

Heartwork: Lent Week 6



40 days of Lent are almost complete. This is the time for Christians to do the Heartwork of Holy Week. Imagine being a

bystander in the dramatic events as we watch Jesus show us his holiness and his humanity. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, keep watch and meditate on his last earthly days and hours, as he points us to the hope of love and life beyond this world.

First Fast Monday – fast, give up something truly sacrificial

Touch-base Tuesday – Write a letter to Jesus. Tell him what he means to you. Mail it by placing it in your Bible. He'll get it in no time.

Spy Wednesday—this is the day on which Judas betrayed Jesus to the Sanhedrin. Because Judas is thought to be sneaky, his actions conjured up the image of a spy. Read about Judas in Matthew 26:12-14, Mark 14:10-12, Luke 22:3-6. Do you think Jesus forgave Judas? Would you?

Thursday Serve— Could you donate a food item? Or volunteer your time on 3/30, 3/31 or 4/1? Salem will serve and finish (Lent) with LOVE. Sign-up genius link is in the Blast or call the church office for assistance.

Good Friday – come or watch online our worship service at 7:00pm. Hear the passion story of Jesus.

Holy Saturday—Watch and Pray

Holy God, Jesus died and was placed in a grave. He finished his work. To most people's eyes, it looked as if it were all over. But only as a seed dies when it is planted in the earth, not to decay, but to spring to new life. Teach us to take refuge in you when we are afraid ... Teach us that death is not our end ... Teach us to hope always in you and in the resurrection, the making of all things new through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Good Friday The Trials of Jesus Christ

First trial , before Annas [night]; Annas is looking for an accusation, biding time till Sanhedrin is gathered at High Priestly villa

Second trial, before Sanhedrin, Jesus is condemned, misused

Third trial, at dawn , Peter denies Jesus a third time; the condemnation repeated, then Jesus taken to Romans

Fourth trial, before Pilate

Fifth trial, before Herod; looks for miracle

6th trial before Pilate, Jesus is scourged; the city cries, "Crucify Him or we will tell Rome!" Jesus is finally turned over to be crucified. Jesus mocked by Roman soldiers; placing on him a crown of thorns

Jesus bears His cross to Golgotha and is crucified

The Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross

"Father, forgive them..."

"Today...with me in paradise"

"Woman, behold thy son..." [darkness: noon – 3 pm]

"My God, My God..."

"I thirst"

"It is finished"

"Into Thy hands..."

The Death of Jesus

About 3 pm; veil torn, earth quakes, rocks rent, some graves opened, Jesus buried by sundown according to Jewish custom

