



Leeds Anglican Ministries Family Activities and Devotions - 2021



Welcome to the final day of our resource for families for use from Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday.

Each day we've post a resource and some links.

We'd love to see pictures of your Holy Week crafts / activities, so please feel free to share them on our Facebook page!

Let's begin this last day with the same prayer:

God be with us in this Holy Week as we remember the last days of Jesus' earthly life, and open our hearts to be ready to celebrate the Easter Good News that He Is Risen. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

Holy Saturday

Today is a day to be spend some time being still and quiet, as we remember that Jesus was died and was buried in the tomb. You can read the story about this in John's gospel here:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%2019%3A38-42&version=ERV>

It is also a day of waiting - for Easter, the wonderful celebration of Jesus being raised from the dead, which we know will soon be here. When the sun goes down we follow the Jewish custom of beginning the new day at sunset, and start of celebration of Easter with a worship service called the Great Vigil. A vigil means to stay awake in the night, and some people do this, while others do go to sleep for a while, and then get up again at sunrise to worship.

Finally, this is a day of preparation. Many families spend time today getting ready for tomorrow's Easter celebrations.

For today's quiet activity, find a quiet spot where you can sit comfortably, and spend a little time praying silently. Perhaps your family can do this together. Try setting a timer for 1, 2 or 3 minutes so you won't have to be checking a clock.

This is also a good day to remember what we and our world have been through in this last year of pandemic. A bonus quiet activity could be colouring from this free resource:

<https://www.illustratedministry.com/2021/prayers-for-marking-covid-19/>

For today's preparation activity, here's a link to a recipe to make 'Resurrection Rolls' to enjoy as part of tomorrow's Easter celebration. Make sure an adult is with you when you're baking!

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/84289/resurrection-rolls/>

Prayer: Dear Jesus, be with us today and help us to spend some quiet time remembering what you have done for us. Prepare our hearts for our Easter celebration. Amen.