

An Easter Offering

Resources: a crown of thorns, some large dice, a sponge full of vinegar in a transparent glass bowl, a whip, 3 large nails, 3 silver coins, chunk of bread, red grape juice in a glass.

Action:

Eight people to assemble in the foyer, with one item and a small sheet of paper with their own lines on it in their hands. They walk slowly down the aisle in a line, with a space in between each person. Each places one item on the Holiness Table, pausing to speak into a stand mic after placing the item. Each then moves alternately to the left and the right of the Holiness Table after reading. After the 8th item has been placed they walk slowly, in order, to their seats.

1st person (a crown of thorns)

I have brought a crown of thorns to the table to remind us of the King who ruled from a cross. May we always follow his example and lead by serving one another in love.

2nd person (a whip)

I have brought a whip to the table to remind us of the Sacrifice who let his back be striped with blood so that we could be healed. May we always look for your healing, and spread it to comfort a suffering world.

3rd person (dice)

I have brought dice to the table to remind us of the Generous One who was stripped naked in love. He gave everything he had for us. Help us to be generous to him, and to each other.

4th person (a sponge full of vinegar in a transparent glass bowl. She places the bowl on the table, squeezes the sponge into it, and returns sponge to bowl before speaking.)

I have brought a sponge to the table to remind us of a thirsty man. May we always be thirsty for justice and the Kingdom of Heaven.

5th person (three large nails)

I have brought nails to the table to remind us of a loving heart, full of forgiveness, who, as the nails were hammered in to him, prayed for his torturers. Give us the power to forgive as he did.

6th person (three silver coins)

I have brought silver to the table to remind us of God, sold for the price of a slave. May we always use our money wisely and never hurt another human being with it.

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7th person (chunk of bread)

I have brought bread to the table to remind us of the strong body of the Messiah, weakening and dying on the cross. Help us to use whatever strength we have to serve him.

8th person (glass of red grape juice)

I have brought the juice of grapes to the table, to remind us of the blood of Christ flowing from an unselfish heart. May our selfishness die, and be replaced with everlasting love. Amen.

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