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Children's Ministry
Our Vision

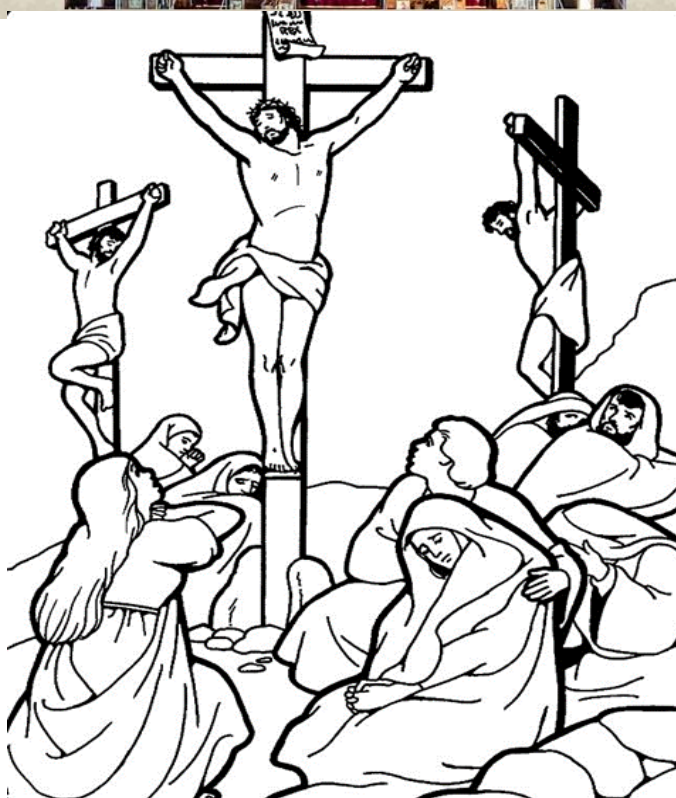
+ Growing together
in Christ



Our Mission

+ To be rooted in Christ and the
Orthodox Church.

+ To live the life of stewardship,
fellowship and discipleship to
Christ through serving others.



The Holy Paschal Week

Day of Great Friday

Gr. 4 - 6

Name: _____

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1st Hour of Great Friday:

+Main Events: When the morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took council against Jesus Him to death. And when they had banded Him, they led Him away, and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.
Matthew 27:1-14 Mark 15: 1-5 Luke

+ 1st Prophecy: Moses the prophet tells the Chosen People who have continuously been disobedient.:

"Remember, do not forget how you provoked the Lord your God to wrath in the desert, From the day you came out of _____, until you came into this land, you continued to be _____ to the Lord."
(Deuteronomy 8:19-9:24)

Provoke= to anger or annoy.

+ 2nd Prophecy: Hear, O heaven, and listen, O _____. For the Lord has spoken: " I have begotten and brought up _____, but they _____ me.."(Isaiah 1:2-9)

+3rd Prophecy: Behold, days are coming, says the _____, "when I will raise up for _____ the righteous Orient, and ab_____ shall reign. (Jeremiah 22:29 - 23:6)

+ 4th Prophecy: "For they set a _____ to Him who has no price, and grieved Him who heals _____ and _____ sins. They took the price upon which the sons of Israel agreed _____ pieces of _____."
(Jeremiah 39)



+ Psalm of the 1st hour:

“For unjust witnesses rise up against _____, and injustice lies to itself. Unjust _____ rose up against me; asking me things I knew nothing about. They repaid me _____ for _____, and bereavement for my soul.” Alleluia. (**Psalm 26 :12, 34:11-12**)

+ 1st Gospel of the 1st hour:

After Jesus was arrested, Judas realized his mistake and was very upset for betraying his Master. Unfortunately, he did not repent and return to the Lord once more but rather took his life into his own hands:

“I have sinned in that I have betrayed _____ blood,” And they said, “What is that to us? You see to it!” then he _____ down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and _____ himself.” ----- Then was fulfilled what was spoken by _____ the prpphet, saying, “And they took the _____ pieces of _____, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of _____ priced. (Matthew 27:1-14)



+ 2nd Gospel of the 1st hour:

During Jesus' trial before Pontius Pilate, many people accused him of many things, but throughout all this, Our Lord refused to speak on His own behalf because he knew that such things had to occur:

"And Pilate asked him again saying, Answers thou nothing? Behold many things they witness against thee. But Jesus yet answered _____; so that Pilate _____." (Mark 15:1-5)

+ 3rd Gospel of the 1st hour:

During His trials, Jesus barely spoke. However, there was one major question that He answered: "And Pilate asked Him saying, Art thou the _____ of the Jews? And He answered him and said, you _____ it." (Luke 22:66-23:12)

+ 4th Gospel of the 1st hour:

When Jesus was being questioned by Pontius Pilate, He had this to say about His kingdom:

"My kingdom is not of this _____; if my kingdom were of this world, then would my _____ fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews." (John 18:28-40)



3rd Hour of Great Friday:

+Main Events: Then Pontius Pilate therefore took Jesus put into the hands of the Jews where they will do to Him what they see fitting. According to the custom of the time, Barabbas, a known murderer is released in the place of Jesus.

+ 1st Prophecy: *A Reading from The Book of Genesis:*

In this reading, we find Israel, who is also known as Jacob blessing Joseph's sons, Manase and Ephraim:

"Then he blessed them and said: "God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac were well-pleasing, the God who has _____ me all my _____ long to this day. ; The angel who redeemed me from all _____, bless these lads..."

In the past, it was tradition that the eldest son be blessed by his Grandfather before his death. Here, we find Israel blessing Ephraim, the younger child rather than the eldest. This tells us that Ephraim will become a great person. God has chosen him, just like he chooses every one of us:

"So Joseph said to his father; not so, my father, for this is the _____; put your right hand on his head." But his father refused and said, I _____ my son, I know." (Genesis 48:1-19)

+ 2nd Prophecy:" ...The Lord became My _____; therefore I was not _____. But I made My face a solid rock; and knew I would not be ashamed." (Isaiah 50:4-9)

+ 3rd Prophecy: "The Lord stands up to _____ and stands to _____ His people. The Lord will enter into judgment with the elders of His _____." (Isaiah 3:9-15)

+ Psalm of the 3rd hour:

David the prophet shows us his sadness when he says:

“For I am ready for _____, and my _____ is continually with me.” (Psalm 37:17)

+ 1st Gospel of the 3rd hour:

Pontius Pilate never believed that Jesus had done anything wrong. The Jews were the individuals who wished to see Jesus, who they believed had an evil spirit within Him, crucified:

“When Pilate saw that he could prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water, and _____ his hands before the multitude, saying, I am _____ of the _____ of this just Person: you see to it.”

Tumult means; a riot, chaos or disorganization. (Matthew 27:15-26)

+ 2nd Gospel of the 3rd hour:

In this Gospel reading, we begin to see the physical suffering that our Lord is beginning to experience:

“And they clothed his with purple (a colour of royalty), and they twisted a crown of _____, and put it on his head, and began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews! And they _____ (hit) Him on the head with a reed, and did _____ on Him...” (Mark 15:6-25)

+ 3rd Gospel of the 3rd hour:

The Jewish people were willing to crucify Jesus so much that they preferred having a murderer be released among them: Pilot, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. But they shouted, saying, “_____ Him, _____ Him,” (Luke 23:13-25)

+ 4th Gospel of the 3rd hour:

Through this Gospel reading, it is clear that Pontius Pilate wanted to save Jesus from the suffering he might experience.

Then Pilate said to Him, “Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to _____ You, and power to _____ You?”

¹¹ Jesus answered, “You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater _____.” (John 19:1-12)

6th Hour of Great Friday:

+Main Events: Jesus makes His way to Golgotha, which is the place He is crucified at this Hour. Once on the cross, many begin to mock Him and challenge Him to come down from the cross.

+ 1st Prophecy: *the book of Numbers:*

When the children of Israel experienced hardships in the wilderness, they became very angry with both God and Moses saying:

“ why did you bring us up out of _____ to kill us in the _____?
For there is no bread nor water, and our _____ is weary of this
worthless _____. (Numbers 21:1-9)

+ 2nd Prophecy: *the book of Isaiah:*

Isaiah the Prophet predicts the death of Jesus in this passage by comparing Him to an innocent lamb:

“ He was led as a _____ to the slaughter, and as a lamb is
_____ before his shearer, so He opens not His _____. ” (Isaiah 53:
7-12)

+ 3rd Prophecy: *the book of Isaiah:*

“ Behold, my God is my _____ and Lord. I will trust in Him, and be
_____ by Him. I will not be _____ for the Lord is my
_____. He has become my _____. ” (Isaiah 12:2-
13)

The Sixth Hour Litanies:

Fill in the missing space by using the word s below.

O Jesus Christ, our God, who was _____ to the cross in the _____ hour, and killed _____ by the tree, and by Your death You made _____ the dead man, whom You created with Your own hands, and had died in sin. Put to death our pains by Your healing and life-giving _____, and by the nails with which You were nailed. Rescue our _____ from thoughtlessness of the earthly deeds and worldly lusts, to the remembrance of Your _____ commandments, according to Your compassion.

+ O Only Begotten Son (O monogenic)

Fill in the missing space by using the word s below.

O only-begotten Son, the eternal and immortal _____ of God; who for our _____ did will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos (and ever Virgin Mary).

Who without change became _____ and was crucified, the Christ God. Trampled down death by _____. One of the Holy Trinity, who is glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

Holy God, who being God, for our _____, became man without change. Holy Mighty, who by _____ showed forth what is greater than _____,

Holy Immortal, who was crucified for our sake, and endured death in His _____, the Eternal and Immortal.

O Holy Trinity, have mercy on us.

+ Psalm of the 6th hour:

The words of David the Prophet in this psalm, are ones which Jesus Himself might have used when he was being tortured and crucified:

“They have rejected me, the _____ one, as an abominable dead carcass: they have _____ my body with _____. Do not forsake me, O my _____. (Psalm 37)

+ 1st Gospel of the 6th hour:

Saint Matthew shows us all that Jesus went through when he was being tortured and crucified. Our Lord was sent to a place called Golgotha, which means a place of a skull. This is where he was to be crucified as a sinner, and unrighteous man. At Golgotha, the sayings of the prophets were fulfilled

“ And they
_____ Him, and
divided His garments,
casting lots. And those
who passed by
blasphemed Now from
the _____ hour
until the _____ hour t
there was

over all the land..
(Matthew 27:27-45)



+ 2nd Gospel of the 6th hour:

When Jesus was crucified, many people mocked, or made fun of Him, because they saw that He was not able to save Himself:

And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! *You* who destroy the temple and build *it* in three days, _____ Yourself, and come down from the _____!”

Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, “He saved _____; _____ He cannot save. . Let Christ the king of Israel descend now from the cross ,that we may _____ and _____.” (Mark 15:26-33)



+ 3rd Gospel of the 6th hour:

One of the most beautiful things to read about in the gospels is the repentance of the right hand thief. Many people were making fun of Jesus but he was the one who really saw and believed that this was truly the Son of God:

“ Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, If You are the Christ, save _____ and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Do you not even _____ God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this Man has done nothing _____. And he said to Jesus, Lord, _____ me when I come into Your _____. And Jesus said to him, Verily I say to you, _____ you shall be with me in _____. ” (Luke 23: 26-44)

Ask Yourself: When I repent, do I do so to the extent that I become worthy to enter into the kingdom of God with my Lord?

+ 4th Gospel of the 6th hour:

During Jesus 'time on the cross, He did not forget about His mother, but made sure that someone would take care of her after He left. This shows us how much Jesus loved His mother, the Virgin Mary:

“When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold _____!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold _____!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. (John 19:13-27)

Note: although Saint John does not tell us who this disciple is, we know from other Gospels, that Saint John the Beloved was the one who took care of Saint Mary.

9th Hour of Great Friday:

+Main Events: The sun darkened and the prophecies were all fulfilled. Jesus gave up the Spirit and died. The Lord sacrificed Himself for our salvation

+ 1st Prophecy: A Reading from The Book of Jeremiah the Prophet:

In the book of Jeremiah, Jesus Himself appears to be prophesizing about Himself in the following passage:

“ I was like an innocent _____ led to be sacrificed. They plotted an _____ device against me, saying,” Come let us put wood in His bread, and destroy him _____ and _____ from the land of living, so his _____ might not be remembered any longer.” (Jeremiah 11:12-17)

+ 2nd Prophecy: A Reading from The Book of Zechariah the Prophet:

Zechariah the Prophet describes the Second Coming of our Lord as being a day in which:

“ And the Lord my God shall _____ and all the saints with Him. And in that _____ it shall be that there will not any _____ but there shall be _____ and _____, and that day shall be known to the Lord...and the Lord shall be _____ over all the earth: in that day there shall be one _____, and his name one name. (Zechariah 14:5-11)



+ Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians:

Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:4-11)

In our relationships with one another, how can we have the attitude of Christ?

+ Psalm of the 9th hour:

“ _____ me, O God; for the waters have come in to my soul. I am stuck in the mire of the sea and there is no _____ to stand..They gave me gall for my _____, and they gave me vinegar for my _____.” Alleluia. (Psalm 69:1-2)

+ 1st Gospel of the 9th hour:

At the ninth hour, when Jesus was on the cross, he spoke the following words to His Lord and Father, which we too sometimes pray whenever we are suffering and feel that the Lord is not helping us:

“ My _____, my _____, why have you _____ (left) me?”
(Matthew 27:46-50)

+ 2nd Gospel of the 9th hour:

And at the _____ hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice saying, “Eloi,. Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated : My _____, My _____, why have you _____ me.
(Mark 15:34-37)

+ 3rd Gospel of the 9th hour:

At the ninth hour, the following events occurred, which really showed that the Son of God Himself was being crucified:

“ Then the sun was _____, and the veil of the _____ was rent in the midst.” (Luke 23:45-46)

+ 4th Gospel of the 9th hour:

At the ninth hour, and after all things which were earlier prophesized were fulfilled, The Son of God died on our behalf:

“ so Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, It is _____ and he bowing His head, He gave up His _____.” (John 19:28-30)

11th Hour of Great Friday:

+Main Events: The veil of the temple was broken down the middle and many believed that this was the Son of God by the actions that were happening around them.

+Prophecies: A Reading from The Book of Exodus:

Passover, a Jewish celebration which is described in this passage, represents the day in which the Lord saved the Jewish people out of the slavery they were experiencing in Egypt. On that day, all the firstborn children in each family were immediately killed by the angel of death. The only individuals who survived this were the Israelites since they were told by the Lord to put blood of a lamb on the door-posts of their houses. God’s love for the Israelites during this plague is best displayed in the following quote:

“ Now the blood shall be for a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, and will _____ over you, and the plague shall not be on you to _____, when I strike the land of Egypt.” (Exodus 12:1-14)

+ Psalm of the 11th hour:

Hear me _____, O Lord; my _____ faints within me. Turn not
Your _____ from me, lest I become like to those who go down to the pit.”
Alleluia.

+ 1st Gospel of the 6th hour:

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew:

After Jesus died on the cross, Saint Matthew gives us a description of the events which occurred. This caused many more individuals to believe that Jesus was truly the Son of God:

“ And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the _____ to the _____; and the earth did _____, and the rocks rent; and the graves were _____; and many bodies of the saints which slept _____, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city and _____ unto many.”

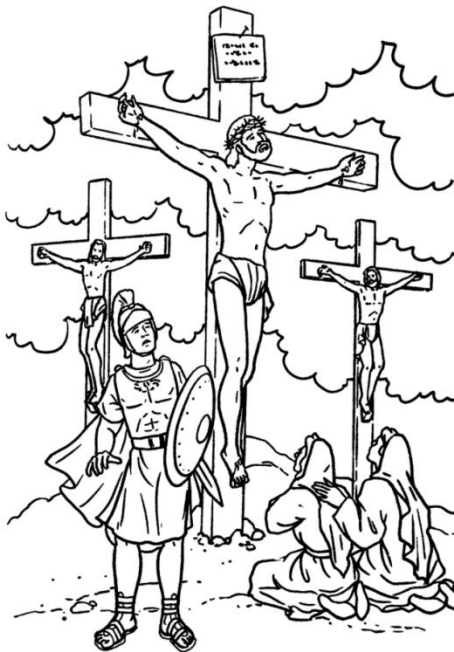
+The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke:

Even after Jesus’ death, many people continued to believe in Him not because of what He preached, but simply by the events that they saw happening around them:

“ Now when the centurion saw what was done, he

_____ God,
saying, Certainly this was a

_____ man.”



The Holy Gospel according to Saint John:

“ For these things were done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled, A _____ of Him shall not be _____. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on Him whom they _____.”

12th Hour of Great Friday:

+Main Events: The Body of Jesus was taken down from the cross and given, by request, to Joseph of Arimathaea. He wrapped Jesus' body with linen and spices and placed it in a tomb, which was carved out of rock and in which no man was ever placed from before.

+ Prophecy: A Reading from Lamentations:

Jeremiah the Prophet tells us that:

“ The Lord is good to them that _____ for Him: the soul which shall _____ Him is good, and shall wait for, and quietly expect _____ of the Lord.”

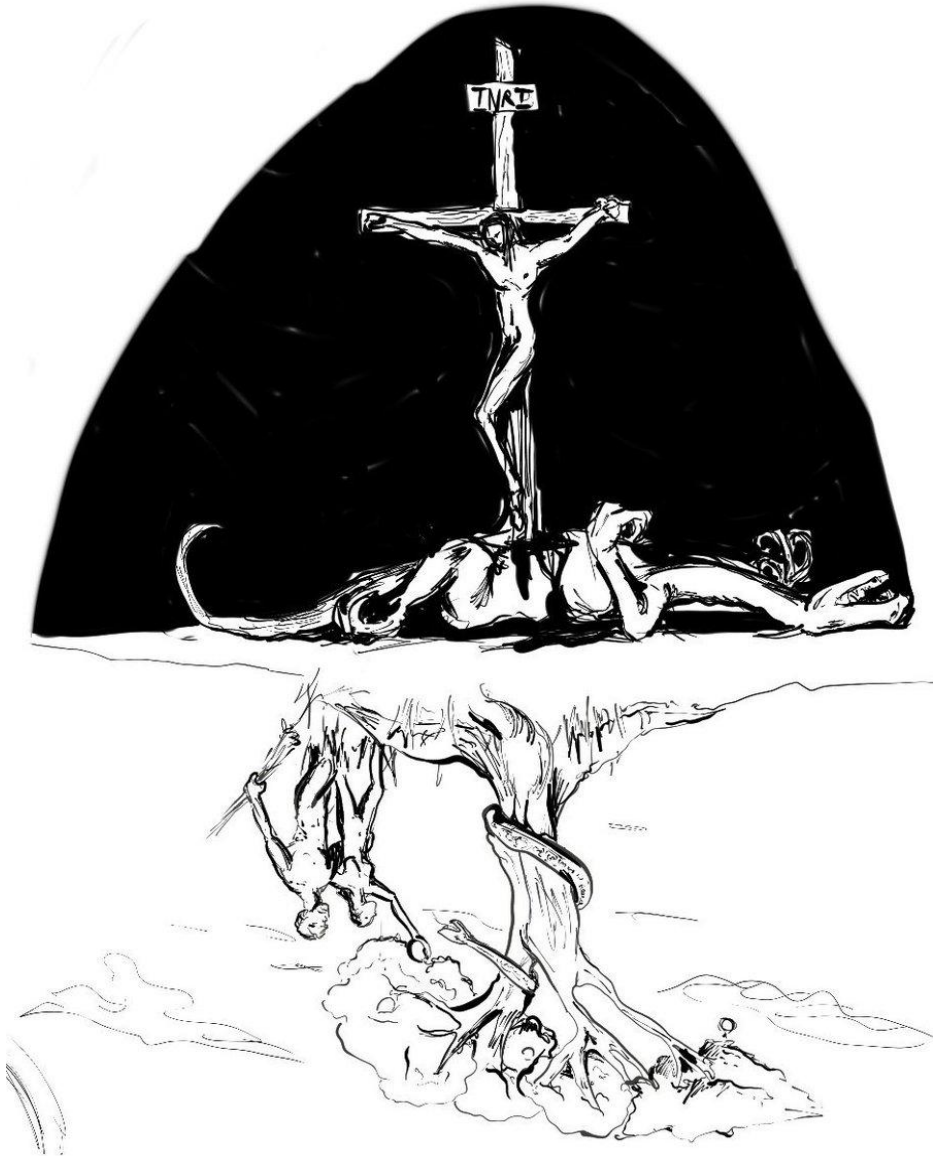
+ Psalm of the 11th hour:

We all go through many trials and struggles in our lives. However, one of the most beautiful and comforting verses to know so that we can no longer fear and trust that the Lord is by our sides is:

“ Yea, through I _____ in the midst of the _____ of _____, I shall _____ no evil; for You are with _____, _____.”

+ Gospel of the 12th hour:

“ After this _____ of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for _____ of the _____, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him permission, So he came and took the body of _____. And _____, who at the first came to Jesus by _____, also came bringing a mixture of _____ and _____, about an hundred pounds.”



Please look carefully to this picture and meditate on it.

Please number the pictures in order of the events of the Crucifixion and add a title or a comment to each of them.



IN ADAM
(Lost)

IN CHRIST
(Saved)

Death

Life

Sin

Righteousness

Law

Grace

Condemnation

Justification

Flesh

Spirit

Slavery

Sonship

Bondage

Freedom

JOHN 3:14.



AS Moses lifted
up the SERPENT in
the wilderness,



SO must the
SON OF MAN
be lifted UP.

+Prayer: My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, though You didn't do anything bad, and not out of weakness but with Your own will, You died for me, I the sinner. And on the Cross, You looked lovingly to those who crucified You. Your Cross is the Greatest Sign of love and Glory! Fill my heart O Lord with Your love and help me to forgive those who hurt me

Meditation: The Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ is our only way to Heaven. Explain.

+ Biblical Reflection: Jesus came down on earth for you and was crucified on the Cross so that through the wood of the Cross, your soul would not sink in the waters of sin.

Do you remember a story in the Old Testament about an iron head that through a wooden stick did not sink in the waters of the river? (2 King 6)

+Memorization: The thief on the right repented for his sins and asked our Lord saying:

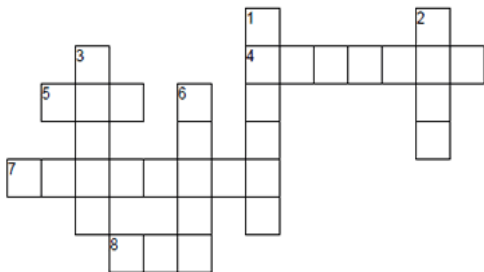
“Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” (Luke 23:42)

And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” (Luke 23:43)

God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

Complete the activity below.



ACROSS

4. Lasting forever; without end
5. Male offspring
7. Accept something as being true, genuine, or real
8. The creator of heaven and earth

DOWN

1. To die or be destroyed
2. To rescue from danger or harm
3. The earth with its inhabitants and everything on it
6. Cared very deeply for someone

ETERNAL
LOVED

WORLD
GOD

PERISH
BELIEVES

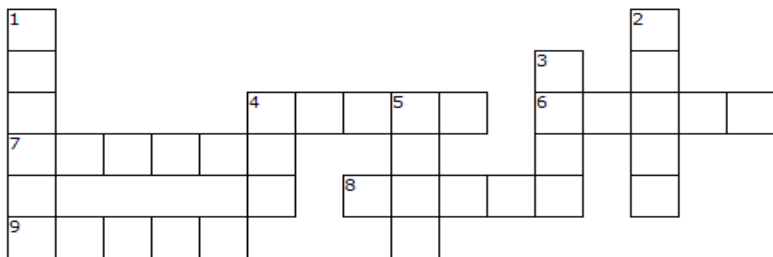
SAVE
SON

**For God so
loved the world...
John 3:16**



The Case of the Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.
John 20:1 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers
6. Not dead
7. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
8. To have nothing inside
9. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb

DOWN

1. Messengers from heaven
2. The color of snow; the opposite of black
3. The woman who found the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb
4. To produce tears; to weep
5. A grave or a room where someone is buried

EMPTY
STONE

ANGELS
ALIVE

EASTER
TOMB

CLOTH
CRY

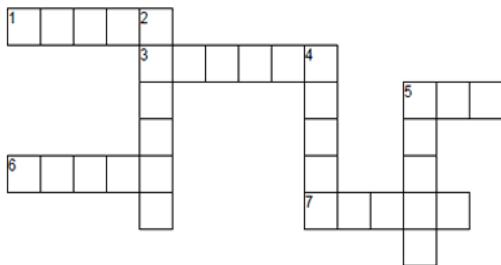
WHITE
MARY



I've Just Seen Jesus

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). John 20:16 (NIV)

Complete the activity below. The words in the puzzle are found in John 20:1-18.



ACROSS

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DOWN

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EASTER
ALIVE

CLOTH
WHITE

CRY
STONE

EMPTY
ANGELS



The services of Holy Week transform us into eyewitnesses and direct participants in the awesome events of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In readings, and in hymns, we see the fulfillment of the prophecies that God grants us forgiveness for our sins.



Note: at the end of the 12 hour, an icon of Jesus is buried by the Priests using a white linen cloth along with rose petals and spices. The icon, along with a cross on top is placed next to two tapers one on each side representing the two angels at the tomb of Christ. After this, the priests, according to their ranks, start reading psalms one, two and three until they reach the words: “ I lay down and slept.” The curtain of the altar is then closed and the hundred and fifty psalms are read. The Lord’s burial and His ultimate sacrifice for us is now complete.

Good Luck and God Bless You