Edition 2

## WORSHIP @ HOME



## DAILY WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK INTRODUCTION

The series of resources this week will lead you, day by day, through the events of Holy Week. The week starts on Passion/Palm Sunday and ends with the "three days" (also called the Paschal/Easter Triduum, from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Easter Day) which marks Jesus' trial, death and resurrection. Easter is at the heart of our Christian faith and requires our attention. Through short daily acts of worship, we enter into the passion of Christ, his crucifixion, death and resurrection. Each 'day' recalls a particular event so that each worship will have its own unique qualities and focus, whilst maintaining its familiar 'Worship@Home' structure. This special time you spend with your family each day of Holy Week will make Easter Sunday more meaningful for you all.



If possible, use 6 tea light candles and one larger candle. It does not really matter what you use; it is the symbolism that is important. On Palm Sunday all six tea lights will be lit. As we move through the week, this number will be reduced. On Holy Saturday, no candles will be lit as we wait in darkness by Jesus' sealed tomb. On Easter Sunday, a special candle is lit. The tomb is empty. Jesus has risen from the dead. He is the light that cannot be extinguished. He brings new life and hope.

You could choose other symbolic objects to form a focal point to place on your sacred space or in the middle of the table where you gather as a family. For example, a cross, a

prayer book, a perfume bottle, money, bread and wine, three nails, a stone and flowers. Alternatively, there are larger version of the image(s) chosen for each act of worship at the end of this each respective resource for your convenience. You could even use these images in your window to remind those having their daily exercise of the events of Holy Week. Another option would be to change your image when you light your 7pm candle (with members of the school community and the wider church) on the window sill of your home. Please tweet us a picture of your candle and Holy Week image every day @BecketKeys using the hashtags #CandleInTheWindow #CandleofHope to boost our sense of togetherness at this time.

> We will walk with Christ before us, Live with him this Holy week; Enter in the sacred story, As we deeper insight seek.

> Share the rightful jubilation As he's carried through the gates. Share the Passover together, Knowing his arrest awaits.

> Feel the shame of crowd-led fury, As our lips condemn the King; Watch him stumble as he carries All of human suffering.

> For it is in such retelling, That this tale becomes our own; Thus may we claim our salvation, When we come before his throne.

