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## FROM THE RECTOR



When I was at Walsingham one time Bishop Lyndsey Urwin impressed upon us all that only God was awesome; not this fashion, not this music, not this car, not even the breakfast that he had just bought for his niece: no, only God was awesome. Shortly after you receive this copy of St. Martin's Pilgrim the awesomeness of God will again be

celebrated in the Church in the 'Days of Awe', when God will show us His awesomeness in the Death and the Resurrection of His only begotten Son.

The Days of Awe consist of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday; three days in our time, but one saving event in the timelessness of God.

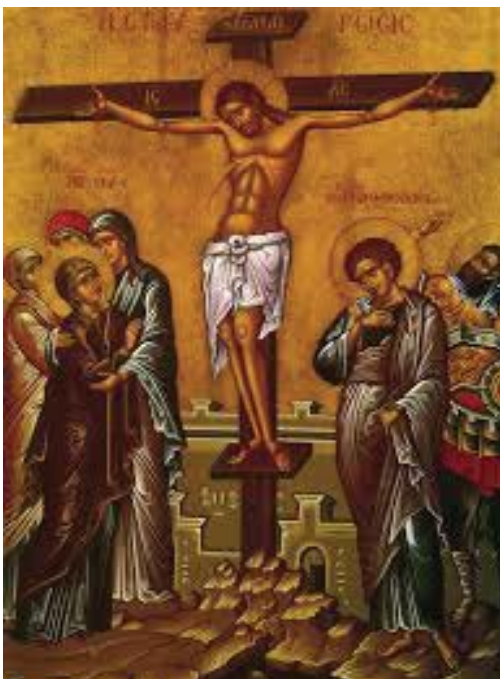


On Maundy Thursday evening we celebrate the Last Supper of Our Lord with His Mother and His Apostles in which Jesus

looked forward to His Death and Resurrection and gave to the Church, which would come into being fifty days after the Days of Awe at Pentecost, the means by which He would make Himself known and available to His disciples to come, the Holy Eucharist:

*'Do this in remembrance of me'*.

On Good Friday, the Church celebrates the loving sacrifice of Jesus upon the altar of the Cross.



This sacrifice of Jesus brought to an end the sacrifices of the Temple for now in His death is the 'one, perfect, sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction' for the sins of humanity. We who are sinners now look to Jesus to be the means by which the Father reconciles us to Himself.

Good Friday however can never be the end. The self-offering of Jesus the Son to the Father is brought to a wonderful climax on the Cross, so that from the Tomb in which His dead body was



laid can His New Life  
pour forth without end.

Days of Awe indeed, for  
without these Days we  
would not be here; it is  
as simple and as stark as  
that.

Elsewhere in this edition  
of St. Martin's Pilgrim you  
will be able to read of  
those acts of worship  
with which we will  
celebrate Easter at  
St. Martin's. From Palm  
Sunday onwards the  
relentless drive of God  
to show the depth of His  
love for His people  
cannot be stopped.  
Please read very carefully  
how the Liturgy of the  
Days of Awe will unfold,  
and make up your mind  
to miss not one moment  
of the celebration of this  
most central liturgy of  
the Church; Maundy  
Thursday Evening, Good

Friday morning and Holy  
Saturday Evening Vigil.

May we all be blessed in  
His Death that we may  
know His Resurrection  
and so feed on His most  
Sacred Body and Blood  
for our salvation and the  
salvation of the whole  
world.

*Fr. David*

