



Crucis



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Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

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Galatians 6:14

Message from Fr Michael Turner

Two criminals were condemned to death for having committed murder. But following their trial the judge gave them an opportunity of escaping the gallows and gaining their freedom.

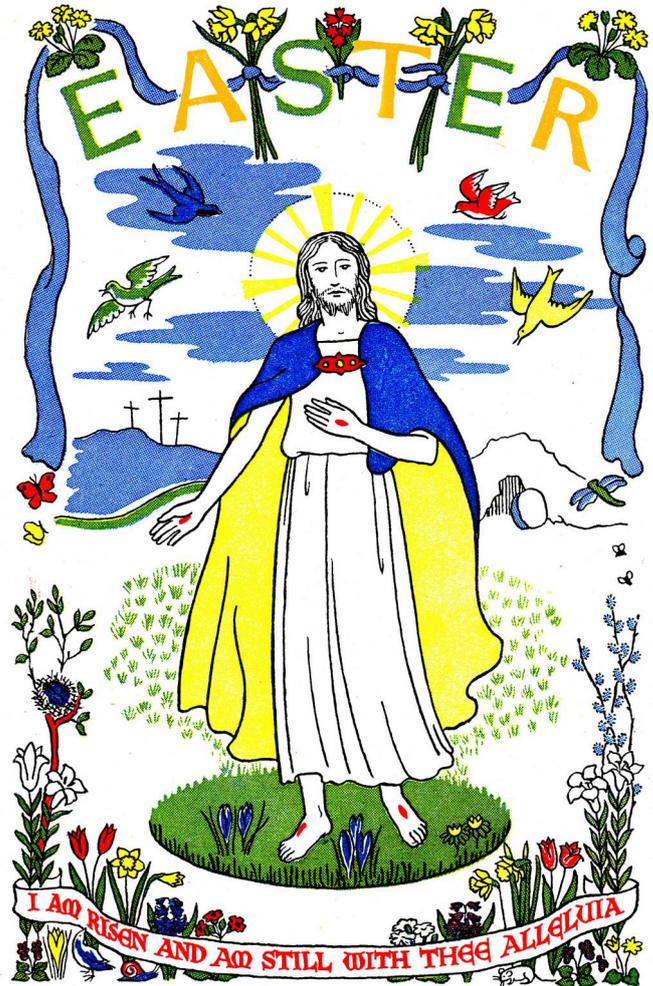
'You have to journey barefoot from this place, travelling the thousand miles to Jerusalem,' he said, 'and each of you must carry a full-size cross and place it on the hill of Calvary. Then you will be absolved of your heinous crime.'

Not surprisingly the two criminals agreed to the offer which the judge had made. Next morning they received the large crosses which had been made for them and set off on their pilgrimage. At first they walked at a good pace, full of high spirits at the thought of their end goal. But the summer sun was hot and sapped their energy, carrying these heavy loads, so their speed dropped. They decided therefore to travel during the night when it was cooler. However, though they stopped sweating so much they kept missing their footing against the stones on the uneven path, with the result that they reverted to walking in daylight.

One evening before they set off again the first criminal said, 'I'm going to saw off the bottom part of my cross. It will be much lighter – and it is still a cross.'

A few days later the other criminal, having seen how much less tired his companion had become, said, 'I'm going to take a saw to my cross too, but not in the same way as you have done. I'm going to saw it down lengthwise.'

And the two of them resumed their journey, much more easily and less tired than before. Eventually they came in sight of Jerusalem, its buildings shimmering in the bright sunlight.



Heartened by the fact that their objective was all but reached they hurried on; but suddenly came to a halt. There was a deep chasm with sheer sides across their path. The first criminal tried to slide his cross over the gorge; but it was too short and fell to the bottom, so he couldn't get to other side. His companion said, 'At least mine is still long enough to bridge the gap and reach the other side.' So he put it in position and began to crawl across. As he got part way, the wood snapped for it was now too thin, and the fellow crashed to the bottom.

May your journey through Holy Week to the Cross be blessed and may you reach the heavenly Jerusalem.

Fr Michael

Services in Holy Week and April

Sun 29	Palm Sunday (Lent VI)	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Mon 30	Monday in Holy Week	Stations+Gosp. 10.00 a.m.
Tue 31	Tuesday in Holy Week	Stations+Gosp. 10.00 a.m.
Wed 1	Wed. in Holy Week	Stations+Com. 10.00 a.m.
Thu 2	Maundy Thursday Communion, Stripping of Altar and Watch	7.00 p.m. – midnight
Fri 3	Morning Prayer + Litany Good Friday Liturgy	10.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m.
Sat 4	Morning prayer +Ante-Communion Great Vigil of Easter	10.00 a.m. 9.00 p.m.
Sun 5	Easter Sunday	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 8	Wed. in Easter Week	Lay-led 10.00 a.m.
Sun 12	Easter II	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 15	Feria	Lay-led 10.00 a.m.
Sun 19	Easter III	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 22	St George (ant)	Lay-led 10.00 a.m.
Sun 26	Easter IV	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 29	Catherine of Siena	Lay-led 10.00 a.m.

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Prayer for Easter

O Almighty God, hear thy people who are met this day to celebrate the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord; and lead them on from this festival to eternal gladness, to the joys that have no end; through the same our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Gothic Missal

Saints' and Special Days

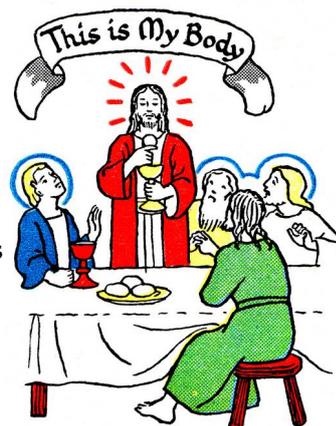
Sunday, 29th March – Palm Sunday is celebrated in most liturgical churches by the blessing and distribution of palm branches (or the branches of other native trees), representing the palm branches which the crowd scattered in front of Christ as he rode into Jerusalem; these palms are sometimes woven into crosses.



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The Triduum

2nd April – Maundy Thursday is the day in Holy Week commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. The Mass of the Lord's Supper or service of worship is normally celebrated in the evening, when Friday begins according to Jewish tradition, as the Last Supper was held on the feast of Passover, according to the three Synoptic Gospels.



3rd April – Good Friday Members of many Christian churches observe Good Friday with fasting and church services. In many Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican and Methodist churches, the Service of the Great 3 Hours' Agony is held from noon until 3 p.m., the time duration that the Bible records as darkness covering the land to Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross.



4th April – Holy Saturday

(Latin: *Sabbatum Sanctum*) The day commemorates the Harrowing of Hell while Jesus Christ's body lay in the tomb. Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, Anglican and Reformed churches begin the celebration of the Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday, which provides a transition to the season of Eastertide; in the Moravian tradition, graves are decorated with flowers during the day of Holy Saturday and the celebration of the sunrise service starts before dawn on Easter Sunday.

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Thursday, 23rd April – Saint George d. 23 April

303, an early Christian martyr. Of Cappadocian Greek origin, he became a member of the Praetorian Guard for Roman emperor Diocletian, sentenced to death for refusing to recant his Christian faith.

