



Holy Week RezFast

Worship & Mission during Holy Week

All Week Long

- for strength and willingness as a church to take up our cross and follow Jesus
- for the glory of the Lord to fill our new sanctuary and Edman Chapel as we journey with Jesus through Holy Week
- that our children and youth would meet the Lord; and that our adults would have strength and joy as they minister to them
- for our technical artists to have creativity and peace as they serve through sound, lighting, video, and photography
- for protection from spiritual attack as we worship and serve
- for boldness and spiritual power to be given to the preaching of God's Word: Fr. Kevin, Fr. Stephen, Fr. Stewart, Rev. Keith
- for our musicians and artists to behold the beauty of the Lord, even as they lead us in worship of Him
- for the sick to be healed, the weak to be made strong, the wayward to return, and the hardened to soften
- for all of us at Rez to be given courage to invite people
- for those far from God and his Church to meet Jesus Christ

Palm Sunday

- for the Lord to meet us from the very beginning of procession
- for the Holy Spirit to speak through the Passion reading

Morning & Evening Prayer

- for God to inspire our prayers to Him

Tenebrae

- that we would hear the still small voice of God within the darkness and become prepared for the rest of Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

- for our clergy as they renew their ordination vows
- for healing and power for mission to be released during the blessing of the oil and water
- for the foot-washing to cause us to repent and imitate Christ in humble, daily service
- that we would have safety and deep prayer during the Prayer Walk; and that it would spark longing for God in those we pass
- that as we “watch and pray” with Jesus during the all-night vigil, we would stay alert and hear his voice

Good Friday

- for fearless and searching honesty as people make their confessions, and for amendment of life by the Spirit’s power
- for the Holy Spirit to inspire our devotion during the Stations of the Cross
- for the Lord to speak to each person through the Good Friday Passion reading
- for people to give generously and sacrificially for the Good Friday offering to the work of the Church in Jos, Nigeria
- that everyone who attends the Good Friday service would meet Christ at the foot of the cross

Easter Vigil

- for wisdom for our ushers and coordinators as they try to seat people in a sold-out Edman Chapel
- for the Holy Spirit to enliven the presentation of the Bible readings of the history of our salvation in Jesus; may they be alive for longtime Christians, our children and youth, and for many who have never heard them before
- for resurrection joy after 40 days of fasting and prayer
- for those being baptized and for our new members to be built as living stones into Christ's holy Church
- for many volunteers to help set up Edman Chapel—and then move everything back to the church

Easter Sunday

- that the Easter Garden will bring great joy and worshipful wonder to both children and adults
- that God would pour out on us greater vision and faith for how we can love and serve the Lost and the Least

Easter Festival

- that Rez members would invite many to the Block Party
- for friendships with non-Christians to begin and grow

Worship & Mission beyond Holy Week

Children and Youth

- for strength and wisdom for Amy and Sarah as they lead our RezKids ministry to a growing number of children
- for our youth preparing for Confirmation on April 14
- for God to lead us to the right youth pastor

Our New Church Building

- thanksgiving to God for his guidance and generosity to us
- for the vestry to have wisdom how to share our new building with the community, the larger Church, and even the nations
- for faith and generosity to finish strong on our REACH commitments

Upper Midwest Diocese

- for a revival of Word and Sacrament in the upper Midwest
- for unity and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the diocese holds a convening convention (April 27) and bishop & leadership discernment retreat (May 21-22)

Church Planting

- for anointing on Fr. Stewart as he coaches church planters and serves others in our region
- for blessing on Aaron and Laura Damiani and their team as they prepare to plant a church in Chicago
- for Gregory and Heidi Whitaker and their family as they prepare to move to Cambodia and re-plant a church there

New Leaders

- for protection and blessing on Gregory Whitaker and Trevor McMaken and their families, as they prepare for ordination on April 14
- for blessing on Matt Woodley as he begins his role as Compassion Ministries Pastor, that he would learn from Gregory and lead us all to love and serve the Least

Healing

- that God would bless our Resurrection Healing Conference in June and heal many by His power