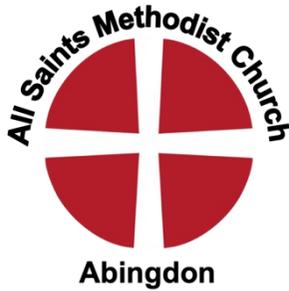


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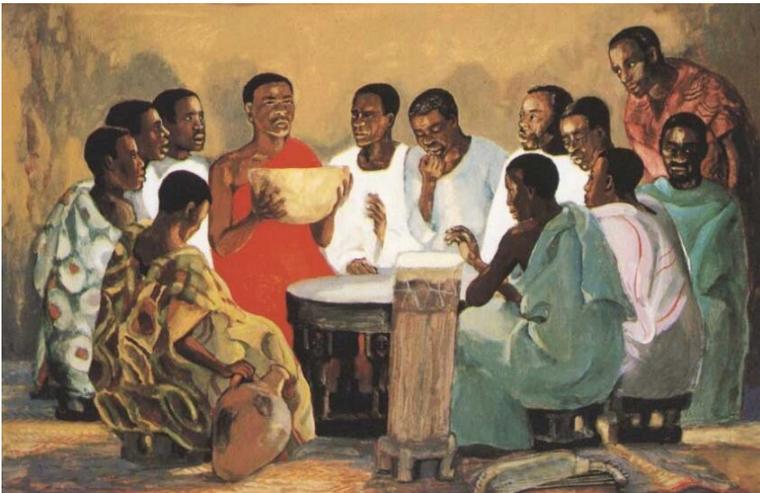
Lent 1 - THE BREAD AND THE WINE

On our journey through lent,
may these symbols be reminders of the road Jesus took.
The road of pain and suffering,
the path of self giving love.
May they also remind us of the suffering of the world
and challenge us to respond.

Today we place bread and wine by our Lenten cross,
reminders of the last meal Jesus shared with his friends,
a meal that was to end in betrayal.
We remember all who will go hungry today,
thinking of those who feel betrayed
by leaders and governments
who have put their own needs before those of the people
they should be serving.

Lord Jesus

**As you suffered , so many in our world still suffer today
Challenge us to make a difference through our actions and our
prayers. Amen**



Lent 2 - THE TOWEL AND BASIN

On our journey through lent,
may these symbols be reminders of the road Jesus took.
The road of pain and suffering,
the path of self giving love.
May they also remind us of the suffering of the world
and challenge us to respond.

Today we place a towel and basin by our Lenten cross,
reminders of Jesus' humility,
the way he washed the feet of his friends.
We remember all who are homeless today,
thinking of those for whom basic needs,
such as a place to wash and sleep are not available.

Lord Jesus

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Challenge us to make a difference through our actions and our
prayers. Amen**



Lent 3 - THE MONEY BAG

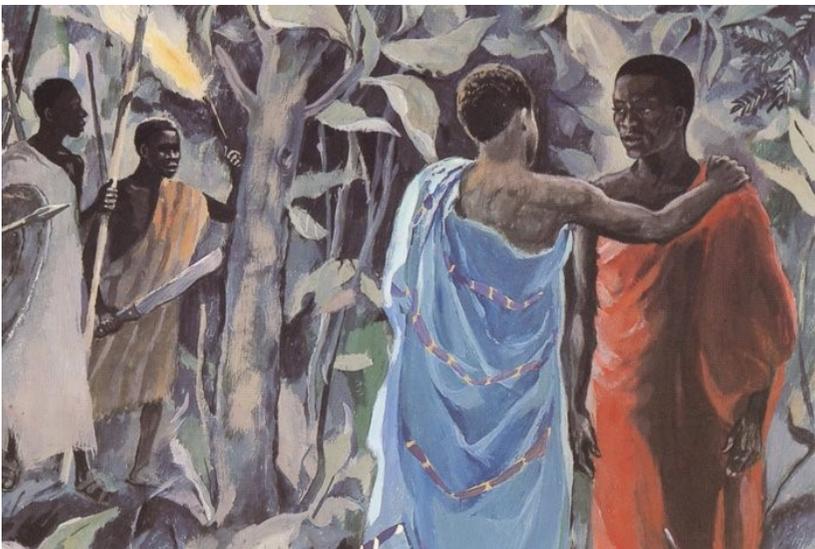
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the path of self giving love.
May they also remind us of the suffering of the world
and challenge us to respond.

Today we place a money bag by our Lenten cross,
a reminder of the way in which money changed hands
for Jesus' betrayal.

We remember all who are enslaved today,
thinking of those who have lost their freedom
because of other peoples greed.

Lord Jesus

**As you suffered , so many in our world still suffer today
Challenge us to make a difference through our actions and our
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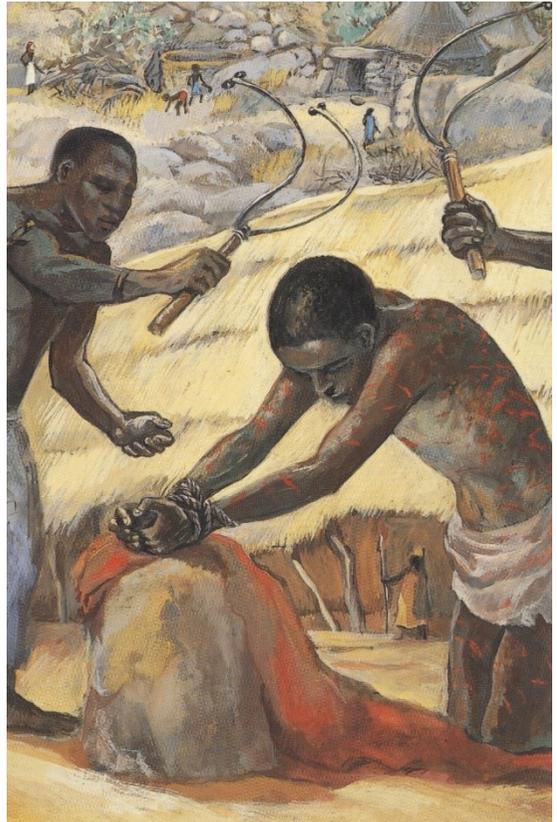


Mothering Sunday - THE CROWN OF THORNS AND PURPLE ROBE

On our journey through lent,
may these symbols be reminders of the road Jesus took.
The road of pain and suffering,
the path of self giving love.
May they also remind us of the suffering of the world
and challenge us to respond.

Today we place a crown of thorns and purple robe
on our Lenten cross,
reminders of the rejection and mockery Jesus went through
in the last hours of his life.
We remember all who are outcasts today,
thinking of those who face
rejection
through no fault of their
own.

**Lord Jesus
As you suffered,
so many in our world
still suffer today
Challenge us
to make a difference
through our actions
and our prayers.
Amen**

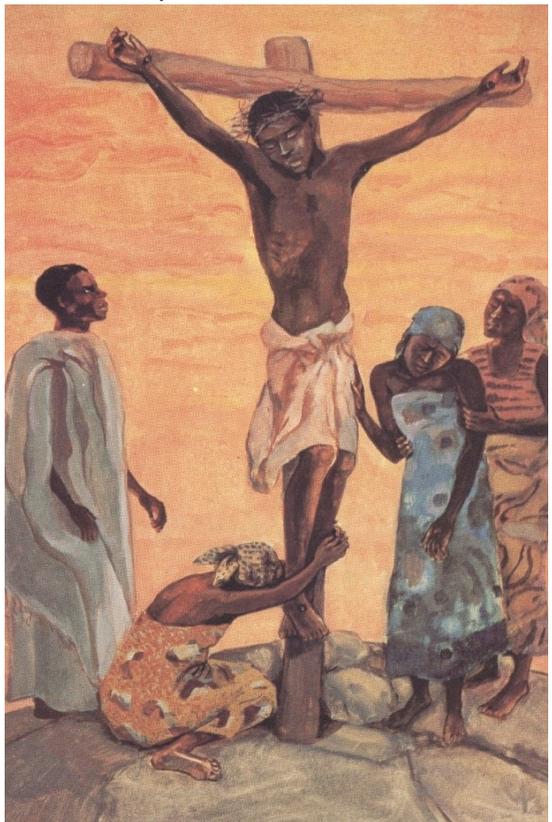


Passion Sunday - THE NAILS

On our journey through lent,
may these symbols be reminders of the road Jesus took.
The road of pain and suffering,
the path of self giving love.
May they also
remind us of the suffering of the world
and challenge us to respond.

Today we place nails on our Lenten cross,
reminders of the violence of Jesus' death
and the agony he went through.
We remember all who face violence today,
thinking of those whose
countries are at war
or who are caught up in
conflict.

Lord Jesus
As you suffered ,
so many in our world
still suffer today
Challenge us
to make a difference
through our actions
and our prayers.
Amen



Palm Sunday THE PALM BRANCH

On our journey through lent,
may these symbols be reminders of the road Jesus took.
The road of pain and suffering,
the path of self giving love.
May they also
remind us of the suffering of the world
and challenge us to respond.

Today we place a palm branch by our Lenten cross,
a reminder of the journey Jesus made to Jerusalem,
a journey that would end in him losing his life.
We remember all who are grieving today,
thinking of those who are traveling the difficult journey of loss.

Lord Jesus

**As you suffered , so many in our world still suffer today
Challenge us to make a difference through our actions and our
prayers. Amen**



EASTER DAY

On this resurrection day we transform the Lenten Cross of suffering into the glory of new life in Christ.

We remember that Jesus came not only to transform our hearts but also to transform the lives of all who suffer.

As we take the symbols from the cross we reflect on the beatitudes, the promises Jesus made.

We remove from the cross THE BREAD AND THE WINE remembering the hungry

Jesus said blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness they shall be filled.

We remove from the cross THE TOWEL AND BASIN, remembering the homeless

Jesus said blessed are those who are poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

We remove from the cross THE MONEY BAG remembering those who are enslaved

Jesus said blessed are those who are meek for they will inherit the earth

We remove from the cross THE CROWN OF THORNS AND PURPLE ROBE remembering those who are outcasts

Jesus said blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

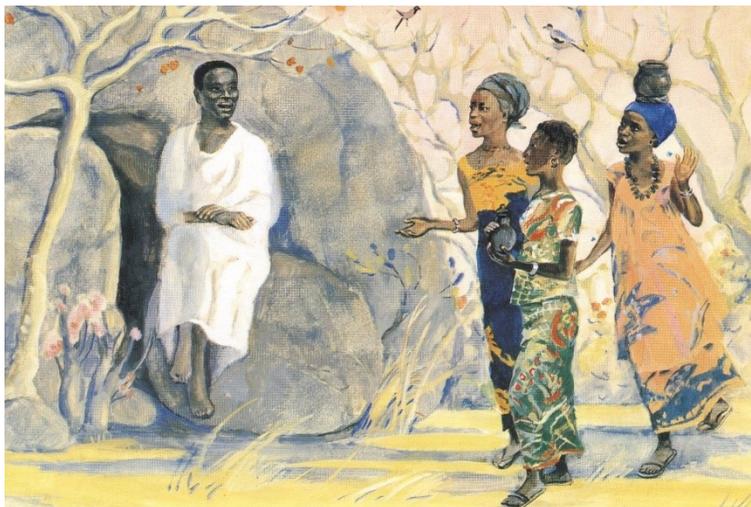
We remove from the cross THE NAILS
remembering those living with violence
**Jesus said blessed are the peacemakers
for they will be called the children of God.**

We remove from the cross THE PALM BRANCH
remembering those facing grief and loss
**Jesus said blessed are those who mourn
for they will be comforted**

Jesus has been transformed from death to life
Jesus transforms our lives giving us fullness of life

**Jesus works through us to transform our world
giving relief to those who suffer and bringing life**

Let us now as a congregation, with awe and wonder,
transform the cross of suffering into a symbol of life and hope
of triumph and resurrection as we cover the cross with flowers.



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