

A green sign with a white border is mounted on two wooden posts. The sign features the text "Signs of Faith" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The background is a bright blue sky filled with fluffy white clouds. A faint, light blue cross is visible in the sky, positioned above the sign.

Signs of Faith

Signs of Faith: A Holy Week Journey

As we walk through this wilderness of Covid-19, the Bible gives us signs of faith along the journey to help us find our way. On Palm Sunday, we begin by learning some of the signs of faith Jesus gave us as he entered Jerusalem with palm branches waving. Each night during Holy Week, we invite you to journey with another character that was part of Jesus' story, including Mary, who anointed Jesus' feet and Peter, whose feet Jesus washed. Franklin will help us bake unleavened bread one night to use at our own tables on Maundy Thursday. We'll also meet the Centurion whose life was forever changed at the foot of the cross, and Salome, who kept vigil with the women.

Ready

Listed in this section are the items you will need to fully participate in worship this week.

Set

This area has listed the scripture that you will read around your table as well as the Lord's prayer. There may also be additional information listed in this section for other instructions during the nightly worship.

Go!

Please start your video or zoom meeting in this area. All of the days are prerecorded except for Thursday. Each video is located on the church website: sylvaniafirst.org. Please look for the Holy Week 2020 button. On Thursday we will have a live worship service. That means you will need to use the zoom link on the website: sylvaniafirst.org to participate in worship. Please be logged in and ready to go by 7pm on Thursday.

Monday, April 6

Ready

Tonight you will need a small bit of oil. Olive oil if you have it, but vegetable oil or baby oil will work too!

Set

Scripture reading: Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, "This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it (from John 12).

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Go!

Go to the church website and click on the Monday night video.

Tuesday, April 7

Ready

Tonight you will need flour, oil, water and the following recipe.

Unleavened Bread recipe

1 cup all-purpose flour

1/3 cup vegetable oil

1/8 teaspoon salt

1/3 cup water

Set

Scripture reading: This day will be a day of remembering for you. You will observe it as a festival to the Lord. You will observe it in every generation as a regulation for all time. 15 You will eat unleavened bread for seven days. No work at all should be done on those days, except for preparing the food that everyone is going to eat. That is the only work you may do (from Exodus 12).

Directions for bread:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Mix flour, oil, and salt together in a bowl; add water and mix using a pastry cutter until dough is soft. Form dough into 6 balls and press into disks onto the prepared baking sheet using your hands.

Bake in the preheated oven until bread is cooked, 8 to 10 minutes.

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Please start your video now.

Wednesday, April 8

Ready

Tonight you will need a basin of warm water, a towel, and baby oil or some other oil you can put in the water to soothe your hands.

Set

Here is your scripture for tonight:

When they finished supper, Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with a towel. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" After he had washed their feet and returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? Learn from me. You call me teacher, Lord. If I have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet (from John 13).

The Lord's Prayer

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Thursday, April 9

Ready

Tonight you will need one coin for every person at your table, paper and pens, juice and the bread that you made on Tuesday or some other kind of bread.

Set

Tonight's Scripture: Jesus was troubled in spirit that night, and he said, "I'm telling you: one of you is going to betray me." The disciples looked at each other, not sure who or what he was talking about. Peter leaned over to Jesus and said, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus turned to Judas, and gave him his own piece of bread. "Go quickly," Jesus said to him. "Do what you are going to do." (from John 13)

The Lord's Prayer

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Go to the church website and find the Zoom link for tonight. This service is live so you need to be in the webinar by 7 pm.

Friday, April 10

Ready

Tonight you will need a red pen or marker and a black or blue pen or marker, and one piece of paper for everyone in the family.

Set

This is tonight's scripture: After dinner, they went to the Garden of Gethsemane and Jesus prayed. And then the soldiers came, and they arrested Jesus. They took him to the Council, and to the Governor's palace, where they tried to make it look like a trial--but it wasn't. And then finally, they led him away, to the place where criminals were hung, always, on crosses. So that they would die—slowly, painfully. Jesus was hung between two other crosses, terrorists on each side of him. And the sign over Jesus' head said, "This was the King of the Jews."

The Lord's Prayer

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Saturday, April 11

Ready

Tonight you will need a candle. Taper, votive, tea light, pillar – just use what you have at home.

Set

Tonight's scripture: Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome. Salome later accompanied the women to the tomb. (from Mark 15 and 16)

The Lord's Prayer

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This is your last video for the week. Get some sleep tonight and be refreshed for an amazing Easter experience.