



Lent is the season when Christians try to focus on giving.

Giving helps us to identify with the complete sacrifice of Jesus which is remembered in the liturgy of Holy Week, especially the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday – Easter Sunday).

The only perfect sacrifice is the one that Christ offered on the cross as a total offering to the Father's love and for our salvation.



SACRIFICE

Year 5 Topic 6

OUR BIG QUESTION
Why do we need to make sacrifices?

THREE PILLARS OF LENT



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

REFLECTION

Lord, when I am hungry give me someone to feed;

When I am thirsty give water for their thirst.

When a burden weighs upon me lay upon my shoulders the burden of my fellows.

Lord, when I stand greatly in need of tenderness, give me someone who yearns for love. May your will be my bread;

Your grace my strength; Your love my resting place.

KEY VOCABULARY

Temptation: the desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise.

Betrayal: to not be loyal or faithful to someone.

Self-sacrifice: sacrifice of yourself for the good/benefit of others.

Gethsemane: the garden outside Jerusalem mentioned in the Gospels as the scene of the agony and arrest of Jesus.

Crucifixion: an ancient form of execution in which a person was nailed or bound to a cross

Easter vigil: held on Easter Saturday and begins outside the church. A fire is lit and the Easter Candle is lit from the fire. The congregation process with candles into the church. It is the beginning of the Christian celebration that Christ is Risen.

Resurrection: Jesus rose from the dead on the third day as the prophets foretold in their scriptures. The belief in the resurrection is a central Christian belief. Jesus was able to rise from the dead because He is God and He came to save us.



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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26: 14-16: Judas agrees to betray Jesus for 30 silver coins (also in Mark 14: 10-11)

Matthew 26: 17-30: The Last Supper

Matthew 26: 36-46: Garden of Gethsemane (Jesus prays (also known as the agony in the garden), disciples fall asleep) “*Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?*” he asked Peter. ⁴¹ “*Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.*” (also in Mark 14:32-36)

Matthew 26: 47-56: Jesus is arrested (Judas arrives with a large crowd and identifies Jesus by kissing Him on the cheek) ‘*Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.”*’ ⁴⁹ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “*Greetings, Rabbi!*” and kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus replied, “*Do what you came for, friend.*” Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.’ (also in Mark 14: 43-46)

Matthew 26: 69-75: Peter denies knowing Jesus three times

Matthew 27: 11-31: Jesus is tried before Pilate (crowds shout to set Barabbas free, the guards mock Jesus) (also in Mark 15: 1-15)

Matthew 27: 32-55: Jesus is crucified (also in Mark 15: 21-41)

Matthew 27: 57-61: Jesus is buried

Matthew 28: 1-10: Jesus is Risen

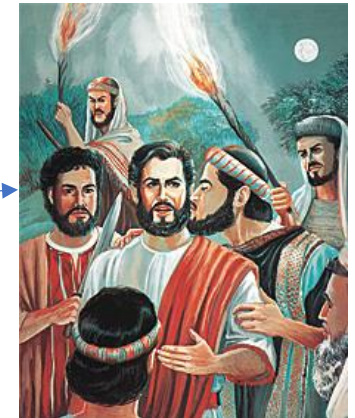
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Jesus prays in the garden of Gethsemane while his disciples fall asleep. Jesus asks God to take away this ‘cup of suffering’, but if He cannot, then God’s will shall be done. (This shows us how human Jesus was: He was scared of His fate even though He knew it was what He came to earth to do.)

Judas arrives with a large crowd with torches. The chief priests and elders are here to arrest Jesus in the garden. Judas points out who Jesus is by kissing him on the cheek.

A fight breaks out between the disciples and the crowd. One of Jesus’ friends takes a sword and strikes a high priest, cutting his ear off. Jesus tell them to stop, ‘for whoever lives by the sword, dies by the sword.’



Jesus is taken to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea. Pilate could not see what Jesus had done wrong and so asked the crowd to decide which prisoner to set free (a Jewish tradition at Passover time). The crowd chose to set Barabbas free (guilty of treason and theft) and so Jesus was sentenced to death by crucifixion. Pilate washed his hands of Jesus.

After being mocked by the guards and carrying his own cross, Jesus is crucified between two criminals. One mocks Jesus, the other asks for forgiveness. Jesus tells him that he will be in Heaven with him.

At 3pm, the sky turned black, Jesus cried out to His Father in Heaven, and died.

Later, to check if He was dead, they pierced His side. This fulfilled the scripture that ‘not a bone shall be broken’.

