called Bethany. To be *anointed* means to be blessed, and usually involves water and nice smelling oils.

Scripture: Read John 12:1-11 together and think about why Jesus may have been anointed by the woman.

Activity: Talk to an adult and see if you have any nice smelling oils around home. If you can find some, smell them and imagine someone pouring that on you. How would you feel?

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Draw the type of Jar you think the woman had the oil in

Write about the smells you could smell in the oil

The woman in our bible story today was generous, can you think of a way to be generous to your family? Find something nice that you can do for your family today and do it – just to say thank you.

Today we remember some of the teaching Jesus offered. In particular, we remember the story of the widow's donation. In this story, Jesus talks about what it means to be generous and that it is not about how much you give or do, but the spirit you do it in.

Scripture: Read Luke 21:1-4 together. Think about why Jesus would say the widow's small donation was greater than the rich man's big donation.

Activity: Think about all the small things that people do to help you during the day. It could be an adult, a teacher or even a friend. Write a small card to say thank you.

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Draw the most generous person you know

Write the feeling you have when someone is nice to you

To be a generous person does not require you to have lots of anything – it is about giving from what you have. You have time, energy, love and kindness. How can you be generous with those things today?

Wednesday, 8 April

Holy Wednesday

Today we remember the betrayal of Jesus by his follower, Judas Iscariot. In some traditions, Holy Wednesday is known as the day of shadows. This is because it is the day things begin to change as we get closer to Good Friday and the death of Jesus.

Scripture: Read John 12:21-30 together and think about how confused the followers of Jesus must have been.

Activity: Take some time to think about a time when you have been mean to someone or have done something you know is wrong. If you still feel bad about it, ask God to forgive you for it and think about telling the person you're sorry

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Put a colour in this box that you think of when you're sad

Write how you feel when someone lets you down

To *betray* someone means that you have broken their trust and done something they hoped that you would not. Can you think of a time when someone has betrayed you? Can you forgive that person? Think about why you can or cannot forgive them.

Thursday, 9 April

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is a special day in the Church. On this day we remember Jesus giving the great commandment that we are to *love one another as he (Jesus) has loved us*. Today, around the world, Christians will show love to one another in the act of washing one another's feet. This is a practice that Jesus asked his followers to continue.

Scripture: Read John 13:1-7 together. How do you feel about someone washing your feet? Why do you think Jesus might have washed his followers feet?

Activity: When you are at home, ask an adult if you can wash their feet. Get a small bucket with warm water in it and make sure you have a towel with you. How does it feel washing someone's feet?

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Draw the kind of bucket you think Jesus might have used

Why do you think Jesus washed his followers feet?

Maundy comes from an old word that means *command*. Today we remember Jesus' command to love one another. Can you think of other rules you live by?

Friday, 10 April

Good Friday

Today is the day we remember the death of Jesus. It is a sad day, but it is also a day that the Church calls ‘good’. This is because, even though we know it is sad that Jesus died, we know that there is good news to come.

Scripture: Read John 19:16-34 together. Crucifixion was the way in which the Romans dealt with those they thought were criminals. Why do you think we stopped doing such a thing to people?

Activity: If an adult has time, work with them to make ‘Easter Cookies’. Recipes can be found online. These are special cookies that, as you make them, can tell the story of Easter – and taste delicious.

Passport Stamps to Collect

What colour comes to mind
when you think of Good
Friday

Do you think Jesus was a
criminal like the Romans
did?

Good Friday is an opportunity to give thanks for the ones you love. Take some time today to write a card saying thank you to someone you love for their kindness and love for you.

Today is a quiet day. After Jesus' death on Friday, he was placed in a large tomb. For the followers of Jesus this was a confusing time, it seemed like all they had hoped for was destroyed. What were they to do? On Holy Saturday we remember the importance of patience and being willing to wait for good things.

Scripture: Read John 19:38-42 together. How do you think people felt as they buried Jesus? Do you think they might have been hopeful or were they just feeling sad?

Activity: Today see how long you can sit still for. Find a way to time yourself and try and sit completely still for as long as you can – up to 5 minutes if possible. Staying still is annoying, but it is kind of like having to wait – it requires patience.

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Draw the thing you would most like to do today but can't

Write another word that you think means the same thing as patience

Holy Saturday is all about waiting and being patient. How long were you able to stay still for in today's activity? Write the time you got here:

How long I could stay still: _____

“Have you heard the news, Jesus is alive”. Those are the words that shocked the world so many years ago and continue to draw people to Jesus today. On Easter Sunday, we remember the *resurrection* of Jesus. Easter Sunday leaves us with the question – if Jesus came back to life, who does that mean he is? And, if he didn’t come back to life, how did his followers go from scared and alone to building the church that continues to this day?

Scripture: Read Mark 16:1-8 together. Why do you think Jesus’ friends were so scared? How would you feel if you were one of them?

Activity: Today is a major day of celebration in the Church. If you are able, visit a local church for their Easter Sunday service. If you cannot, take some time with your family to talk about what is celebrated today.

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What colour do you think of when you think of happy things? Put it here.

How would you feel if you had been one of Jesus’ friends from the story?

On New Year’s eve, many people make a resolution, or a goal they have for the new year. If you had a ‘new life’ how might you change to be an even better you? Think about it and try to live that new life from today.

Almighty and ever living God, in your tender care towards us you sent your Son to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross; grant that we may follow the example of great humility and shire in the glorious resurrection; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

Prayer for Palm Sunday – A New Zealand Prayer Book

