

HOLY WEEK and EASTER IN THE PENLEE CLUSTER

2021: Palm Sunday- Easter Day

Resources for home and collective worship



“From Jesus’ Passion to today:

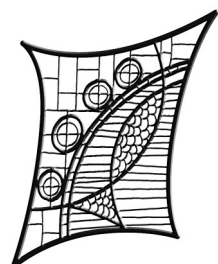
Jesus, the Compassionate One, suffers with us.”

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Sacrament of Reconciliation



HOLY WEEK IN COVID TIMES

During this last year, all aspects of our lives have been dominated by pandemic.

‘When we have our back to the wall, when we find ourselves at a dead end, with no light and no way of escape, when it seems that God himself is not responding, we should remember that we are not alone. Jesus himself experienced total abandonment in a situation he had never before experienced, in order to be one with us in everything. He did it for me, for you, to say to us: Do not be afraid, you are not on your own. I experienced all your desolation in order to be ever close to you.’ Pope Francis

However, far from being absent Jesus is with us, supporting us and sharing in suffering.

OUR PRAYER FOR THE WORLD EACH DAY :

Through Prayer walks, reflecting of the news, times of silence...

We pray that God may give us eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of others.

We pray for a loving and generous heart to reach out to God in every person who suffers

‘REFLECTION TIME AT HOME: found in this booklet

Spend time each day reflecting on the compassion of Jesus: ‘to suffer with’. Each reflection in this booklet invites us to remember how Jesus in his compassion responds to human needs throughout history and also with us today.

Hear Christ say to us ,

“You are not on your own. I am with you, let my compassion enfold you. Lean on me”

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP: ACROSS CLUSTER CHURCHES

In the Penlee Cluster there are a number of ways in which you might mark Holy Week.

Monday : 6pm: St Mary Church PZ : Riding lights drama:

Tuesday: 6pm : Paul Church and zoom : Compline and meditation

Wednesday: 11am: St John’s PZ Reflective Communion 6pm : Zoom: Wisdom Reflections 7pm: zoom : Diocesan renewal of ministry vows and promises

Holy Thursday: 11am : St Mary PZ Foot washing and Eucharist. 6pm St Peter’s Reflective Eucharist 7pm: Agape and Gethsemane garden Watch

Good Friday: Pilgrimage and worship in each church

10am: St John, 11am: St Mary, 12noon: St Peter , 1pm Paul, 2pm Celtic Quiet garden

Holy Saturday: 10am-11am : all churches : Bring Flowers to place in Church and Memorial candles: Reflective music and making of Easter Garden

Our Shared Meal: Monday , Wednesday, Friday will take place at lunch time as usual

MONDAY

6pm: St Mary Church : **BREAKING DAY: TV drama by Riding Lights religious company:**

45 mins production plus contemporary worship

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY at home

Jesus suffers with the sick, and those who care for them at home or in hospital

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to,' he said, 'you can cure me'. Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once, and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' Mark 1: 40

Reflection:

"I'm not a hero – that's not what I ever asked for. I just want to do the job I've been trained for – to get people better, to help them cope, to keep them safe, to stop their pain, to make life worth living. But the impact of Covid – it's just relentless and it's getting so hard to keep bouncing back. On my way out of the door today though, I remember a prayer: 'Christ has no body but yours', and in that instant I know he's there. I hear Jesus say ... 'I know how you feel. You are not on your own. I am with you, let my compassion enfold you. Lean on me. Do you remember what I did for the leper? You'll be my outstretched hands today.

' As I recall that story, it's hard to imagine what leprosy looks like – but I can envisage the isolation, the loneliness, the despair. And then there is Jesus – reaching out with his healing touch, and the leper is cured. Again I hear his voice, feel the compassion – 'I will be there for you and all those you'll care for today'. As I begin my journey to work, I am strengthened by knowing that the Lord will be suffering with us today – with me, my colleagues, and the ones we'll be there for.

Prayer

Christ has no body now but yours .

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

Christ has no body now but yours. Teresa of Avila

Materials used from St Beuno Outreach material

TUESDAY

6pm: Paul Church: Compline and Mediation

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY at home

Jesus suffers with the families kept apart by Covid

Soon afterwards, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep'. Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!' The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Luke 7: 11–16

Reflection

"After yet another frustrating video conference with the younger generation in my family, and a long phone call with my elderly parents, I feel very low. How I long to be able to touch them, hug them, explain yet again why I can't visit them. So I decide to spend some time with the Lord. I tell him what is in my heart, my deepest longings, and I listen and hear him say : 'I know how you feel. You are not on your own. I am with you, let my compassion enfold you. Lean on me. Do you remember what happened when I went to Nain and met that poor widow?'

Now take a few moments to read the story for yourself

Try to visualise the people, the widow, Jesus himself ... and imagine the pain of the woman who now has no family, no social status. Pause and ponder. 'Do not weep'.

Hear the compassionate tone of Jesus's voice. He is saying this to you too.

Your family will be given back to you. You will be reunited once more. They and you need to be patient.

Now tell the Lord what is on your heart now, and in gratitude thank him for his compassion and sustaining consolation."

Prayer

Jesus, you are the face of God's compassion hidden in each human life.

Give us eyes to see and ears to hear

The needs of our brothers and sisters.

Give us loving and generous hearts,

To reach out to you in every person who suffers. Gemma Simmonds



WEDNESDAY

11am: St John's Church : Communion and Reflection

6pm: Zoom : Wisdom Reflection Group

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY at home

Jesus suffers with children and young people suffering from disrupted education or abuse

People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10: 13–16

Reflection

"I look at the brother and sister again. With so few children in school now, it's easier to see the signs. How do I feel, knowing that I might be the only one who smiles at them today; the only one who says, 'Well done! Good job!'; the only one they're safe with? These are the ones really suffering behind closed doors in lockdown. So many times this week I've wanted to yell at God, 'Why aren't you there for them?' But as I'm looking at them today I'm moved by a whisper ... 'I know how you feel. They are not alone. I am with them, my compassion enfolds them. They can lean on me. Do you remember what I told my disciples when the people brought the children to me?' I'm drawn into that scene, watching as Jesus draws these children closer to him, and blesses them. As he speaks he looks straight at me, and the warmth of his compassion is almost overwhelming: he knows, he cares, he is suffering with them. I return to the reality of my classroom thanking the Lord for showing me the depth of his love for me, and for these little ones. I will be here for them too, their education will not be disrupted and they will be safe today."

Prayer :

Welcome, the word is always on your lips

each welcome warms another one inside,

An interleaving of relationships,

an open door where arms are open wide.

First welcome to the child and through the child

welcome to the Saviour of the world

And through the Saviour's welcome all are called

home to the Father's heart. Each call is curled

and nested in another, as you were

nested and nestled in your mother's womb, As Mary carried One who carried her, and we are wrapped in you, deep in the tomb, where you turn our rejection into welcome,

and death itself becomes our welcome home.



HOLY THURSDAY

11am: St Mary Church : Footwashing and Communion

6pm: St Peter, Newlyn : Reflective Eucharist

7pm: Paul Church and Quiet Garden : Agape and The Watch



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY at home

Jesus suffers with furloughed, unemployed, bankrupt people, the hospitality industry

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.' The disciples said to him, 'Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?' Jesus asked them, 'How many loaves have you?' They said, 'Seven, and a few small fish.' Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Matthew 15: 32–37

Reflection

"I'd worked so hard building up my business; things were beginning to take shape nicely. Then the lockdown came: we had to close. No income for me, or for those working with me, and the bills keep coming in. The government does try to help, but it's not enough. I am so downhearted and desolate. So I turn to the Lord. I tell him how I feel, how my heart aches, and I listen:

'I know how you feel. You are not on your own. I am with you, let my compassion enfold you. Lean on me. Do you remember what happened that evening when I was surrounded by this crowd who had no food?'

I take a few moments to read the story. I try and imagine that I am one of the people present in the crowd, or one of the disciples. I feel their hunger or their powerlessness. I hear Jesus say: 'I have compassion for the crowd ... How many loaves have you?' I pause awhile. I hear the compassionate tone of his voice. I ponder. In time, I realise that he knows; he will sustain us, feed us till we are full. Thank you Lord, for giving me hope and courage, for helping me to find new ways to reach out to those in need around me."

Prayer:

Let us bless the bread

That gives itself to us

With its terrible weight

Its infinite grace

Let us bless the cup

Poured out for us with love

That makes us anew

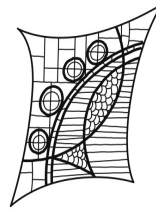
And then let us go bearing the bread,

Carrying the cup, laying the table,

Within a hungering world. Jan Richardson

GOOD FRIDAY : 2nd April :10am- 3pm

**QUIET DAY: PILGRIMAGE :
WORSHIP**



Penlee Cluster
REACHING OUT TOGETHER

This is based on Sam Wells' book "a Cross at the heart of God".

The day is very flexible . Join us at any part of the day and at any of the churches.

You may want to come on a mini pilgrimage or journey with us as we go from church to church on this special Friday. Journeying is a very important part of Good Friday when we remember Jesus' Way of the Cross .

There will be a mini bus ready to take people from St Peter' Newlyn to Paul village if the hill feels daunting! Masks needed

Access to this worship to own homes can be found on Penlee cluster web site..

THEMES throughout the pilgrimage day

10am : St John's church Penzance : "Betrayed"

11am: St Mary's Church Penzance: "Mocked"

12noon : St Peter's, Newlyn : "Crucified"

1pm: Paul Church : "Pierced"

2pm : Celtic Quiet Garden, Paul : "Finished"



On each hour there will be suitable:

Music
Bible reading
Talk
Time of silence
Prayers
Hymn/ song
Reflective Walk



Well behaved dogs welcome. Hot cross buns, take out drinks available: toilets open Covid concerns?

For people who are not going into public buildings at the moment because of Covid concerns, it will be possible to read and pray the materials outside each building and then walk with a fellow pilgrim to the next church. Or you can watch and participate on line

GOOD FRIDAY

10am –3pm : Worship and pilgrimage in all Cluster churches

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY at home

Jesus suffers with the terminally ill

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.' Luke 23: 39–43

Reflection

"It's often worst when I wake up very early in the morning; I'm alone and have to admit that I'm so frightened sometimes. It's like an enormous wave engulfs me – I feel like I'm drowning. I can't get my breath, and everything is black around me. I'm so afraid of what will happen at the end. How will I leave behind these precious ones whose love and care have carried me through this far? My heartbeat quickens and I feel the panic arising again, but then, in the sliver of light that is coming through the gap in the curtains, I catch sight of the crucifix on the wall of my room, and at that moment I know Jesus is here with me. His voice surrounds me: 'I know how you feel. You are not on your own. I am with you, let my compassion enfold you. Lean on me. Do you remember what I promised the thief who was put to death beside me?' I recall our Lord's suffering, and his kindness and compassion to all those he encountered along the journey to his own death. My fears begin to subside. I know I won't be alone – the Lord will be with me on every step of my journey towards his kingdom. When my time comes, I know I will be with him in Paradise."

Prayer for Good Friday

Today we pause to remember your sacrificial love

That shone light into the darkness

That bore life from such emptiness

That revealed hope out of devastation

That released freedom in spite of imprisonment

And brought us forgiveness instead of punishment.

Thank you that we can now walk in the light of your life,

Hope, truth, freedom and forgiveness, This day and everyday. Amen.



HOLY SATURDAY

10am-11am : all churches :

Bring flowers to place in Church as your Easter thanksgiving and Memorial candles:

Reflective music and making of Easter Garden ...bring a small rock or stone



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY... at home

Jesus suffers with the bereaved

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother Lazarus would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' Jesus said to Martha, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' He cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' John 11: 30.31–36, 40, 44

Reflection

"We thought we'd taken every precaution, followed all the rules, but to no avail. We rushed him to hospital, but they couldn't help. He waved to us as we left him. We could not stay. And then the phone call. He'd died. Suddenly, all seems dark, empty, barren, hopeless. Why? What's the use? 'Where were you Lord?'

I cry bitterly. And from the depth of my heart, there is a small inner voice: 'I know how you feel. You are not on your own. I am with you, let my compassion enfold you. Lean on me.

Do you remember what happened when I went to see Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary? I wept with them, too'. I spend a few moments reading the story again ... I might as well, what else is there to do? I ponder ... slowly, I start leaning on the Lord. No, I am not on my own, thousands of others suffer like me, thousands like me feel numb and sorrowful. I pray for them. Maybe today, with the Lord's help, I will be able to see some light at the end of the tunnel. Jesus suffered with me, died on the cross for me, but his death was not the end. There will be a new dawn tomorrow."

EASTER EVENT

All the Easter services are published on the next page

Here are some Easter Day prayer resources if you are worshipping at home.

Easter Poem

The earth doesn't deserve the sun.
We pollute her skies and poison the air.
And yet, day after day,
She keeps coming back.
Day after day, she warms my skin,
Lights the night, and draws me in.

I think that's what Easter feels like.
We haven't earned love,
And yet, love couldn't stay away.
The stone had to roll,
The dawn had to break,
Love had to win.

EASTER HYMN

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many years
has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has
been:
Love is come again, like wheat that
springs up green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love Whom we
had slain,
Thinking that He'd never wake to life again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un-
seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that

So each morning I thank God for this
tiny glimpse of Easter-
Light that breaks through the night,
Love that cant stay away.

BIBLE READING

Gospel: John 20: 1-18

PRAYER:

God of Glory,
By the raising of your
Son,

springs up green.

Up He sprang at Easter, like the risen
grain,

He that for three days in the grave had
lain;

Up from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that
springs up green.

When our hearts are saddened, grieving or
in pain,

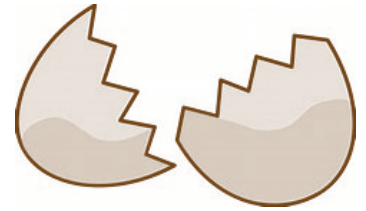
By Your touch You call us back to life
again;

Fields of our hearts that dead and bare
have been:

Love is come again, like wheat that
springs up green.



PARCEL PETS. “You are not alone”



We used small boxes to make a special pets: parcel pets.

Can you make an Easter parcel pet? What colours do you think are good for Easter?

On Easter Day we celebrate Jesus coming back from the dead. We are happy and joyful.

Can you make your parcel pet look happy and full of hope?



We used a bigger box to make a home or habitat for our pets. The outside of the box became its world. We thought about creating a beautiful world for parcel pet. We gave thanks to God for such a beautiful world. We taught our parcel pet to care for the world and not to spoil it.

I wonder if you can teach your pet how to care for the world?

The inside of our box became the Easter garden. It has grass and trees. It has beautiful flowers. In the one corner of the garden is a cave. There is a big stone near it to block the entrance. After Jesus died on the cross his body was put into the cave and the stone put across the entrance.

On that first Easter day the friends of Jesus came to the garden cave they found the cave empty. They were confused and frightened. But then Jesus came to them in that garden. He told them not to be afraid as he had come back to life.

Jesus then made them a promise. He told them that he would always be their friend and always be with them even when they could not see him.. **“You will never be alone”**, he said.

Can you make an Easter garden for your pet?

Why not tell parcel pet the amazing Easter story?

On Easter day we celebrate that we will never be alone because God is always with us.



Now find an Easter egg....Place it in your garden.....its a sign of new life....

I wonder if your parcel pet can help you to feel happy . Remember that you are never alone.

THE EASTER EVENT IN PENLEE CLUSTER CHURCHES....

a range of worship, a range of times.....

Saturday 3rd April, Sunday 4th April. Monday 5th April

SATURDAY : 6pm : St Peter's Church Newlyn : Sung Eucharist

SUNDAY: 7am : Celtic Quiet Graden Paul : Lighting of New Fire and Sunrise Communion

SUNDAY : 9am : ST Peter Newlyn: Traditional language Communion

SUNDAY 10am : St Mary PZ: Contemporary Communion and egg hunt

SUNDAY 10am: At Home Streamed Easter worship from Penlee Cluster

SUNDAY 11am : Paul church: Communion with hymns

SUNDAY 12noon: Consecration of Church yard extension

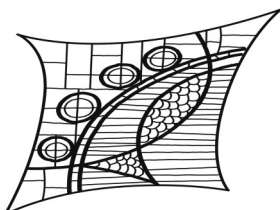
MONDAY 4pm : St John's Church PZ: Café style praise service with Easter eggs



We look forward to seeing you at one of our acts of worship.

We ask that you wear masks in church buildings and keep the required covid physical distance from others. All our buildings have been in use for worship and support for many months now so all clearly marked out and with hand sanitisers to keep people as safe as possible.

MORE INFORMATION Or Help : Penleecluster Web site : admin@penleecluster.org.uk ; 01736367863



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