

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION



*Holy
Week
Resources*

FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

Create an altar at home

IN 3 EASY STEPS

1. FIND A SPACE

Creating a specific place for your home altar can be simple. Find a place where it is easy to gather.

2. GATHER ITEMS

Here are some suggestions. But get creative!

- Cloth
- Candle
- Cross
- Icon or other sacred art
- Objects from nature
- Rosary or prayer beads
- Bible, Book of Common Prayer, or other devotional
- Paper and pen/crayon/marker



3. WORSHIP TOGETHER

Working as a family to build a home altar or sacred space can be a meaningful way to create order and peace.

FOR MORE IDEAS, VISIT...

<https://rowsofsharon.com/2020/03/24/making-an-altar-for-home/>
<https://www.churchpublishing.org/commonprayerforchildrenandfamilies>



Palm Sunday

LEARN

Watch the lesson about [Palm Sunday](#).

PRAY

Read **Psalm 118:26** and pray:
Praise God, praise God, praise God we say,
welcoming Jesus along the way,
Waving our branches of palms we say,
Hosanna, hosanna along the way.
Welcome Jesus, our blessed king.
Praise God, praise God, praise God we sing.

WORSHIP

Watch our online Morning Prayer service.

OR

Sing or listen to your favorite worship song.

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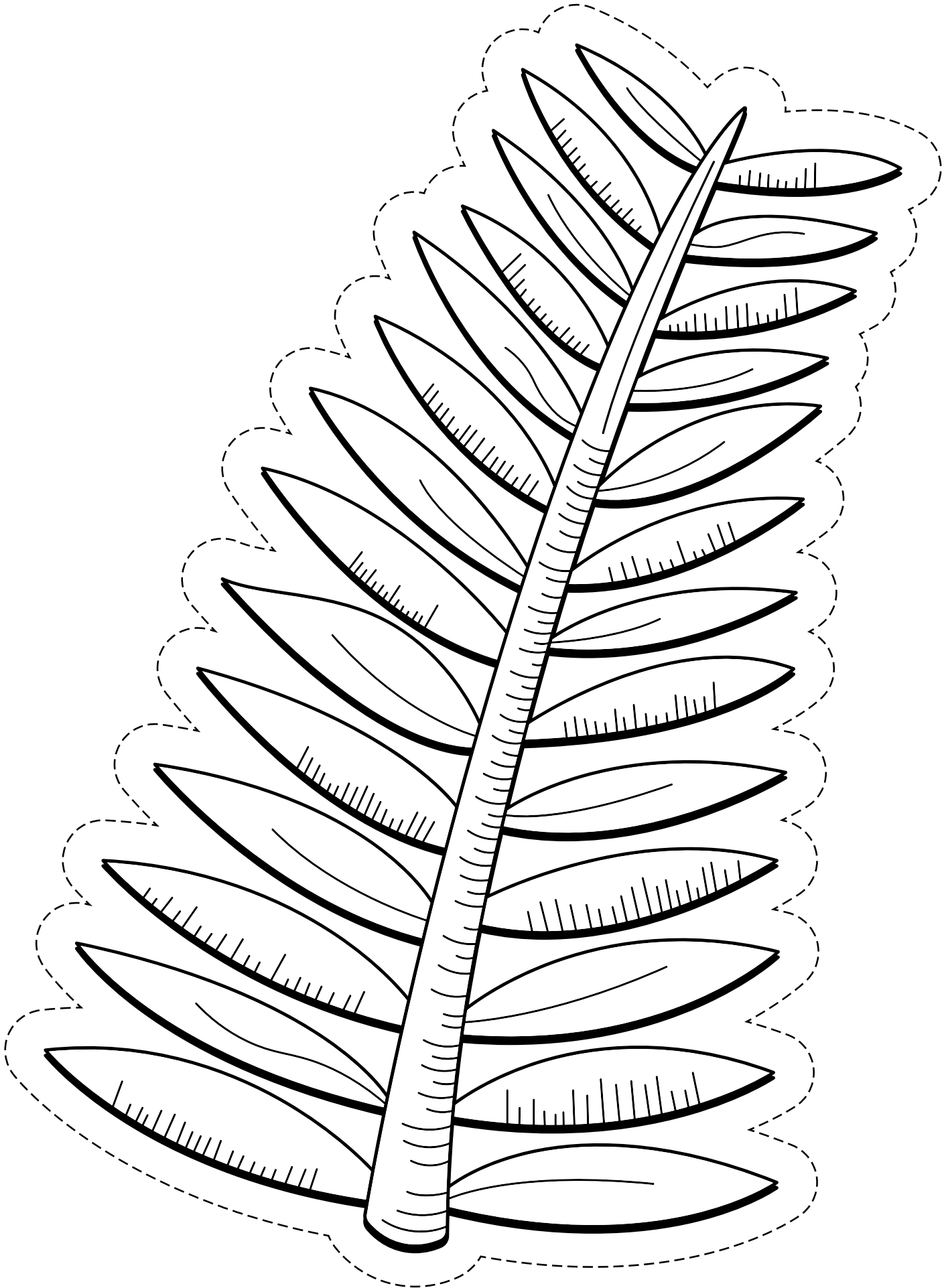
Pick up the BCP & practice Compline at home.

BLESS

Call a friend, family member, or parish member and ask them how they are doing.

GO

Print and color the palm sheet or pick up palm from church. Have a palm parade at home and shout Hosanna!



Mandy Thursday

LEARN

Watch the lesson about the Last Supper.

PRAY

Read **John 13:34-35** and pray:

A new commandment, you gave at the table,
to love one another as you made us able.
When we love one another, all will know it is true
that we and our friends, indeed, follow you.
So let us remember the commandment to love
so the world becomes more like heaven above.

WORSHIP

Watch our online service.

OR

Sing or listen to your favorite worship song.

OR

Pick up the BCP & practice Compline at home.

BLESS

Write a letter to a friend.
What do you love about them?

GO

Have a family dinner and consider washing
each other's feet.

Good Friday

LEARN

Watch the lesson about the Stations of the Cross.

PRAY

Read **John 19:30** and pray:

When Jesus died that day on the cross
all creation together sighed, "This is a great loss."

Time grew empty and the afternoon dark
as the light of the world had not even a spark.

The women stood by at a distance in tears
wondering what would become of their fears.

Fear not, the angels soon will say.

Jesus's death has given us the way.

WORSHIP

Watch our online service.

OR

Sing or listen to your favorite worship song.

OR

Pick up the BCP & practice Compline at home.

BLESS

Who do you need to forgive? Make a list of
those you would like to forgive or those from
whom you seek forgiveness.

GO

Discuss with your family: What does it mean
to say "I'm sorry"?

Holy Saturday

LEARN

Watch the lesson about prayer.

PRAY

Read **John 19: 41-42** and pray:

We speak few words this day that is hollow, this day that sighs with one great sorrow. We sit in the garden next to the tomb knowing that soon it will be a womb.

WORSHIP

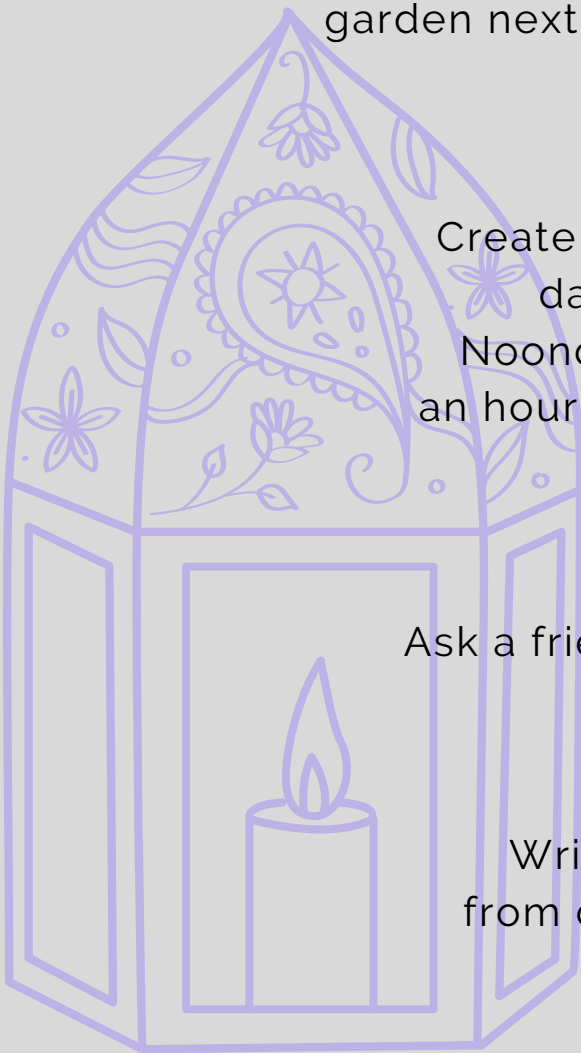
Create an altar in your home. Try to pray the daily office as a family (Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer and Compline). Sign up for an hour to pray during the Easter Prayer Vigil as a family.

BLESS

Ask a friend how you can specifically pray for them today.

GO

Write a prayer or draw an image inspired from one of the stories you have heard this week. Put them on your family altar.



Easter Sunday

LEARN

Watch the lesson about Easter.

PRAY

Read **Matthew 28:5-7** and pray:
Through Jesus,
God's love claimed victory over death,
and opened for us the gate of new life forever.
Lead us, risen Christ, into the mystery of Easter
and fill us with your Holy Spirit
so we can join you
in building your kingdom of justice and love.

WORSHIP

Watch our online Morning Prayer service.

OR

Sing or listen to your favorite worship song.

OR

Pick up the BCP & practice Morning Prayer at home.

BLESS

Share the good news with your family and friends. Maybe make a "He is Risen!" sign to hang in your window.

GO

Celebrate with an Alleluia! Create a butterfly to signify the Resurrection and place at your home altar.