

Devotional Diary / 29 March – 5 April 2015 / Holy Week

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This week is Holy Week. It is holy in that we set it aside to specifically and intensively focus on the events of the week in Christ's journey which culminated in death and resurrection. I have given you the set readings for each day (thanks to gbod.org). If you do not find time to reflect on all the readings, focus on the Gospel readings. This week all you are asked to do is read the story. But read it slowly and be open to God's Spirit. This is God's work of salvation for you and your world.

As you read the scriptures ask:

What is this passage saying?

What did it mean for the original hearers?

What does it mean to me?

How will this Good News change the way I live or look at my life?

Monday of Holy Week

[Isaiah 42:1–9](#)

[Psalm 36:5–11](#)

[Hebrews 9:11–15](#)

[John 12:1–11](#)

Good Friday

[Isaiah 52:13–53:12](#)

[Psalm 22](#)

[Hebrews 10:16–25](#)

[John 18:1–19:42](#)

Tuesday of Holy Week

[Isaiah 49:1–7](#)

[Psalm 71:1–14](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:18–31](#)

[John 12:20–36](#)

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

[Job 14:1–14](#)

[Psalm 31:1–4, 15–16](#)

[1 Peter 4:1–8](#)

[Matthew 27:57–66](#)

Wednesday of Holy Week

[Isaiah 50:4–9a](#)

[Psalm 70](#)

[Hebrews 12:1–3](#)

[John 13:21–32](#)

Easter Sunday:

The Resurrection of Our Lord

[Acts 10:34–43](#)

[Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:1–11](#)

[John 20:1–18](#)

Holy Thursday

[Exodus 12:1–14](#)

[Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19](#)

[1 Corinthians 11:23–26](#)

[John 13:1–17, 31b–35](#)

A Story of Love

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...." John 3:16

gather round
I have a story to tell
of one who reached inside himself
and took a handful of love
like a pile of stardust
and said: this is for you
it is all you need
it is all you will ever need
there is enough here
to change the whole world
take it

many laughed at him
mocked him
and ignored the invitation

but some dared to take it
and those who did
noticed something about this love
they found they could do what the gift-giver
could do
they could stand with the lost
welcome the traveller
eat with the hungry
they found themselves doing what the man
first did to them
give something of themselves to others
they became like the man
offering themselves
and as they offered themselves
others took the invitation
and many still do
and many still trust
it is enough to change the whole world

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A holy week of statement of faith

some shout hosanna
some shout crucify
some shout Jesus
some shout Barabbas
some wave palms
some shake their fists
today we choose...

some break bread
some break silence
some proclaim Jesus
some deny Jesus
some carry the cross
some run from the cross
today we choose...

some are angry
some rejoice
some anoint with costly perfume
some complain at the waste
some like the light
some prefer the shadows
today we choose...

some weep
some conspire
some follow
some hide
some believe
some betray
today we choose

to shout for life
to follow the cross
to break bread
to hold belief
to trust love
and tell the world
we choose to follow Jesus

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