

IPC PRESENTS

**LENT  
IN A  
BOX**

Resource Guide

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

2/26

12:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Service  
*Sanctuary*

6:30 PM

Ash Wednesday Service  
*Sanctuary*

SUNDAY

4/5

8:45 AM

Palm Sunday  
*Sanctuary*

11:00 AM

Palm Sunday  
*Sanctuary*

5:00 PM

Seder Service  
*Highland Hall*

## CHANGES IN WORSHIP

- Paraments and pastors' stoles change from green to purple until the Sanctuary is stripped on Maundy Thursday.
- A simple brass cross replaces the cross on the Communion Table.
- We do not sing the Gloria Patri.
- Choir sings no descants or alleluias.
- We have a silent procession into the sanctuary by choir, acolytes, clergy during the morning worship services.

THURSDAY

4/9

6:30 PM

Maundy Thursday Service  
*Sanctuary*

FRIDAY

4/10

12:00 PM

Good Friday Service  
*Sanctuary*

SUNDAY

4/12

8:00 AM

Easter Sunday Service  
*Sanctuary*

9:30 AM

Easter Sunday Service  
*Sanctuary*

11:00 AM

Easter Sunday Service  
*Sanctuary*

5:00 PM

Easter Sunday Service  
*Highland Hall*

**WORSHIP FULLY**

Inside this box, you will find interactive materials and information that we hope will allow you to grow your faith and worship fully during this Lenten season. The materials selected for this box are meant to grow our understanding of our faith practices, engage children and parents in conversation, and bring us together as a faith family to worship more fully during this Lenten season -- one of the most important seasons of the Christian year! During the creation of Lent-in-a-Box, special consideration has been given to limit the activities, so it doesn't become an overwhelming experience. With this in mind, we encourage you to spread out the activities over the week and work at your own pace. There is this resource guide along with materials for each week of Lent, as well as a couple of simple activities you can do throughout the 40 days of Lent. Let's start our 2020 Lenten journey together!

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession. Acknowledging that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we stand in solidarity as fellow creatures before our Creator, acutely aware of our failure and frailty. We express our utter reliance on God's saving grace. This is symbolized through the imposition of ashes -- placing a cross on one's forehead. Traditionally, the ashes for this service are made from the palm branches of the previous year; thus, the ashes and palms together frame the season of Lent. During the imposition of ashes, the words: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19) are repeated again and again. We are to remember that we are but temporary creatures and the cross is a sign of our humanity.

**PALM SUNDAY**

Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and is, by design, a day of drama and paradox, of triumph and tragedy. As the service opens, the crowd waves palm branches and shouts "Hosanna" (Hebrew for save us), wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of the passion unfolds, their shouts of praise turn to demands for his death. Jesus is handed over, mocked, tortured, and killed; the crown he receives is one of thorns.

**SEDER**

In remembrance of our Jewish roots, we have the opportunity to participate in a Seder, a Passover celebration, where Jews retell the story of the ancient Israelites' escape from slavery in Egypt through ritual foods and prayers.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Maundy Thursday begins the three days (or Triduum), remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Jesus shared with his disciples before his death and sharing with our risen Lord a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. At the end of the service, the pastors strip the Sanctuary in silence. The visual aspect of the transformed church now reflects Jesus' abandonment during the night in Gethsemane when he was arrested. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors. The church remains in semidarkness, and all depart in silence, thus making the transition from the eucharistic celebration to Jesus' crucifixion and death.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. The hours of noon to 3 p.m. are particularly significant as these commemorate the time Jesus hung on the cross. This service is a penitential service. Yet, it is also a celebration of the good news of the cross, allowing the numerous contemplative moments in silence to speak. The passion narrative of John is read on Good Friday because at the heart of John's passion narrative is the good news of the cross -- victory of the cross. This Gospel lesson will be presented as a choral reading: read in parts, alternating with hymns. Following the solemn procession of the cross covered by a black cloth, thirty-three chimes are played, allowing us to reflect on Christ's thirty-three years on earth. The congregation depart the service in silence.

**EASTER**

"Easter" comes from an old English word related to dawn and shining. At Easter, we stand in light of the resurrection to see a new creation, transformed by the grace and glory of God. Easter is the central event, the time of transformation, of becoming a resurrected people, God's new people. In the fullest sense, Easter is a new way of life, in which we are "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11). The Resurrection of the Lord is the center of the Christian year, and the good news we proclaim on this day is the very heart of the gospel. Easter is like the keystone of an arch -- the top and center stone upon which all the others lean and depend. Easter refers not only to a single day, but to a whole season of celebration in the Christian year, spanning 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. On Easter Sunday, we sing many "Alleluias" and share in the paschal greeting, "Christ is Risen!," and we respond, "He is Risen Indeed!"

# WEEK OF ASH WEDNESDAY / FEB. 26-29

## SCRIPTURE:

PSALM 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

## REFLECTION

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent in the church. It is a time for growth in faith -- through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in the preparation for the commemoration of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ. It lasts 40 days, not including Sundays. It is a time when our worship services are more solemn and we contemplate our relationship with God.

Many faith communities have a tradition of "burying the Alleluia" during the season of Lent. The tradition of burying the Alleluia goes back to at least the 13th century and is practiced around the world. There are many variations, but what they all have in common is that once Ash Wednesday arrives, the word "Alleluia," which is a Greek word that means, "Praise the Lord!," is not spoken or sung until Easter morning when it is resurrected! On the Sunday morning following Ash Wednesday, the IPC children in the atrium bury their Alleluia prayer card in a basket, and it is set aside in the prayer corner until we return to the atrium following Easter Sunday. On that day, we carefully set the prayer table with a white cloth and bring out the Alleluia prayer card to share many "Alleluias!"

## ACTIVITY

### Alleluia Prayer Cards

*To help us prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for this season, we invite you to take up the practice of burying your own "Alleluia" prayer card.*

1. Take your white card, and make your own Alleluia prayer card. Write "Alleluia" in simple or fancy letters. Add drawings if you want, but make it as colorful and as joyful as possible! Be creative!
2. Now decide how you want to bury your Alleluia prayer card. You can put it in a box or basket and set it on a shelf, or even hide it somewhere during the season of Lent.

## SUPPLIES

White paper card

Markers

## PRAYER

Holy One, whom alone we worship and serve, your Word and Spirit sustain us in the wilderness. Keep us faithful in times of struggle and testing so that we may enter into your glorious realm with Jesus Christ our Savior.

# FIRST WEEK OF LENT / MARCH 1-7

## PRAYER

Use your prayer cube, pray on your own, or use this prayer:

Dear God, as we take this journey that draws us ever closer to you, walk with us, sustain us, nurture us. God, as we go through the wilderness of lent and of our lives, send your manna to us, give us wisdom to turn from temptation and your grace to turn to.

## SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

## ACTIVITY

### 40 Days Challenge

The 40 days of Lent represent the 40 days Jesus was in the wilderness. During that time, Jesus experienced temptation. He fasted, and he remained faithful to God and God's promises. During Lent, some people choose to give things up as a way of fasting and remembering Jesus' time in the wilderness. Lent is a time for us to "fast" from our normal, busy lives and to engage in prayer, reflection, and preparation for Easter. Lent is also a powerful reminder that there is no wilderness in our lives too threatening for God's love.

How can you draw closer to God during this season of Lent? Perhaps you will choose to give something up, like chocolate or tv. Maybe you will choose to pick up a habit of daily prayer or scripture reading. Take time to reflect on how you can make Lent meaningful this year.

As a part of Lent, we encourage you to participate in the 40 Days Challenge.

1. Find a large bag, box, or plastic tote.
2. Each day, find one useful item you no longer need that would be a blessing to someone else.
3. Before placing the item in your container, say a prayer for the next person who will have the item.
4. Once the 40 days are over, donate all the items.

# SECOND WEEK OF LENT / MARCH 8-14

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

REFLECTION

Nicodemus was really puzzled by what Jesus said. He just couldn't understand how someone could be born again. Truthfully, a lot of us have trouble understanding how that can be possible but we see signs of new life all around us - like in butterflies. Butterflies are beautiful, but they start out as ugly little caterpillars. Then, one day the caterpillar spins a cocoon and stays there for several weeks. When it comes out, it is no longer a caterpillar, it has been miraculously changed into a beautiful butterfly. God didn't just take a caterpillar and stick some wings on it and paint the wings all different colors. When the cocoon opens and the butterfly crawls out, it is a new creation. The caterpillar is gone! It is now a butterfly.

That is a good picture of what Jesus meant when he said we had to be "born again." The Bible says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" When we trust in God, we become a new creation. Take time today to reflect on the promises shared with Nicodemus.

ACTIVITY

## Coffee Filter Butterfly

1. Stack your coffee filters directly on top of one another and flatten them out. *Work on a plate because the water will soak through.*
2. Color the coffee filters. *Some of the marker will leak to the bottom filter.*
3. Take an eye dropper and drip water onto the marker until the filter is wet.
4. Allow the coffee filters to dry then pull them apart. You'll end up with two very similar looking layers.
5. Fold each one back and forth, accordion style, in about 1/2" folds.
6. Keep folding until you have two strips. Then, put the two folded strips on top of each other.
7. Twist a pipe cleaner around the middle so that the two ends point upwards in a big letter "V." Trim the ends to make them even if you need to. Next, pinch the end of each pipe cleaner and curl it outwards to make a small spiral.
8. Finally, pull apart the folds in the coffee filter to open.
9. Place the finished butterfly somewhere to see it throughout Lent and to remember that in Christ, you are a new creation!

## SUPPLIES

- 2 Coffee filters
- Markers
- Water
- Eye dropper
- 1 Pipe cleaner

# THIRD WEEK OF LENT / MARCH 15-21

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 4:6-14

Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A woman from Samaria came to draw water and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you the living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor, Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

REFLECTION

How can there be water that will keep you from ever being thirsty again?  
 Jesus saw that the woman at the well was not just thirsty for regular water but also for acceptance and forgiveness. This is the kind of living water that Jesus offers.

PRAYER

Use your prayer cube, pray on your own, or use this prayer:  
 God, thank you for filling us with living water. Make us thirsty to know you more. May your love flow from inside of us to those around us. Amen.

ACTIVITY

**Balloon Experiment**

1. Blow up one balloon and tie it off.
2. Light the votive candle. Have an adult hold the balloon about a foot over the top of the flame. What will happen if the balloon gets closer to the flame?
3. Slowly move the balloon closer to the flame until there is a reaction.
4. Fill your second balloon with water. Blow it up the rest of the way with air and tie it off.
5. Repeat the experiment by holding the water filled balloon from the top while you slowly lower it over the candle. Do you get the same reaction? Try it! Are you surprised?

SUPPLIES

2 Balloons  
 Votive Candle  
 Lighter  
 Cup of Water



# FOURTH WEEK OF LENT / MARCH 22-28

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 9:1-17; 24-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

So for the second time, they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

ACTIVITY

## Changing Your Perspective

1. Draw two horizontal arrows on a sticky note. Stand up a book and attach the sticky note.
2. Place the empty glass book. Position it so that you can see the arrows through the glass.
3. Fill the glass up with water. Do your arrows look the same when you look at them through the water-filled glass?

SUPPLIES

Sticky note  
Marker  
Book  
Glass of water

REFLECT

This blind man could see what others couldn't about Jesus. What do you think he saw that others didn't? Has God ever had to change your perspective on things? Now imagine Jesus is putting the mud on your eyes. How do you feel? How do you feel when you realize you are healed? How do you think this encounter with Jesus changed the life of the blind man?



# FIFTH WEEK OF LENT / MARCH 29-APRIL 4

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 11:1-44

Mary and Martha's brother, Lazarus, was very sick. The sisters sent a message to their friend, Jesus. They were sure he would come and make Lazarus well again. But when Jesus heard the news, he did not leave right away. Instead he said, "This illness will show God's glory."

Two days later, Jesus said, "Let's go to Judea again. Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, and I am going to wake him up." "But Lord," they said, "if Lazarus is sleeping, he will wake up and be all right." Jesus knew that they didn't understand. "Lazarus is dead," he told them. "Let's go to him." When Jesus finally arrived, Lazarus had been in his tomb for four days. Martha heard that Jesus was coming and ran to meet him on the road.

"If you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now, I know God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said, "Your brother will rise again. I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even if they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" Martha said, "Yes, Lord, I believe."

Then Mary came to Jesus, she knelt at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Jesus saw her weeping and was sad too. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. They said, "Come and see." Along with Mary and the others, Jesus began to weep. Jesus arrived at the burial cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha said, "But, Lord, there will be a bad smell! Lazarus has been dead for four days." Jesus said, "If you believe, you will see the glory of God." So they rolled away the stone. Jesus looked up and prayed to God. Then he called out loudly, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus, who had been dead, walked out of the tomb. Jesus said, "Take the cloth wrappings off him and let him go." Lazarus was alive!

*(paraphrased)*

ACTIVITY

## The "Impossible" Experiment

1. Stir 1 cup of warm water and a color fizzer tablet in a cup until the tablet is dissolved.
2. Pour 1/4 cup of colored water onto a saucer. Place a clear drinking cup (the taller the cup, the better) upside down with the rim resting on the saucer with the colored water.
3. Without moving the saucer, can you get the water into the cup?
4. Now, place the votive candle in the middle of the saucer with the colored water. Light the candle.
5. Place the cup over the candle. Watch. What happens now?

Jesus did many things that seemed impossible. Why did Jesus wait so long to go to Lazarus? How did Martha and Mary react when Jesus arrived? Do you think either of them even imagined that Jesus would do the impossible and bring Lazarus back to life? How would you have reacted if you saw Lazarus walk out of the tomb?

Imagine how Lazarus' life was changed after Jesus resurrected him. Jesus has the power to do the impossible in our lives, too. God can and will transform our lives when we ask God to make us more like Jesus each day.

## SUPPLIES

Color fizzer tablet  
Votive candle  
Water  
Saucer  
Clear drinking glass  
Lighter/  
matches

# PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK / APRIL 5-11

SCRIPTURE: MARK 11:1-10

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

REFLECTION

What is special about today, Palm Sunday? It is the first day of Holy Week leading to our Easter celebration. Today, we remember the story of how Jesus entered the Holy City of Jerusalem. He and his disciples had come to the city to celebrate the Jewish holiday of Passover, just as many others in the area were doing. In the scripture reading, Jesus asks two of his disciples to go into the village and find a colt to bring back to Jesus. What were they to tell the owners of the colt? When the disciples returned, they put their cloaks on the colt and Jesus sat on it. A large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut palm branches. The branches were a symbol of goodness, well-being, and victory. What were the crowds ahead of Jesus shouting? Hosanna is a Hebrew expression of great joy and adoration and love that means "Save now!" or "Praise God and his Messiah, we are saved!" The people thought they were getting a new king sent by God, one that the prophet Zechariah had told them was coming. They were looking for a political leader, like all the other kings they had seen before.

ACTIVITY

## Palm Rubbing

1. Secure the leaf to the table/work surface with tape and position the drawing paper over the leaf.
2. Gently rub over the leaf with the side of the crayon until the outline of the palm leaf appears on the paper.
3. You can make rubbings of several different leaves, overlapping if you like.

SUPPLIES

Palm leaves  
(or any leaf from a tree in your yard)  
Plain drawing paper  
Green crayon with paper peeled off  
Masking tape

# EASTER SUNDAY / APRIL 12

MORNING

In the morning, go to the place where you or your family buried the "alleluia." Read John 20:1-18. "This morning we celebrate the tomb being empty and God raising Jesus from the dead! We know because of what God did in Jesus' death and resurrection we no longer have to worry about death. We will live forever with God! This is happy news! We are going to need all the happy, joyful words there are to celebrate Jesus today!" Unbury or remove from hiding your Alleluia Banner. Give God a few loud alleluias!

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look[a] into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord;" and she told them that he had said these things to her.

ACTIVITY

Resurrection Rolls (or Empty Tomb Rolls) *Time Needed: 20-30 minutes*

Bake these on a cookie sheet or in a muffin tin using cupcake liners. If you are baking with children, share the Resurrection Rolls Easter Story with them.

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees, and take out eight marshmallows.  
*This represents Jesus' body.*
2. Dip the marshmallow in melted butter.  
*This represents the oils of embalming.*
3. Dip the buttered marshmallow in the cinnamon and sugar.  
*This represents the spices used to anoint the body of Jesus.*
4. Separate the Crescent Roll triangles or flatten eight biscuits.  
*The dough represents the cloth that Jesus was wrapped in.*
5. Wrap the coated marshmallow tightly in the dough. Bring the sides up to seal the marshmallow inside, otherwise the marshmallow will leak out.  
*This represents the wrapping of Jesus' body after death.*
6. Place in a 350-degree oven for 10 to 12 minutes.  
*The oven represents the tomb*
7. When the rolls have cooled slightly, you can open up the rolls and discover that Jesus is no longer there, **HE IS RISEN!** The marshmallow melts and the Crescent Roll is puffed up, but like the tomb – **IT IS EMPTY!**

## SUPPLIES

8-count  
Crescent  
Rolls (or  
Refrigerated  
Biscuits)  
Large  
marshmallows  
Melted butter,  
Cinnamon  
Sugar

# LENT DAILY READINGS

DATE	SCRIPTURE READING
Wednesday, February 26	Luke 18:9-14
Thursday, February 27	John 17:1-8
Friday, February 28	John 17:9-19
Saturday, February 29	John 17:20-26
Sunday, March 1	John 12:44-50
Monday, March 2	Mark 1:1-13
Tuesday, March 3	Mark 1:14-28
Wednesday, March 4	Mark 1:29-45
Thursday, March 5	Mark 2:1-12
Friday, March 6	Mark 2:13-22
Saturday, March 7	Mark 2:23-3:6
Sunday, March 8	John 5:19-24
Monday, March 9	Mark 3:7-19a
Tuesday, March 10	Mark 3:19b-35
Wednesday, March 11	Mark 4:1-20
Thursday, March 12	Mark 4:21-34
Friday, March 13	Mark 4:35-41
Saturday, March 14	Mark 5:1-20
Sunday, March 15	John 5:25-29
Monday, March 16	Mark 5:21-43
Tuesday, March 17	Mark 6:1-13
Wednesday, March 18	Mark 6:13-29
Thursday, March 19	Mark 6:30-46
Friday, March 20	Mark 6:47-56

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Saturday, March 21	Mark 7:1-23
Sunday, March 22	John 6:27-40
Monday, March 23	Mark 7:24-37
Tuesday, March 24	Mark 8:1-10
Wednesday, March 25	Mark 8:11-26
Thursday, March 26	Mark 8:27-9:1
Friday, March 27	Mark 9:2-13
Saturday, March 28	Mark 9:14-29
Sunday, March 29	John 8:46-59
Monday, March 30	Mark 9:30-41
Tuesday, March 31	Mark 9:42-50
Wednesday, April 1	Mark 10:1-16
Thursday, April 2	Mark 10:17-31
Friday, April 3	Mark 10:32-45
Saturday, April 4	Mark 10:46-52
Sunday, April 5	Luke 19:41-48
Monday, April 6	Mark 11:12-25
Tuesday, April 7	Mark 11:27-33
Wednesday, April 8	Mark 12:1-11
Thursday, April 9	Mark 14:12-25
Friday, April 10	John 13:36-38
Saturday, April 11	Romans 8:1-11
Sunday, April 12	Luke 24:13-35
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