

# **Easter Week Vigil**

## **Thursday, April 9 through Friday, April 10, 2020**

**Time you signed up for \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*(Please print this, and have on hand with you when you participate in the Vigil.)*

*On his last night, Jesus asked his friends and followers to stay awake with him as he awaited his betrayal. Yet they were anxious and stressed, and fell asleep. As the world watches and waits through this extraordinary Holy Week, we know how essential it is that Jesus not be alone in this time, and are taking up the task of watching and waiting with him.*

### **Vigil Guidelines**

Please settle into your space a few minutes before your appointed time. Find a candle and light it to help illuminate your meditations, bring your phone so you can answer the call of the person before you. When you are settled and ready, await the call of the person sitting vigil before you.

If you cannot keep your appointed time, please try finding a substitute. If you can't find someone to take your place, call any member of our Deacons Team.

When your time is finished, call the person whose watch is next. (The number will be provided to you once the list is finalized.) If no one answers when it is your time to leave and you cannot stay any longer, call Hilah Clarke, our chair of Deacons, who will hold vigil until the next person can be reached.

Do not leave the vigil unattended. Feel free to use the bathroom, kitchen, or telephone. The point is to be awake with Jesus during this time.

### **Vigil Ritual**

Your Vigil hour is an opportunity for silent meditation and prayer.

One way to focus your meditation and prayer is to read:  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Exodus 12:1-14, Psalms 116, 22, 31, First Corinthians 11:23-26,  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35, John 18:1-19:42, Job 14:1-14, Matthew 27:57-66

You may wish to read these passages, pray and meditate on the images, feelings, and thoughts that arise for you. You may prefer to read the scripture before your Vigil hour so that the entire hour can be spent contemplatively.

Just come with an open mind and full heart to be in the stillness and to stay awake with Christ that hour.

***Thank you.***