

Holy Week 2020 at Home

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Maundy Thursday, April 9

The word Maundy is derived from the Latin word for “command.” The “Maundy” in “Maundy Thursday” refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another.

Activity: Making Bread for Supper

Elfie’s Quick Whole Wheat Bread

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

Mix together:

1 cup of plain Yogurt

1 egg

1 teaspoon soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon of honey

1 tablespoon oil

Add:

2 cups whole wheat flour until the sides of the bowl are clean.

Knead for six minutes, adding flour if necessary.

Shape into a loaf.

Slash the top, about 1” deep, several times

Place on a greased and floured baking sheet

Bake for about 40 minutes.

A Story to Read at Supper: Matthew 26:17-30 Common English Bible (CEB)

¹⁷ On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said, “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?”

¹⁸ He replied, “Go into the city, to a certain man, and say, ‘The teacher says, “My time is near. I’m going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.”’” ¹⁹ The disciples did just as Jesus instructed them. They prepared the Passover.

²⁰ That evening he took his place at the table with the twelve disciples. ²¹ As they were eating he said, “I assure you that one of you will betray me.”

²² Deeply saddened, each one said to him, “I’m not the one, am I, Lord?”

Easter Sunday, April 12

Jesus is alive. “Alleluia!” and “Hallelujah!” mean “Hurray for God!” or “Look what God has done!”

Easter Sunrise Greeting & Scripture Reading

On Facebook Live at 6:45 am and posted later on website. Come in your PJ's with coffee/juice.

Our Community of Faith Gathers to Celebrate Easter

On Facebook Live at 11am and posted later on website. Bring your flowers and butterflies!

Think, Talk or Write

Read the story in your bible: Matthew 28:1-10

- What are the biggest surprises in the Easter Story?
- What nice surprise could you do for someone today?

A Messy Easter Afternoon Activity: The Stone Has Rolled

You will need: a quantity of marbles, paint (a variety of colours), paper plates, A3 paper, newspapers, wet wipes. Note that this can get messy!

Put different coloured paint in each paper plate and cover surfaces with newspapers – extended well beyond where you think you might need to cover! Give the children a piece of paper and a marble each and ask them to roll the marble in the paint and then roll it over their paper to create a pattern. They can repeat with different colours and roll in different directions until their paper is completely covered in a pattern.

Talk about the story and the women arriving in the garden to discover the stone had been rolled away and Jesus was not there in the tomb. Discuss how the women might have been feeling at this time. Talk about how their feelings changed when they discovered Jesus had risen and explore with the children how they feel on Easter Day knowing the good news that Jesus has risen. *(Thanks to Spill the Beans, Issue 34 for this idea.)*

Communion with the Moderator

The Moderator is offering an Easter Communion Service, livestreamed on Easter Sunday (April 12th) at 4pm 4.00pm. You will be able to participate in this service through The United Church of Canada's YouTube channel - (<https://www.youtube.com/user/unitedchurchofcanada>) Bring bread (or crackers, or muffins, or tortilla, or more!) and juice (or wine, or water, or more!), a candle, and anyone in your household who wants to celebrate Easter with folks from across The United Church of Canada.

A Blessing to Say Aloud.

The blessing of God the Maker be upon us,
a blessing of beauty and of wonder.

The blessing of Jesus be among us,
a blessing of hope and of courage.

The blessing of the Holy Spirit be in us,
a blessing of love and of life. (from Spill the Beans)