

SERVICE
SACRIFICE
AND
TRIUMPH





PREPARATIONS ARE OVER

Preparations are over, the days of Lent have allowed us the opportunity to stop, reflect and prepare for the greatest mystery of our Faith. We have now come to the time when, as a community, we gather to celebrate the pinnacle of Our Lord's journey with us on Earth.



HOLY THURSDAY

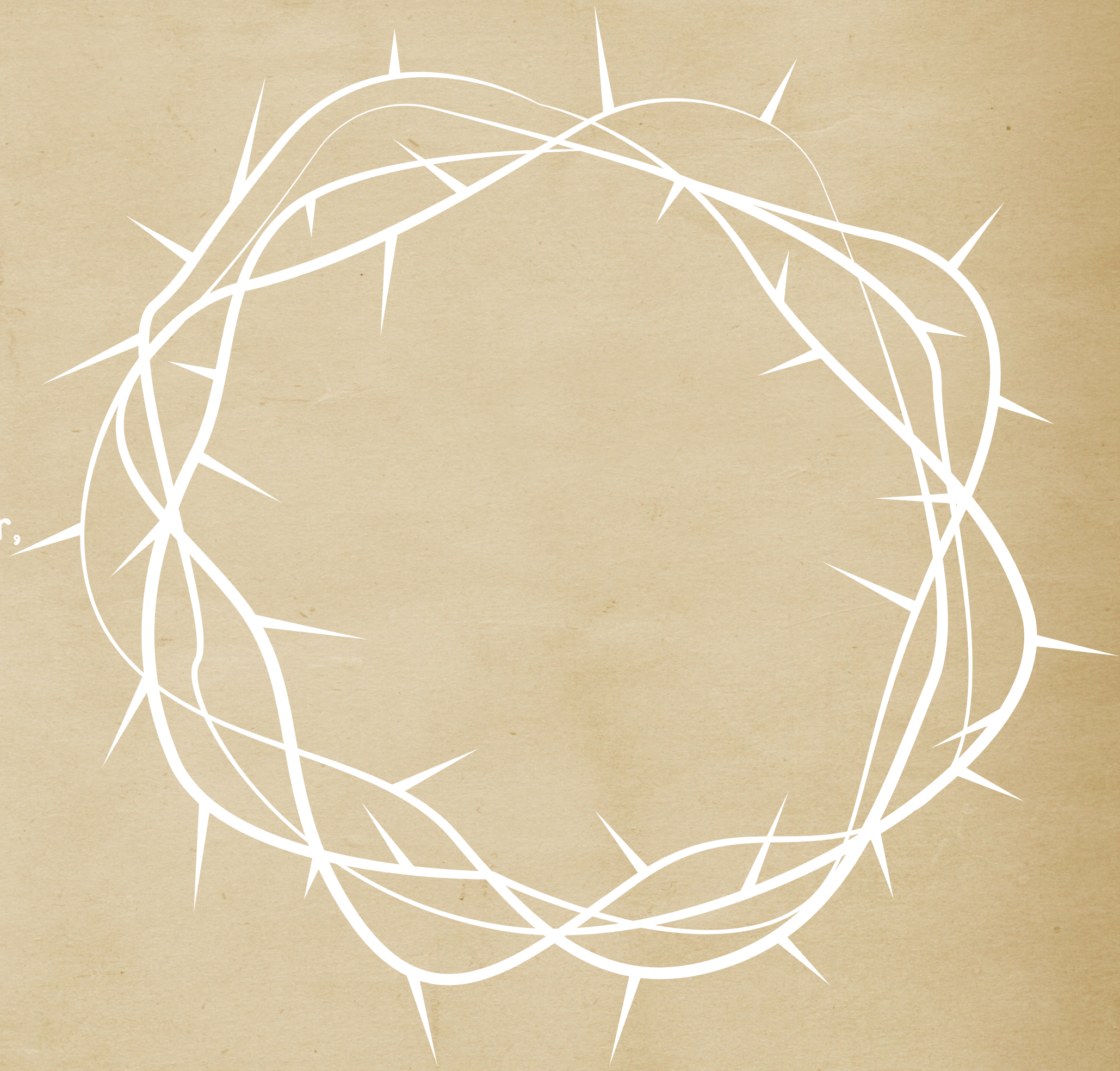
Today at the Last Supper Jesus knew of the fate that beheld him and he wanted to model, through the washing of their feet, the way he was calling the apostles forward to the service of others. Jesus also instituted and handed on 'the most Holy Sacrament in which he is truly and substantially present' (1) Therefore ensuring that he would be present with us always.

WE ARE ALIVE IN CHRIST

GOOD FRIDAY

Sacrifice is at the heart of love. Jesus showed his absolute love for everyone through his willingness to offer himself up on Calvary. This is also an act of total humility, that our God, our Creator, was prepared to give so totally of himself as to die for us. (2) Yet given this it is not the end of all things, because from what seemed to be total disaster came the ultimate triumph.

WE HAVE DIED WITH CHRIST





EASTER SUNDAY

The empty tomb is the supreme gift that Jesus gives to the world. Through his resurrection Jesus triumphs over death and invites us to the promise of a new and everlasting life with him. It is a time of rejoicing, a time of celebration and a time for Alleluia. At its heart Easter is about mercy as God redeems us, brings us back to his love and calls us home. (3)

WE HAVE RISEN WITH CHRIST

CHRIST REDEEMED US ALL

"Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his Paschal Mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore, the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year."⁽⁴⁾

