

Readings for Holy Week

Week Before and Palm Sunday		
1.	John 11: 1-55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lazarus
2.	John 12: 1-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anointing by woman with oil and Judas upset for the "poor"
3.	Luke 19: 28-38 and Mark 11: 1-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking Colt, Descent from Mount Olive, and entry into Jerusalem
4.	John 12: 20-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greeks (through Philip through Andrew) see Jesus and get teaching of the grain of wheat
5.	Mark 11:11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entered temple in Jerusalem and at night returned to Bethany

Holy Monday		
6.	Mark 11:20-13:37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saw fig tree with no fruit and cursed it • Drove out money changers in temple • Chief priest and scribes sought a way to destroy him • Multitudes astonished • At night, again went out of the city

Holy Tuesday		
7.	Mark 11: 20-13:37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See cured fig tree now withered • Questioning of Jesus' authority • Parable of tenant farmers - to scribes and chief priests • Scribes and chief priests try to arrest him but fear crowds • Some Pharisees and Herodians - tax to Caesar • Sadducees come and ask questions of whose wife at resurrection • Scribe who converts to Christ • Rebuke of scribes to the people • Widow's pence • Return to Bethany

Spy Wednesday		
8.	Mark 14: 1-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scribes seek to kill him but not during feast • Recall the woman who anointed Christ on Saturday • Judas went to the chief priests

Holy Thursday		
9.	Mark 14: 12-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prediction and arrangements for Passover (celebrated on vigil)

Holy Thursday Last Supper		
10.	John 13: 1-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washing of feet • Prophecy of betrayer and denial • “I am going to prepare a place for you” • Philip “Show us the Father” • “Love one another” new commandment • Promise of Holy Spirit • Vine and Branches • Prediction of persecution for following Christ • “When the Spirit comes...” and predict his death • Going to the Father’ • The HOUR & Christ’s prayer
11.	Mark 14: 32-52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sing hymn and go out to Mount of Olives (Gethsemane) • “Sit and pray” agony • Betrayal of Judas with chief priests and others • Simon Peter cuts off man’s ear and Jesus heals him • Disciples flee

Good Friday (Midnight-6AM)		
12.	Mark 14: 53-65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter in courtyard and his denial (in court of Annas) • Sent from Annas to Caiphas • False witness and chief priest tears his mantle • Guards strike him
13.	Luke 23: 1-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taken to Pilate • Pilate sends to Herod • Herod asks his curiosity questions • Herod sends him back to Pilate (and become friends that day)
14.	Mark 14: 66-72	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter’s denial (Christ looks at Peter in Luke) and left weeping

Good Friday (Trial by Pilate)		
15.	John 18: 28-19:13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial before Pilate • Scourging • Crowning of Thorns
16.	Matthew 27:19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilate’s wife warns him of her dream
17.	John 19: 14-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilate tries to release Jesus and priests’ apostasy • Barabbas

Good Friday (Way of Cross & Crucifixion)		
18.	Luke 23: 26-32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon of Cyrene, Way of Cross, meeting women of Jerusalem

A Scriptural Holy Week

5th Week of Lent

- John 11: 1-55
- Chapter 31 of "Life of Christ"

Saturday Before Holy Week

- John 12: 1-11
- Chapter 32 of "Life of Christ"

Palm Sunday

- Luke 19: 28-40
- Mark 11: 1-11
- John 12: 20-26
- Mark 11: 11
- Chapters 33 & 34 of "Life of Christ"

Holy Monday

- Mark 11: 12-19

Holy Tuesday

- Mark 11: 20-13:37
- Chapter 35 of "Life of Christ"

Spy Wednesday

- Mark 14: 1-11
- Chapter 38 of "Life of Christ"

Holy Thursday (Morning)

- Mark 14: 12-16

Holy Thursday (Last Supper)

- John 13: 1-18:1
- Mark 14: 22-31
- Chapter 36, 37, 39, & 40 of "Life of Christ"

Holy Thursday (Agony & Betrayal)

- Mark 14: 32-52
- Chapter 41 & 42 of "Life of Christ"

Good Friday (Midnight-6AM)

- Mark 14: 53-65
- Luke 23: 1-11
- Mark 14: 66-72
- Chapter 41 & 42 of "Life of Christ"

Good Friday (6AM-9AM)

- John 19: 28-19:13
- Matthew 27:19
- John 19: 14-16
- Chapter 47 of "Life of Christ"

Good Friday (9AM-Noon)

- Luke 23: 26-32
- Chapters 48 of "Life of Christ"

Good Friday (Noon-3PM)

- Luke 23: 33
- 7 Last Words
 1. Luke 23: 24
 2. Luke 23: 40-43
 3. John 19: 25-27
 4. Matthew 27: 46-49
 5. John 19: 28-29
 6. John 19: 30
 7. Luke 23: 26
- Chapters 49 & 50 of "Life of Christ"

Good Friday (3PM-6PM)

- Luke 23: 47-49
- John 19: 38-42
- Chapters 51, 52, 53 of "Life of Christ"

Holy Saturday

- Matthew 27: 62-66
- Attached Office of Readings

"Life of Christ" by Fulton Sheen.

SECOND READING Lenten Season (Holy Saturday)

From an ancient homily on Holy Scripture (Office of Readings for Holy Saturday PG. 43, 439, 451, 462 - 463)

Something strange is happening - there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, The first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: "My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him: "And with your spirit." He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated.

For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weights upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure house of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

RESPONSORY:

Our shepherd, the source of the water of life, has died.
The sun was darkened when he passed away.
But now man's captor is made captive.

- This is the day when our Savior broke through the gates of death.

He has destroyed the barricades of hell,
Overthrown the sovereignty of the devil.

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