

Keep in Mind Holy Week 2020

"On the Rocks"

What better place to pray today than "on the rocks" at Brace Cove and the surrounding shoreline area? It is the most dramatic venue for prayer that we offer, especially when the waves are crashing against the rocks, as in the photo above. With all the drama in the scriptures during Holy Week, as well as the heart-breaking drama that is taking place every day in our world, going out to pray "on the rocks" seems appropriate. As it turns out, the sea has been very serene for the past two days, unlike the state of the world in which we live.

The points for prayer for Wednesday of Holy Week were put together by Bob Vereecke SJ, who is a member of the EPRH staff. You may recognize him from his poetry, photos, choreography and the communications he is sharing with you during these days of retreat.

The invitation to prayer on "Spy" Wednesday is to think about the persona of Judas in a way that may or may not be different for you. Ordinarily, we think of Judas as the villain of the story, the embodiment of evil. It's so easy to point the finger and say, "You're to blame! Shame! Shame!" Today's prayer invites us to go deeper and ask if there is a more profound human drama at work in the relationship of Judas and Jesus.

In the points for prayer, you will find two links to pieces of choreography that relate to the theme of today's reflections. Hopefully, you have already viewed "The Third Week" from *For the Greater Glory of God*. Today's reflection invites you to view a section from "The First Week."

Wednesday of Holy Week/ Points for Prayer

Yesterday, we received a communication from one of our retreatants, Kathleen Andersen, who said she has always had a "soft spot" in her heart for Judas. She shared a reflection that she wrote a number of years ago. Click on the link below.

Dear Judas

Another retreatant, Lynn, who is an artist and writer, sent along her sketch and reflection on Jesus, Judas and Mary. Click on the link below.

Night Has Fallen

The materials are here to help you focus your time of prayer. In addition to meditations that come from the scriptures, we will also offer you suggestions for music, images, videos, poetry and artwork that will hopefully enrich your prayer as well.

We hope and pray that this journey with Jesus and with each other will instill in us trust and confidence in God's faithfulness.

Scriptures for the Liturgies of Holy Week

(You'll need to click on the Calendar in the upper right-hand corner.)

For the Greater Glory of God

Inspired by the *Spiritual Exercises* of St Ignatius, this performance is an invitation to prayer through music, scripture and dance. The "Third Week" begins at 53:11. The "First Week" story of the Prodigal and "You Search *Me*" begins at 14:00.

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