

Dear friends,

As we approach this coming Holy Week let us fix our eyes upon Jesus who is the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2

On Palm Sunday a crowd greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. Garments were spread on the road before him, palm branches were waved and the people shouted ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest’ Matthew 21:9. Hosanna means ‘save us’

As we fix our eyes upon Jesus, let us remember that He is our Lord and Saviour.

On the night before he died, according to John’s Gospel, Jesus washed his disciples feet, much to the disgust of Peter! Jesus did this as an example of one who did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28

As we fix our eyes upon Jesus, let us remember that He is the one in whose name we are called to serve.

During the Passover meal, Jesus blessed and broke the bread. “Take, eat” he said “this is my body” After supper he gave them wine saying “Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins! Matthew 26: 26-28.

As we fix our eyes upon Jesus, let us remember that His body was broken and His blood was shed for us.

Jesus was crucified between two thieves. Despite the agony Jesus asked God to forgive those responsible. From noon until three o’clock darkness covered the land. Then Jesus said “It is finished,” John 19:30.

As we fix our eyes upon Jesus, let us remember that this was not the end, it was the beginning.

As we journey through this coming Holy Week, may we journey from darkness to light, from despair to hope and from death to resurrection.

Gracious God,

We are often not the Easter People that we would like to be, living in the certain knowledge of your great mercy and love.

Distracted by the world around us we fail to hear your voice, or hide when faith is challenged as we wander off the path.

Forgive us, we pray;  
restore the love that we first had, a faith that can endure.

We will keep our eyes fixed on you, Lord,  
and with you at our right hand we shall not be shaken. Amen

With love and prayers as we journey through this coming Holy Week,  
Graham

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