

7 Family



Read:

John 19:25-27 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son."

Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Some resources to aid reflection and prayer

Reflect and

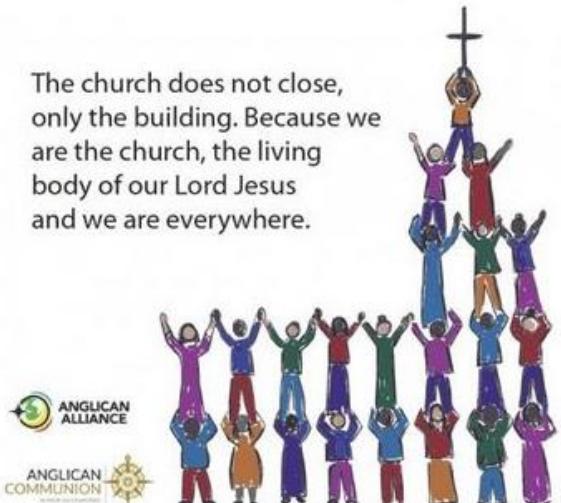
Have you made new friends in this crisis or reconnected with former friends?

Pray:

Jesus provides for his mother and creates a new relationship for her and John, a sign perhaps of the Church to come, of building new communities.

Pray for the work of the Church in this time of separation that we may appreciate afresh our faith and relationships in Christ.

The church does not close, only the building. Because we are the church, the living body of our Lord Jesus and we are everywhere.



Do:



A practical meditation for all ages that you can watch, and do, and share with others

https://youtu.be/nl-cBbnn_jY

Listen: Listen to St Mary's choir

Watch: Watch and Listen: Pentatonix [Mary did you know?](#)
Watch and listen John Bell, Iona, [A Touching Place](#)

Prayers: Almighty God,
we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who now liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Lord Jesus, your mother and your dearest friend stayed with you to the bitter end,
yet even while racked with pain you ministered to them:
be with all broken families today
and care for those who long for companionship.
You cared for your loved ones even in your death-throes:
give us a love for one another
that is stronger even than the fear of death.
To you, Jesus, loving in the face of death,
be honour and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

