

## April 2, 2020 Holy Week Update

### Activities During Holy Week

- **Palm Sunday:**

**Worship Opportunity:** We will live stream this service at 8am.

**Activity:** Find something in your house that is a symbol of victory for you. Maybe it is a flower, trophy, certificate, picture, or even fist pump! Have it ready with you to wave during the opening liturgy and throughout the service. Bless Neighborhood: Please go to our web-page and click on the tab Holy Week Activities. This will show you some examples of ways to take the Palm Sunday Processional to your neighborhood with sidewalk chalk or painted rock ideas!

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- **Maundy Thursday:**

**Worship Opportunity:** We will live stream this service at 4:15pm

**Activity:**

- **Step 1** = leave one dish (one per family or one per person – your call) that you ate with on the counter all week or for a few days with this prayer by it, “Jesus, wash me and I will be clean.”
- **Step 2** = Take a picture of your plate and sign and tag our facebook page or email it to [office@redeemer-rochester.com](mailto:office@redeemer-rochester.com)
- **Step 3** = Before service starts fill the sink with soapy water (if you can safely watch service near kitchen) or get towels and a basin set up in your living room.
- **Step 4** = At the start of the service when we pray “Jesus, wash me and I will be clean” drop your dish in the soapy water.
- **Step 5** = During the sermon you will get further instructions.
- **Step 6** = Place clean dish/es on the counter with a note “Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean, wash me and I will be whiter than snow” (Psalm 51:7).
- **Step 7** = Take a picture of your plate and sign and tag our facebook page or email it to [office@redeemer-rochester.com](mailto:office@redeemer-rochester.com)

- **Good Friday:**

**Worship Opportunity:** We will live stream this service at 4:15pm

**Activity:** Close all curtains/blinds right before you start the service but keep ALL LIGHTS ON. Everyone you can find! Designate someone in your house as the official lighting crew. Set up an altar with a flashlight/candle shining on any cross you have in your home or have made. Turn off first batch of lights when told in service. Turn off all remaining lights when told in service (but not the flashlight/candle). When the candle is removed from sanctuary turn off your flashlight/candle. When the candle returns, turn back yours. Leave just that light on at the end of the service as you take a moment to pray in your home before going about your night. Send us a picture of your altar and cross and tag our facebook page or email it to [office@redeemer-rochester.com](mailto:office@redeemer-rochester.com)

**Children's Message:** Here is a **Simple Cross Template**, also posted to facebook. Print it off or create your own simple cross. You can have one your whole family shares or have one for each person in the house. For Good Friday, IN PENCIL, write, "For us, He endured the cross - Hebrews 2:2" on the cross and then write words, draw pictures or make "X's" that represent the sins Jesus died on the cross for. You can do this parts during worship. It will be part of the children's message. Take pictures and share with [office@redeemer-rochester.com](mailto:office@redeemer-rochester.com). We would like to use these in worship during the Easter season. If you would like to send a picture but unsure how, contact the church office and we will have someone reach out and help.

○ **Easter Sunday:**

**Worship Opportunity:** We will live stream this service at 8am.

**Activity:** Start your Easter sunrise service with all the lights off in the house and only the flashlight/candle on the cross. When we shout our "Alleluias" turn on all the lights in your home as we SING TOGETHER our Processional Hymn Jesus Christ is Risen Today. Bless Neighborhood: Check out our website under the tab Holy Week Activities. There you will find some pictures on how you can do stained glass window and door art. This is something the children do at our church before Easter Sunday and now YOU ALL can do it for your neighborhood! Decorate your doors and windows with Easter Colors, a Cross, and signs of joy in the victory we have in Jesus!

**Children's Message:** Using your cross/es from Good Friday, IN MARKER, write, "He is risen, just as He said! - Matthew 28:6" on the cross. Then, BOLDLY, decorate with markers and other art supplies right over those sins and show with beautiful color the victory won over sin and death. You can do this during Easter worship. It will be part of the children's message. Take pictures and share with [office@redeemer-rochester.com](mailto:office@redeemer-rochester.com). We would like to use these in worship during the Easter season. If you would like to send a picture but unsure how, contact the church office and we will have someone reach out and help.

**Alleluia Shakers:** "Alleluia shakers" - as we have shaken "Alleluia Eggs" in the past, make your own at home! If you don't have Easter eggs, use plastic cups and tape together, or use Tupperware - add a little hard uncooked rice and you have a shaker! Shake them joyously as we sing and shout our "Alleluias!"

**Window Art:** We miss our children's decorated windows at church for Easter so this you we encourage you to share this joy with your neighborhood. Decorate your front door or windows with easter color.

Decorate an East facing window so the sunrise reflects it on your walls and reminds you that Hope cannot be taken away. Here are a few ways to do it.

- **Mix washable paint (many used Crayola brand), a drop of dish soap, and a little splash of water:** Do this for each color you'd like to use. Tape off window with painters' tape. Set the kids/adults free to paint as they'd like! The paint is easy to wipe up with just a rag and water. Remove tape when the paint is dry.
- **Paper, Scissors, Scotch Tape:** Simply cut out different sizes and colors of hearts and crosses. Hearts are easier for kids if you fold paper in half, draw the one side, and let them cut