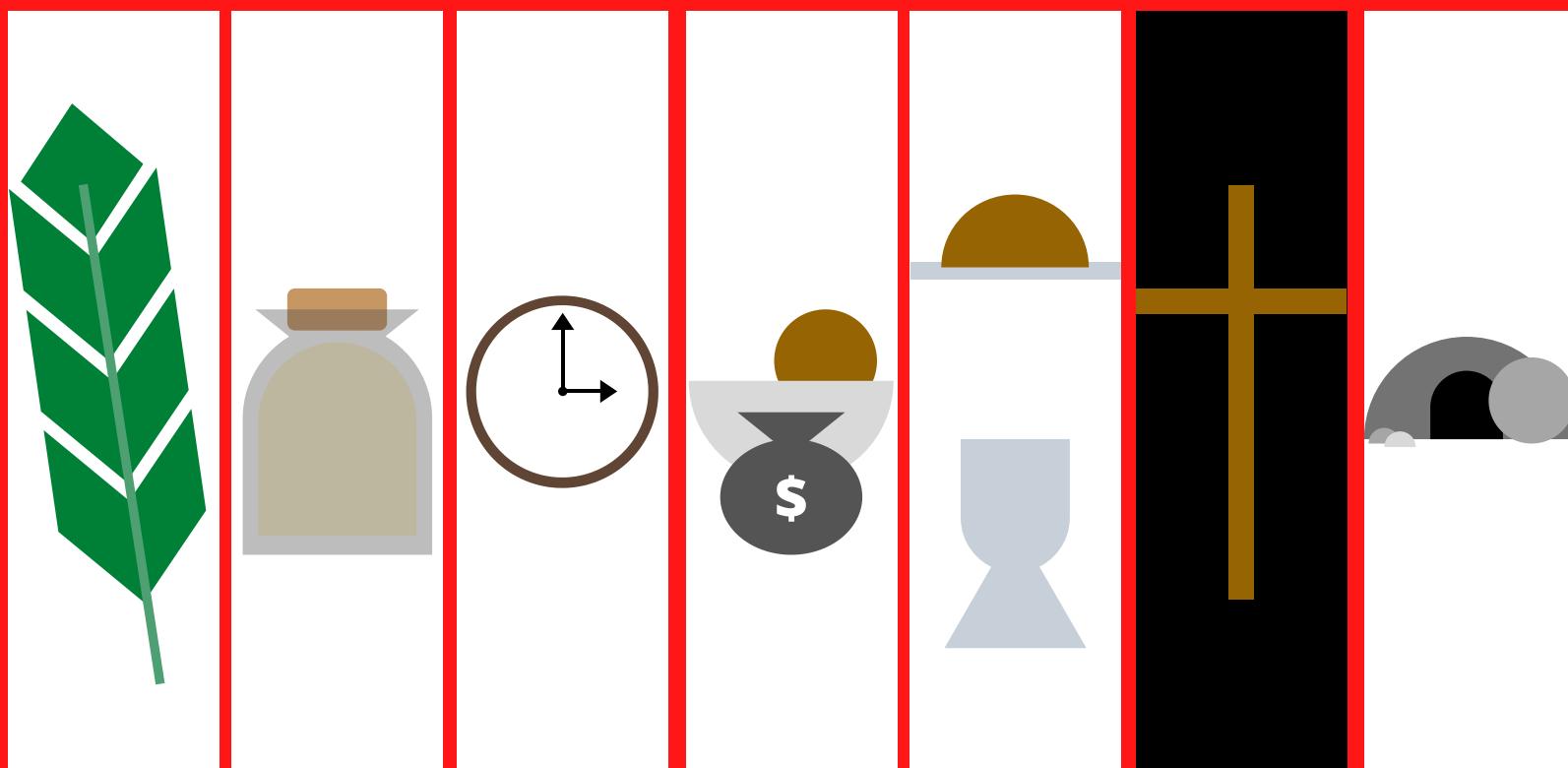


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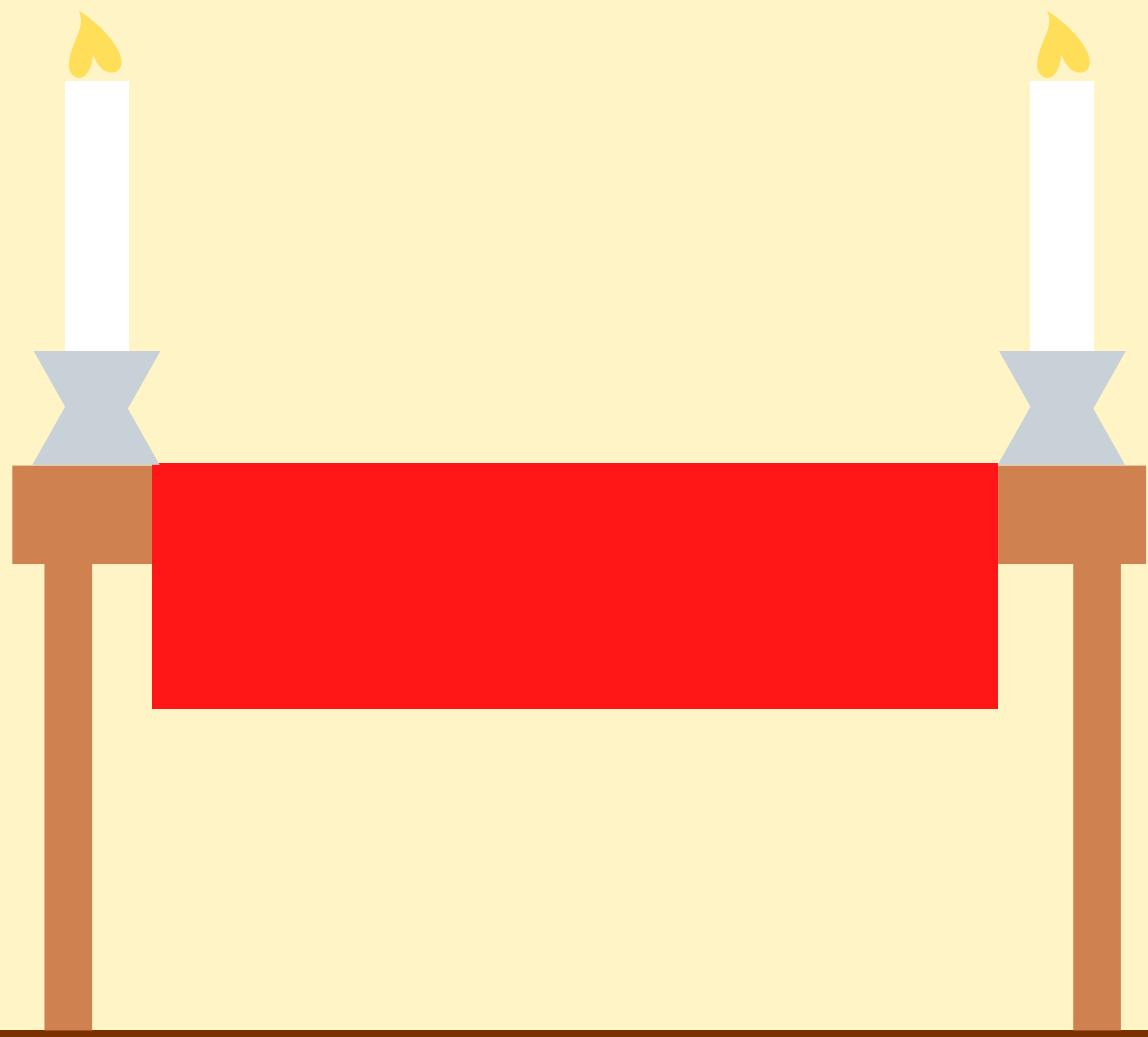
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HOLY WEEK



The seven days leading up to Easter are called Holy Week. During this time, we hear many stories about how Jesus spends his time before he dies on the cross.

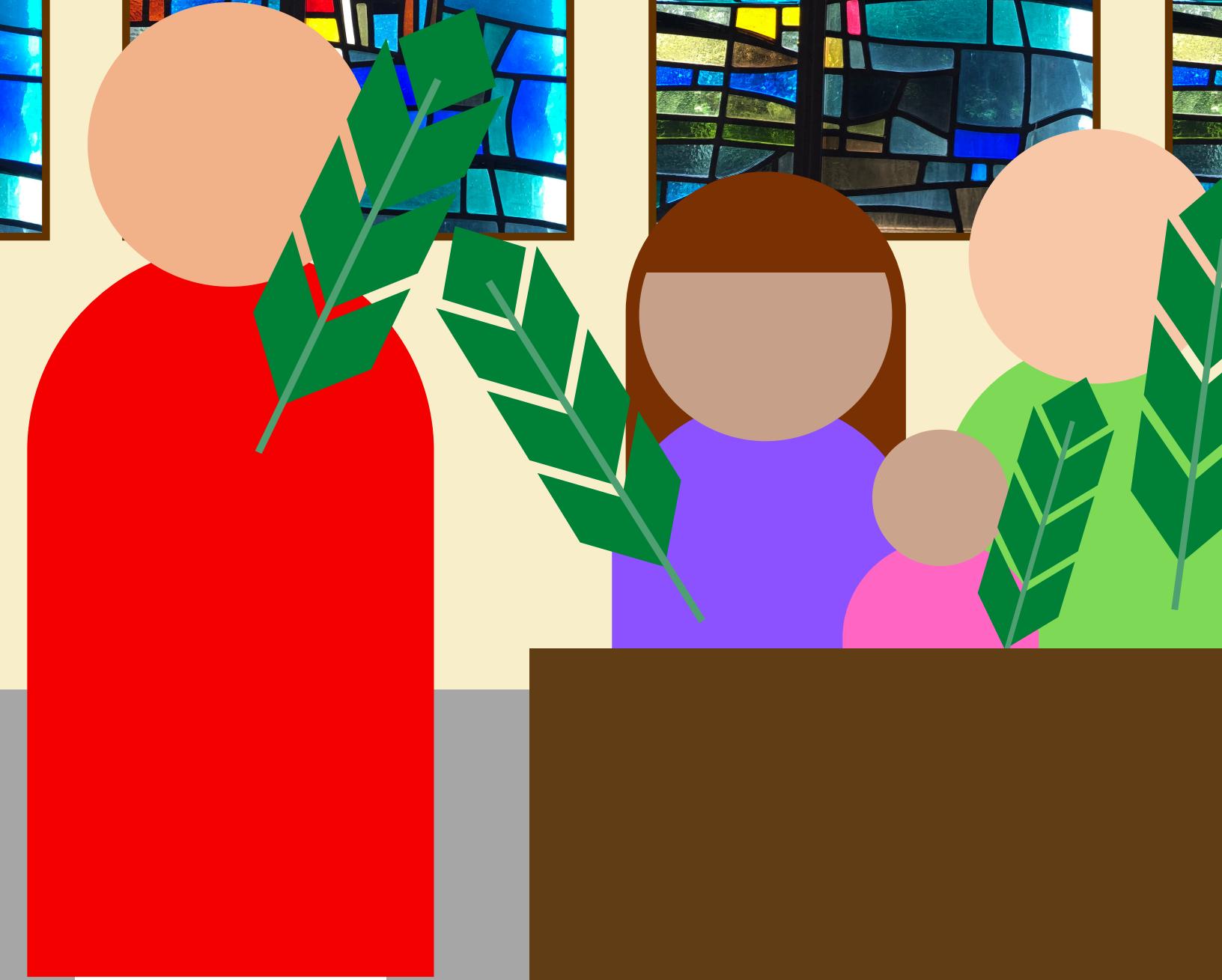
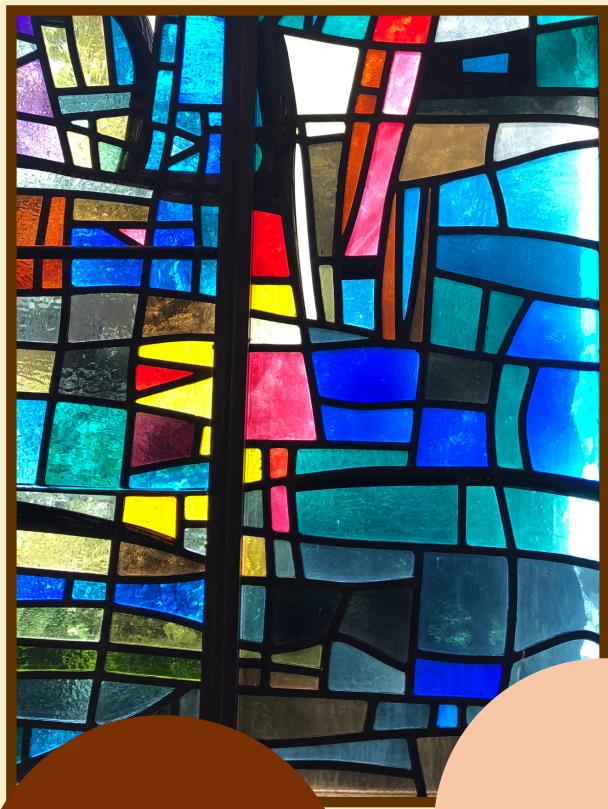
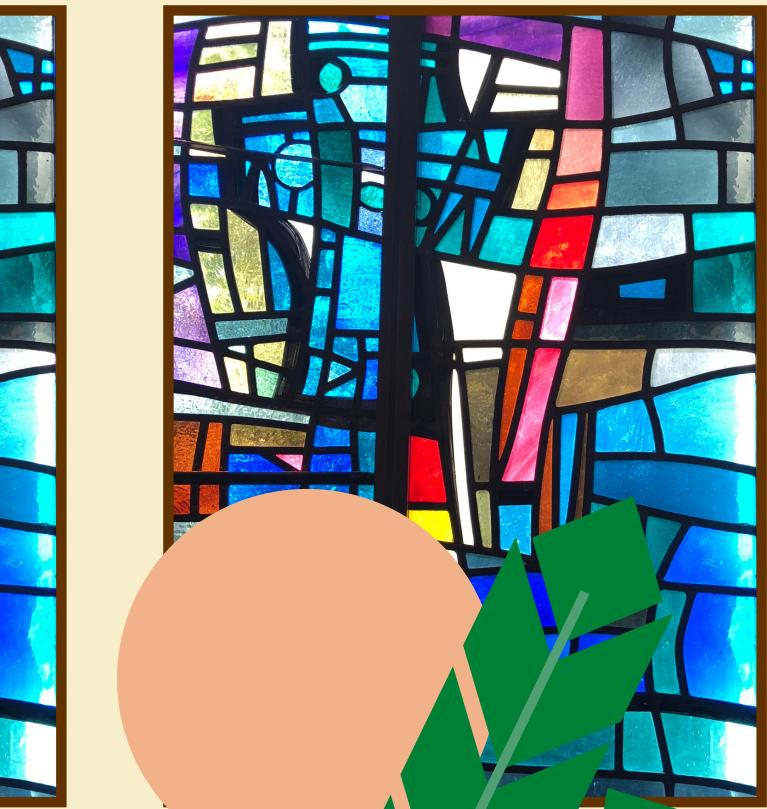


You may notice that the colors around the altar have changed. The color for Holy Week is red to remind us of the blood that Jesus will give for us. Some churches may continue to use purple, which reminds us that Jesus is king.



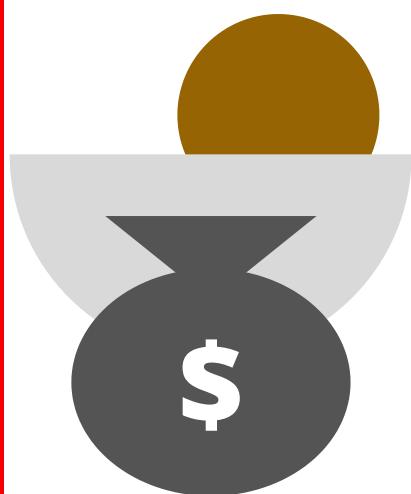
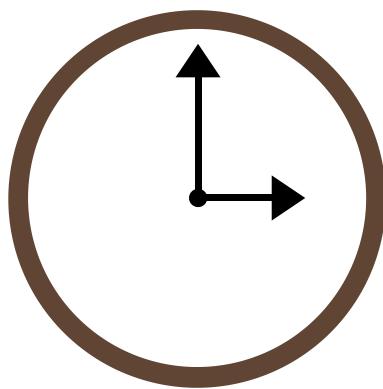
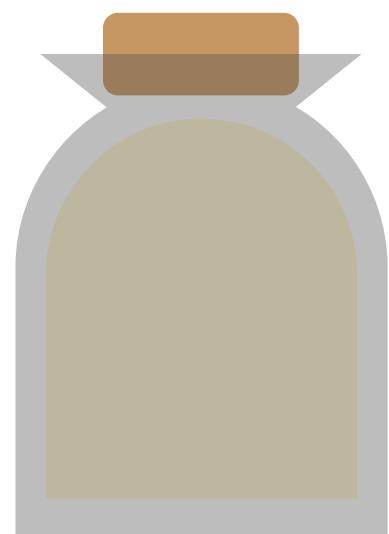
Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday.

On this day, we remember when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. People waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" because they were excited to see Jesus.



Many churches bless palms at the start of worship on Palm Sunday. Each person gets a palm leaf to wave like the people did in Jesus' time.

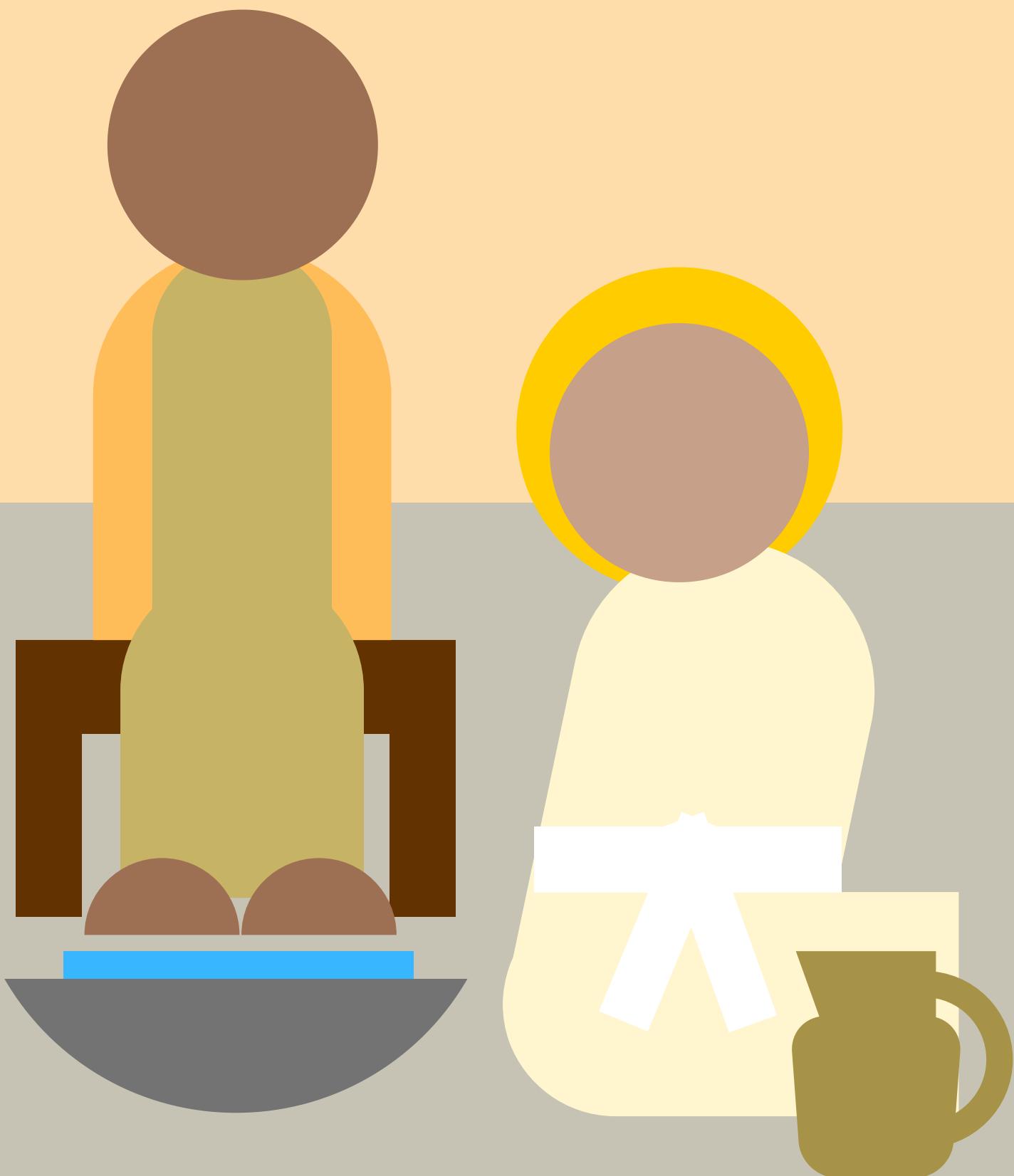
What is the word of praise that they shouted at Jesus?



On Monday, we hear the story of Jesus in Bethany. He visits his friends Mary and Martha. Mary uses oil to bless Jesus.

On Tuesday, we hear that Jesus knows his time on earth is coming to an end.

On Wednesday, we hear the story of how Judas chooses to betray Jesus for money. Jesus knows that this will happen.



We call the Thursday of Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, because Jesus gave the disciples a new commandment, or a new way to live their lives.

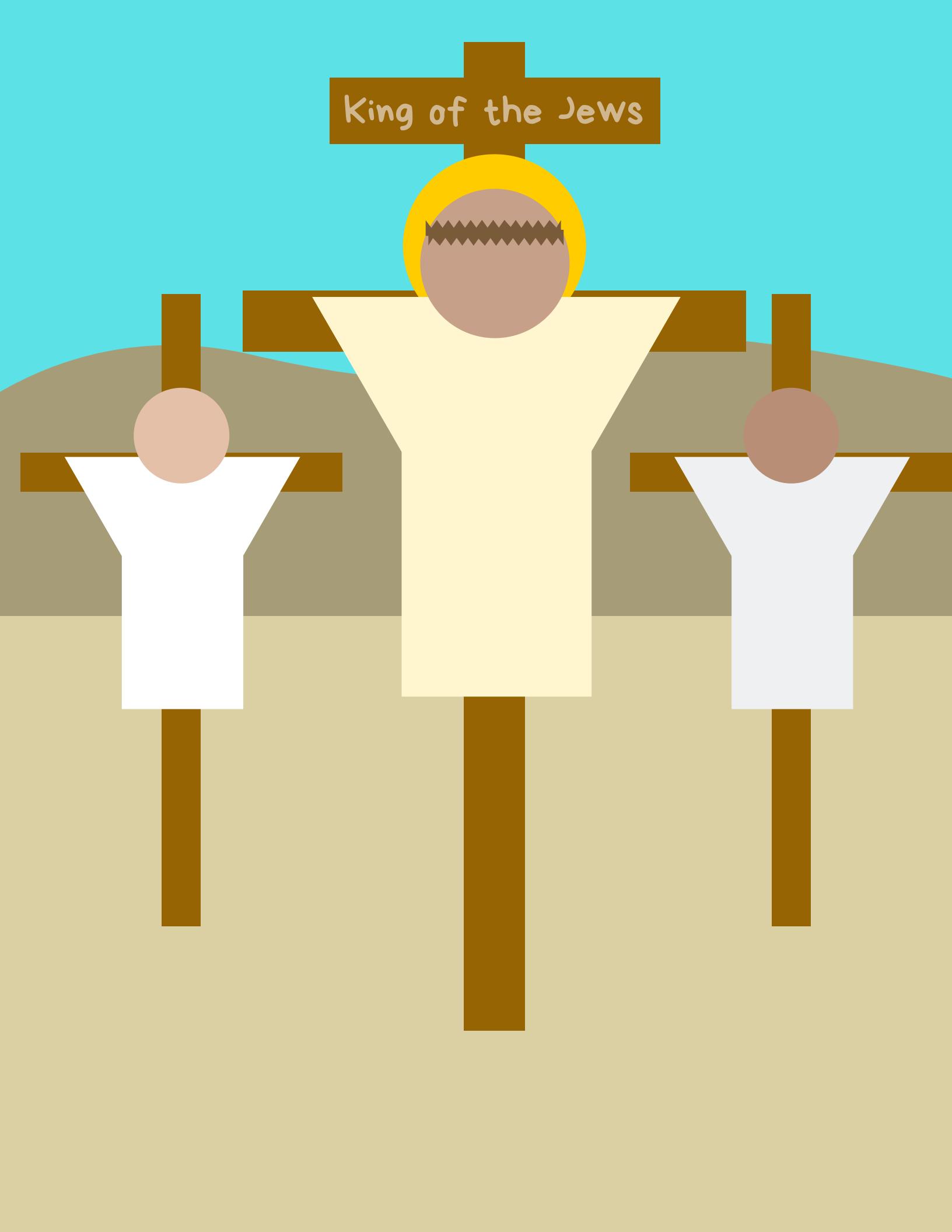
On this day, we remember when Jesus spent one last night with his friends.

Jesus served his disciples by washing their feet. By doing this, he showed them that he loved them. He told them to go and do the same for others.



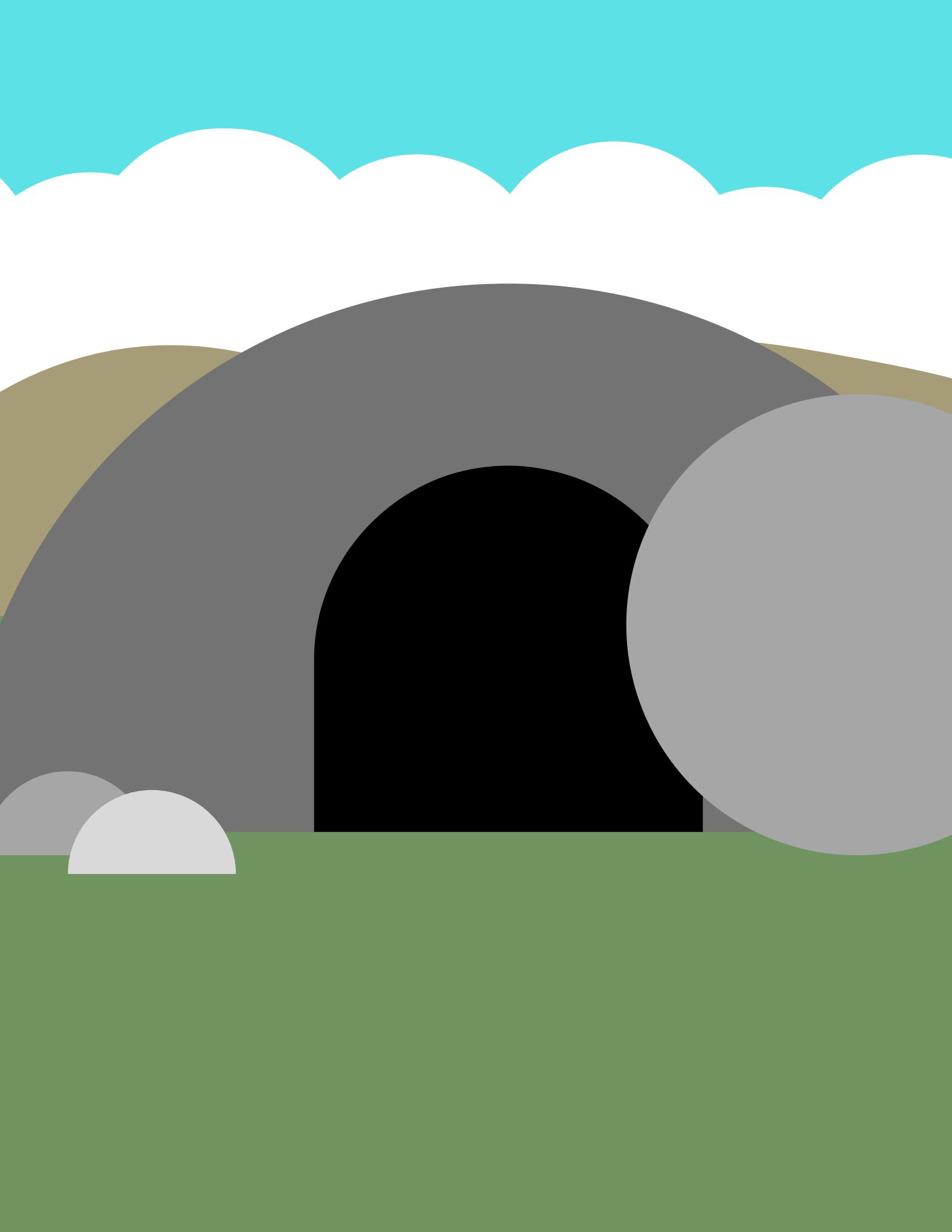
On this day, Jesus also ate one last meal with the disciples. He broke bread and shared wine with them. He asked his disciples to remember him whenever they break bread and share wine together.

Does this remind you of something that we do at church?

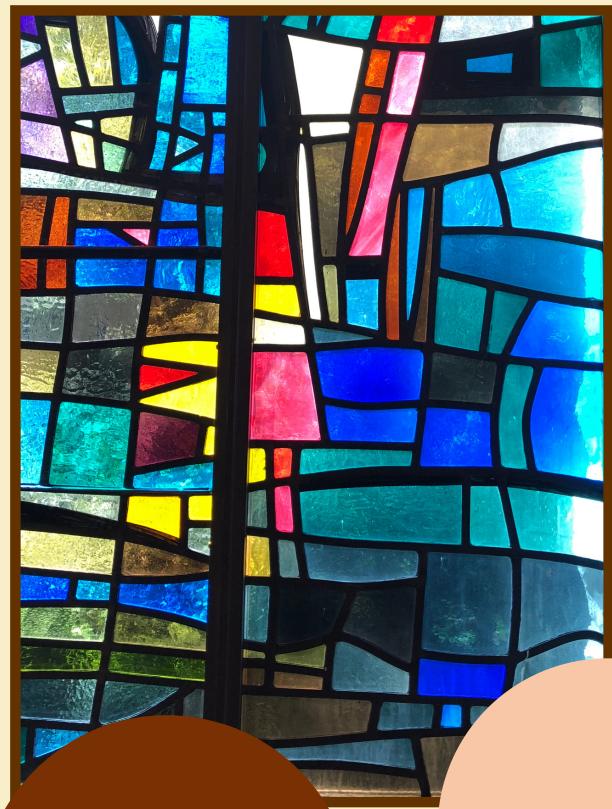
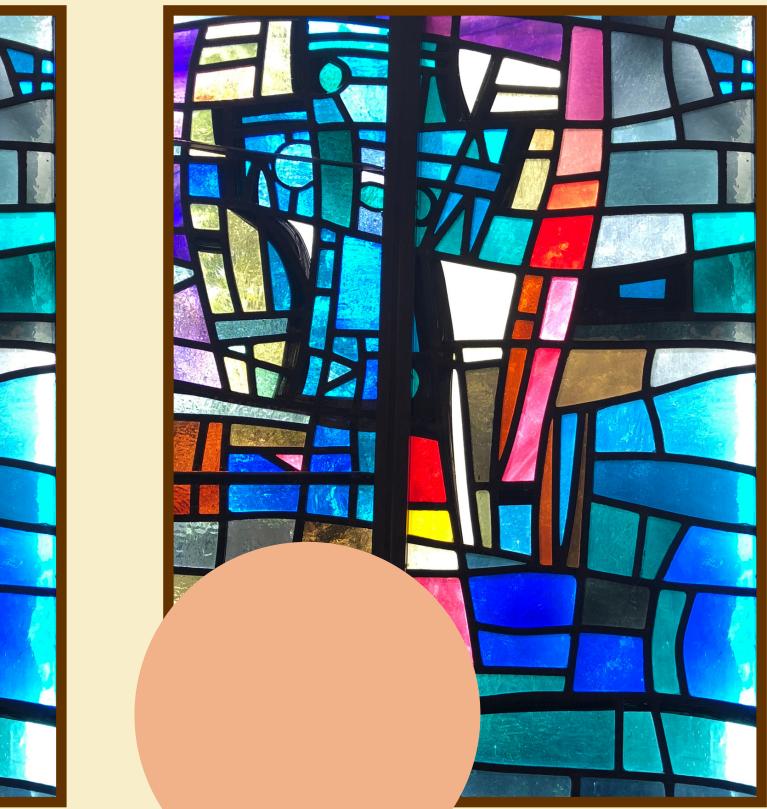


King of the Jews

On Friday of Holy Week, we remember the events that take Jesus to the cross. This is the day that Jesus dies. It can be a very serious and sad day, but it is called Good Friday. It is good because we know that Jesus will win over death on Easter.



On Saturday of Holy Week, we move from a time of quiet to a time of great joy at Jesus' resurrection. Jesus has beaten death and lives again!



We celebrate Jesus' resurrection every Sunday when we gather together for worship.

How will you celebrate Holy Week this year?



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