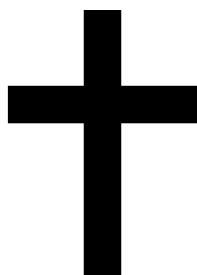


*Morning & Evening Prayer*

# EASTERTIDE



*April 16 – June 11, 2017*

## How to Use This Booklet:

I challenge you to follow the Christian rhythm of beginning and ending each day with Bible reading and prayer.

In doing so, you will be joining believers around the world and throughout history – stretching all the way back to the prayer practices of ancient Israel.

**Twice a day** – in the morning and in the evening – take out this **booklet** and a **Bible**.

**Pray** through the prayers and **read** the Scriptures, **crossing-off** each reference after you've read the passage.

**Take your time.**

Even if you *don't feel like* praying or reading, **trust** that God will honor this sacrifice of your time. He will shape and bless you in ways you may not immediately notice.

If you can, pray and read with others – perhaps taking turns to read each passage aloud for the group.

If praying alone, no worries! Simply substitute “I” for “we” (and “me” for “us,” etc.) throughout the prayers.

## **Opening: Meditate on These Verses**

Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!

*Mark 16:6 and Luke 24:34*

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

## **Confess Your Sins:**

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways  
    like lost sheep.  
we have followed too much  
    the deceits and desires of our own hearts.  
we have offended against your holy laws.  
we have left undone  
    those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done  
    those things which we ought not to have done;  
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
    according to your promises  
    declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
    to the glory of your holy Name. *Amen.*

## Ask for Pardon & Peace:

Grant your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Read Scripture:

*Verses in parentheses are optional additions.*

*Draw a line through each reference below after you read it.*

## In the Morning, Read:

	PSALMS	LESSON 1	LESSON 2
4/16	79 - 81	Exod. 12. 1-14	Rev. 1. 4-18
4/17	86 - 88	Exod. 15. 1-18	Luke 24. 1-12
4/18	90 - 92	Isa. 25. 1-9	1 Pet. 1. 1-12
4/19	95 - 97	Isa. 61	1 Pet. 1. 13-end
4/20	102 - 103	Job 14. 1-15	1 Thess. 4. 13-end
4/21	105	Zeph. 3. 14-end	Acts 17. 16-31
4/22	107	Jer. 31. 1-14	Acts 26. 1-23
4/23	110 - 113	Ezek. 37. 1-14	Luke 24. 13-35
4/24	116 - 118	Deut. 1. (1-2) 3-18	Acts 1. 1-14
4/25	119:33-72	Deut. 2. 1-25	Acts 2. 1-21
4/26	119:105-144	Deut. 3. (6-17) 18-end	Acts 3. 1—4. 4
4/27	120 - 125	Deut. 4. 41-end	Acts 4. 32—5. 11

4/28	132 - 135	Deut. 5. 22-end	Acts 6. 1-7, 16
4/29	139 - 140	Deut. 7. 1-11	Acts 7. 35—8. 4
4/30	144 - 146	Num. 13. 1, 2, 17- end	Mark 5. 21-end
5/1	1 - 5	Deut. 8	Acts 8. 26-end
5/2	9 - 11	Deut. 9. 11-end	Acts 9. 32-end
5/3	15 - 17	Deut. 11. 1-12	Acts 10. 24-end
5/4	19 - 21	Deut. 12. 1-14 (15—13.18)	Acts 11. 19-end
5/5	24 - 26	Deut. 16. 1-20	Acts 12. 25—13. 12
5/6	30 - 31	Deut. 18. (1-8) 9-end	Acts 13. 44—14. 7
5/7	35 - 36	Num. 22. 1-21	Luke 7. 11-17
5/8	38 - 40	Deut. 21. (1-21) 22—22. 8 (9-30)	Acts 15. 1-21
5/9	44 - 46	Deut. (25) 26	Acts 15. 36-16. 5
5/10	50 - 52	Deut. 29. (1-9) 10-end	Acts 17. 1-15
5/11	56 - 58	Deut. 31. 1-13	Acts 18. 1-23
5/12	62 - 64	Deut. 31. 30—32. 14	Acts 19. 8-20
5/13	68	Deut. 33	Acts 20. 1-16
5/14	71 - 72	Num. 22. 36—23. 12	John 11. 1-44
5/15	75 - 77	Joshua 1	Acts 21. 1-16
5/16	79 - 81	Joshua 3	Acts 21. 37—22. 22

5/17	86 - 88	Joshua 5. 13—6. 20	Acts 23. 12-end
5/18	90 - 92	Joshua 9. 3-end	Acts 24. 24— 25. 12
5/19	95 - 97	Joshua 21. 43—22. 8	Acts 26
5/20	102 - 103	Joshua 23	Acts 28. 1-15
5/21	105	Num. 24. 1-19	Rom. 6. 1-14
5/22	107	Deut. 7. 6-13	Matt. 6. 5-18
5/23	110 - 113	Deut. 11. 8-21	Luke 5. 1-11
5/24	116 - 118	Joel 2. 21-27	John 6. 22-40
5/25	119:33-72	2 Kings 2. 1-15	John 17
5/26	119:105- 144	Judges 2. 6-end	Heb. 2
5/27	120 - 125	Judges 4	Heb. 4. 1-13
5/28	132 - 135	Isa. 65. 17-end	Luke 24. 36- end
5/29	139 - 140	Judges 6. 1-35	Heb. 5. 11—6 end
5/30	144 - 146	Judges 7. 24—8. 28	Heb. 8
5/31	120 - 127	Judges 9. 26-end	Heb. 9. 15-end
6/1	1 - 5	Judges 11. 29—12. 7	Heb. 10. 19- end
6/2	9 - 11	Judges 14	Heb. 12. 1-13
6/3	15 - 17	Judges 16. 4-end	Heb. 13
6/4	19 - 21	Joel 2. 28-end	Rom. 8. 1-17
6/5	24 - 26	Ezek. 11. 14-20	Acts 2. 12-36
6/6	30 - 31	Ezek. 37. 1-14	1 Cor. 12. 1-13

<b>6/7</b>	35 - 36	1 Kings 19. 1-18	1 Cor. 2
<b>6/8</b>	38 - 40	2 Sam. 23. 1-5	Eph. 6. 10-20
<b>6/9</b>	44 - 46	Num. 11. 16, 17, 24-29	2 Cor. 5. 14—6. 10
<b>6/10</b>	50 - 52	Num. 27. 15-end	Matt. 9. 35— 10. 20

**In the Morning, Meditate on  
The *Pascha Nostrum*  
(Christ our Passover):**

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,  
but with the unleavened bread  
of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.  
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death,  
by a man has come also  
the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.



**In The Evening, Read:**

	<b>PSALMS</b>	<b>LESSON 1</b>	<b>LESSON 2</b>
4/16	82 - 85	Exod. 14. 5-end	John 20. 11-23
4/17	89	Song. 1. 1—2. 7	Rev. 7. 9-end
4/18	93 - 94	Song. 2. 8-end	Matt. 28. 1-10
4/19	98 - 101	Song. 3. 1—4.16a	John 21. 1-14
4/20	104	Song. 4. 16b—5 end	Mark 5. 21-end
4/21	106	Song. 6. 1—7. 10	Luke 7. 11-17
4/22	108 - 109	Song. 7. 11—8 end	John 11. 17-44
4/23	114 - 115	Exod. 15. 1-18	John 20. 24-end
4/24	119:1-32	Deut. 1. 19-end	Acts 1. 15-end
4/25	119:73-104	Deut. 2. 26—3. 5	Acts 2. 22-end
4/26	119:145-176	Deut. 4. 1-24	Acts 4. 5-31
4/27	126 - 131	Deut. 5. 1-21	Acts 5. 12-end
4/28	136 - 138	Deut. 6	Acts 7. 17-34
4/29	141 - 143	Deut. 7. 12-end	Acts 8. 4-25
4/30	147 - 150	Deut. 4. 25-40	John 21. 1-14
5/1	6 - 8	Deut. 9. 1-10	Acts 9. 1-31
5/2	12 - 14	Deut. 10	Acts 10. 1-23
5/3	18	Deut. 11. 13-end	Acts 11. 1-18
5/4	22 - 23	Deut. (14) 15. 1-18	Acts 12. 1-24
5/5	27 - 29	Deut. 17. (1-7) 8-end	Acts 13. 13-43

5/6	32 - 34	Deut. 19 (20)	Acts 14. 8-end
5/7	37	Deut. 5. 1-21	John 21. 15-end
5/8	41 - 43	Deut. (23) 24. (1-4) 5-end	Acts 15. 22-35
5/9	47 - 49	Deut. (27) 28. (1-57) 58-end	Acts 16. 6-end
5/10	53 - 55	Deut. 30	Acts 17. 16-end
5/11	59 - 61	Deut. 31. 14-29	Acts 18. 24-19. 7
5/12	65 - 67	Deut. 32. 15-47	Acts 19. 21-end
5/13	69 - 70	Deut. 32. 48-end & 34	Acts 20. 17-end
5/14	73 - 74	Exod. 35. 30—36. 7	Luke 16. 19-end
5/15	78	Joshua 2	Acts 21. 17-36
5/16	82 - 85	Joshua 4. 1—5. 1	Acts 22. 23—23. 11
5/17	89	Joshua 7	Acts 24. 1-23
5/18	93 - 94	Joshua 10. 1-15	Acts 25. 13-end
5/19	98 - 101	Joshua 22. 9-end	Acts 27
5/20	104	Joshua 24. 1-28	Acts 28. 16-end
5/21	106	Deut. 6	Luke 10. 38—11. 13
5/22	108 - 109	Deut. 8	Matt. 6. 19-end
5/23	114 - 115	1 Kings 8. 22-43	Jas. 5. 1-18
5/24	119:1-32	Song of Three Children 29-37	Matt. 28. 16-end
5/25	119:73-104	Dan. 7. 9, 10, 13, 14	Heb. 1

<b>5/26</b>	119:145-176	Judges 3. 12-end	Heb. 3
<b>5/27</b>	126 - 131	Judges 5	Heb. 4. 14—5. 10
<b>5/28</b>	136 - 138	Jer. 31. 1-13	Eph. 5. 1-14
<b>5/29</b>	141 - 143	Judges 6. 36—7. 23	Heb. 7
<b>5/30</b>	147 - 150	Judges 8. 32—9. 24	Heb. 9. 1-14
<b>5/31</b>	128 - 134	Judges 10. 17—11. 28	Heb. 10. 1-18
<b>6/1</b>	6 - 8	Judges 13	Heb. 11
<b>6/2</b>	12 - 14	Judges 15. 1—16. 3	Heb. 12. 14-end
<b>6/3</b>	18	Deut. 16. 9-12	Acts 18. 24—19. 7
<b>6/4</b>	22 - 23	Isa. 11. 1-9	Rom. 8. 18-end
<b>6/5</b>	27 - 29	Wisd. 1. 1-7	Acts 2. 37-end
<b>6/6</b>	32 - 34	Wisd. 7. 15—8. 1	1 Cor. 12. 27—13 end
<b>6/7</b>	37	Wisd. 9	1 Cor. 3
<b>6/8</b>	41 - 43	Exod. 35. 30—36. 1	Gal. 5. 13-end
<b>6/9</b>	47 - 49	Jer. 31. 31-34	2 Cor. 3
<b>6/10</b>	53 - 55	Isa. 61	2 Tim. 1. 3-14

**In the Evening, Meditate on  
The *Phos Hilaron*  
(O Gladsome Light):**

O gladsome light,  
pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!  
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing praises to God:  
    the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
You are worthy at all times  
    to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **Recite the Apostle's Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## **Pray the Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,

    on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

    as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. *Amen.*

## **Pray these Petitions (the Suffrages):**

*(Note: If praying with a group, pray these responsively.)*

O Lord, show us your mercy;  
    And grant us your salvation.  
O Lord, save our nations;  
    And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
    And make your chosen people joyful.  
O Lord, save your people;  
    And bless your inheritance.  
Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
    For only in you can we live in safety.  
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
    Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
    And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

**On Easter Day (04/16), Pray:**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**On Mon. of Easter Week (04/17), Pray:**

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**On Tues. of Easter Week (04/18), Pray:**

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**On Wed. of Easter Week (04/19), Pray:**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*



**On Thurs of Easter Week (04/20), Pray:**

Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth so that they may return to the path of righteousness: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

**On Fri. of Easter Week (04/21), Pray:**

Almighty Father, who gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification: Give us grace so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**On Sat. of Easter Week (04/22), Pray:**

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**From 04/23 to 04/29, Pray:**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body

may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**From 04/30 to 05/06, Pray:**

Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us the grace thankfully to receive this his inestimable benefit, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

**From 05/07 to 05/13, Pray:**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**From 05/14 to 05/20, Pray:**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**From 05/21 to 05/27, Pray:**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts

such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**On Ascension Day (05/25), Pray:**

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**From 05/28 to 06/03, Pray:**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**From 06/04 to 06/10, Pray:**

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**In the Morning, Pray for Peace & Grace:**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,  
to know you is eternal life  
and to serve you is perfect freedom:  
Defend us, your humble servants,  
in all assaults of our enemies;  
that we, surely trusting in your defense,  
may not fear the power of any adversaries,  
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, our heavenly Father,  
almighty and everlasting God,  
you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day:  
Defend us by your mighty power,  
that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger;  
and that guided by your Spirit,  
we may do what is righteous in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**In the Evening, Pray for Peace & Protection:**

O God, the source of all holy desires,  
all good counsels, and all just works:  
Give to your servants that peace  
which the world cannot give,  
that our hearts may be set  
to obey your commandments,  
and that we, being defended  
from the fear of our enemies,  
may pass our time in rest and quietness,  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord;  
and by your great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## **Pray for God's Global Mission:**

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels: Send down upon our clergy and the congregations committed to their charge the life-giving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Offer Petitions, Intercessions, & Thanksgivings:**

- **Petitions:** Requests for yourself
- **Intercessions:** Requests for others
- **Thanksgivings:** Gratitude to God

## **Give Thanks to God:**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world  
by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace,  
and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray,  
give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts  
we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you in holiness  
and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

## **Ask God to Answer Your Prayers:**

Almighty God,  
you have given us grace at this time with one accord  
to make our common supplications to you;  
and you have promised  
through your well beloved Son  
that when two or three are gathered together  
in his name you will be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord,  
our desires and petitions as may be best for us;  
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,  
and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

## **Conclusion: Say “The Grace”**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
*Amen.*



## KEEPING SACRED TIME: THE LITURGICAL YEAR

Whereas many world religions seek salvation as an escape from time, Christianity proclaims salvation as a redemption of time (Schmemmann, *For the Life of the World*, 47-8).

Much like the gospel the Church proclaims, the calendar the Church keeps revolves around these two divine movements:

1. the invasion of the **Incarnation**, and
2. the triumph of the **Resurrection**.

The Incarnation is remembered through the Christmas cycle, from Advent until Lent. The Resurrection is remembered through the Paschal cycle, from Lent until Pentecost

### **The Incarnation: from Advent until Lent**

#### **Advent**

The Church year begins with Advent, a season which encompasses four weeks of preparation – first to await Christ’s second advent (coming) to judge the living and the dead (2 Pet 3:11-14; 1 John 3:2-3), but also to celebrate his first advent at the Incarnation.

Just as the Israelites awaited a Messiah to fulfill God’s promises from Genesis 3:15 to Jeremiah 31:31-34 and beyond, so Christians await the return of Jesus the Messiah to renew all things (Rev 21).

## **Christmas**

Christmastide begins with the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ on December 25, and extends for twelve days of celebrating the Incarnation (John 1:17).

## **Epiphany**

Epiphanytide begins with the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ on January 06, and extends to the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ [at the Temple; Luke 2:22-52] on February 02.

This season commemorates the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles in fulfillment of prophecy (Isa 60:1-3), as exemplified in the visitation of the Magi (Matt 2:1-12; McKenzie, *The Anglican Way*, 127-8).

## **The Resurrection: from Lent until Pentecost**

### **Lent**

Just as the Christmas cycle begins with a season of preparation, so the Paschal cycle begins with Lent –the period of fasting and penitence from Ash Wednesday until Holy Saturday.

Because Lent last for forty days, not counting the six Sundays which are celebrations of the Resurrection, it recalls Christ's fasting during temptation in the wilderness (Matt 4:1-11).

## **Holy Week**

The last week of Lent, Holy Week, remembers the last week of Christ's earthly life, beginning with Palm Sunday's commemoration of Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Matt 21:1-11).

Maundy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper (Matt 26:20-35) and Christ's washing of the disciples' feet (John 13:1-15).

### ***The "Three Days": Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday***

The Paschal Triduum ("three days") begins on the evening of Maundy Thursday and includes:

- Good Friday (a commemoration of the Crucifixion; Matt 27:27-54),
- Holy Saturday (remembering Christ's time in the tomb), and
- Easter Sunday, which celebrates the triumphal Resurrection of Christ from the dead (Matt 28:1-20).

## **Eastertide**

Eastertide then lasts for fifty days – first for forty days until the remembrance of Christ's Ascension to the Father's right hand (Acts 1:1-11), and then for ten more days until the commemoration of the Holy Spirit's descent at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41).

This season emphasizes the typological fulfillment of the feasts of Unleavened Bread (Passover; Deut 16:1-8) and

Weeks (Pentecost; Deut 16:9-12) in the Christian celebrations of Easter Sunday and Pentecost (Daniélou, *The Bible and the Liturgy*, 339).

### **“Ordinary” Time**

The time between Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost, focusing upon the Triune identity of God) and Christ the King Sunday (the Sunday before Advent, proclaiming Christ’s Lordship) – from approximately June through November – is called the Season after Pentecost, or Ordinary (numbered) Time.

This remainder of the liturgical year is “the time in which the church is to live out its calling in the world, fulfilling the mission of God” (Chan, *Liturgical Theology*, 164). Instructed in the school of sacred time, Christians go forth to love and serve the broken world which God has invaded, and over which He triumphs.