



What about Holy Week? Prepare a Place for a Sacred Space

Holy week is the most “holy week” of the Christian liturgical year. Tragically, we are unable, at this time, to gather together and worship during Maundy Thursday and Good Friday nor to celebrate the glorious Easter Resurrection. However, we must not let this sacred time become an absent or empty space or pause in our liturgical life and discipleship. During your home meditations, worship and liturgies, I would suggest to be creative and make a “home altar” adorned with your favorite spiritual artifacts, pictures, treasures, statuary, flowers and even the use of incense if you like (for you incense lovers, here is your chance!).

On Maundy Thursday evening, strip your altar bare to symbolize the “Stripping of the Altar” during our Maundy Thursday service. Continue to allow your altar to be bare on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. And then . . . on Easter Sunday, go all out on celebrating adornments to your Altar for this most glorious day. Let your Altar proclaim, “He is Risen”! To help in your worship and celebrations, we will continue to provide a Podcast Devotional for the Holy Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Prepare your hearts! Prepare a place for a sacred space in your own home and . . . prepare for the Risen Lord! We can do this . . . together!

Along with my previous published list of recommendations, this week I will add: “Prepare a place for a sacred space.”

- “Keep calm and carry on.”
- “Take heart, do not be afraid.”
- Pray for protection, healing and restoration.
- Fortify yourself with spiritual readings and study.
- Stand firm in our faith.
- Reach out to those in need.
- Allow your hearts and homes to be a temple of God.
- Prepare a place for a sacred space.

May the Peace of the Lord that passes all understanding and circumstances of this life be with you!

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