

PRAY EVERY DAY April 5, 2020 Resource

Rejoice from Psalm 118:24, NRSV

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A Collect for Palm Sunday from The Book of Common Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Bishop Sharma Lewis Read the Bible in 2020 Challenge

More resources at www.vaumc.org/2020BibleChallenge

March 25 – April 14 “Fruit of the Spirit: Love”

April 6: John 15:12-17

April 10: Hebrews 13:1-6

April 7: John 15:18-27

April 11: Matthew 5:43-48

April 8: John 17:20-26

April 12: Galatians 5:16-26

April 9: John 21:15-19

Small Group or Personal Study

Read Matthew 21:1-11.

- Matthew notes that Jesus rode into Jerusalem “humbly.” What other actions does God do through the scriptures that could be considered humble? How do you think the words “God” and “humble” go together?
- The people cried out “Hosanna” as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Hosanna is translated “Save us.” What saving help do you need from God at this time? Have you asked for God’s saving help? Who else besides God have you shared your saving need with? How do you feel about asking for help from God or other people?
- The disciples went to get donkeys with Jesus’ directions and authority. As followers of Jesus we can find many directions for us in the scriptures and there are times we may feel particular directions from Jesus specifically for us. What directions have you heard from Jesus? Jesus gives authority to disciples at various time through scriptures besides to get two donkeys: feed my sheep, give them something eat, go make disciples, heal the sick, raise the dead. What authority has Jesus given to you?
- As Jesus rode into Jerusalem as the humble king he was entering the place for his betrayal, arrest, trial, suffering, passion, death, burial, and resurrection. Which parts of those stories are most meaningful to you?
- The humility of Jesus can be described as a confident humility. Jesus is confident in who he is and his mission and serves others humbly. When you serve God and others how does your serving reflect the confident humility of Jesus? What would be the foundation for you to be humble in serving others? What would be the foundation for you to be confident in serving others?

Spend time in silence

Prayer for others and yourself

The Lord's Prayer

The Bishop Sharma Lewis Call to Pray at Noon Every Day

Almighty God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

We thank you for your blessings, past, present and future. You are our rock and the source of our hope in all things and at all times. As Jehovah Jireh, our provider God, we ask you this day to stretch out your mighty hand and eradicate from the face of the earth forever this virus called COVID-19 (coronavirus) that is spreading rapidly from continent to continent.

We also pray that you, Jehovah Rapha, our healing God, would place your hand upon all of those who have been stricken by this virus and restore them to full health. Be with those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. Protect all who are caring for those with this virus and keep them from contracting it themselves. Calm our fears and provide us with your peace that surpasses all understanding. Strengthen us with the joy of the Lord and help us to hold firmly to the hope that only you can provide.

Unify us that we, the Virginia Annual Conference, may be able to experience anew the promise of your presence in and through the unity of our faith, hope and trust in you in the days ahead and forever. We offer this prayer in the mighty name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

Share the Love of Jesus because It's All about Relationships

How will you or how did you share the love of Jesus with neighbor today with no strings attached? Write it down and share about it this week in small group for support and prayer.

Humble Yourselves from 1 Peter 5:6-, NRSV

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in good time. Cast your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert.

Share the Mind of Christ from Philippians 2:3-5, NRSV

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...