

# Mid-week Reflection for week commencing 29th March 2021

## Suffering and Glory

### John 12

Gosh! What a week, we've all had them, haven't we? Time just disappears and we have so much to do, so much to think about that it's the end of the week before we know it. It is rather like that from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. The crowds cheered, 'Hosanna!' the crowds condemned, 'Crucify!', until only the ones left were those at the Cross watching and waiting for the death of their loved one, Jesus.

For Jesus it had been a week of dining out with friends, he shared in the final meal with his disciples, he prayed to his father, knowing the end was so near. Putting on a brave face we would call it and we've all done that at times. However, there was no putting off the inevitable, of his death up on the cross. His Father's will, to save us, a once and for all sacrifice, done out of love.

We can't put off the inevitable because without that act of love, where would we be? Having walked through Holy week, we can so join in the joy of Easter Sunday morning. 'Glory to God on high'.

#### Let us pray.

Lord, we give thanks for our day to day lives, for family and friends, for those who support us, who give us a hug in person or virtually. It is so easy to go from one thing to another without thinking who we are or what we are about. May our words and our actions make us worthy of calling ourselves your disciples, of fulfilling the challenge and mission of the one who taught us.

So, help us as we sit at the foot of the cross and share in your pain to realise the gift of your love in our lives. We are your disciples, your Easter people, here to share your suffering and your glory. **Amen**

#### Meditation

I see the Cross, there trailing behind me,  
I've picked it up to carry -  
but it's far too heavy Lord.  
So, it's trailing behind me.

Pick it up again – now I say,  
I will help you carry it.  
Leave yourself behind, take up the Cross.  
Follow me.

