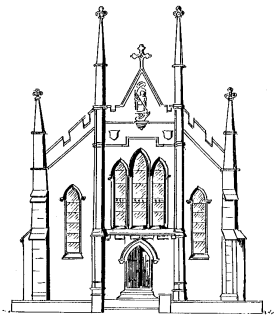


DAILY PRAYERS HOLY WEEK



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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Year A

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed His lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in His Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Mathew 21:1-11

Today's prayer:

The Eighth Station: Jesus Speaks to Women of Jerusalem

We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

jesus meets some of the women he taught. They are crying. They are crying
for His, and for their own loss ... what will they do without Jesus? Jesus
tells them not to weep for Him, but for all the sinners of the world.

Jesus, You told the women of Jerusalem to weep for us. Even in Your pain,
You remembered us. We will pray for sinners too.

Lord Jesus, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our Father.... Hail Mary.... Glory Be to the Father....

Monday of Holy Week

Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, though in our weakness we fail,
we may be revived through the Passion of Your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 12:1-11

Today's prayer:

The Ninth Station: Christ's Third Fall We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Jesus reaches the last hill before Calvary. He looks up to see how far he has to go. When He sees the hill where He knows He is going to die, His strength leaves Him and He falls to the ground. There is still more pain, still more sorrow to endure. But Jesus loves us, so He keeps going.

Jesus, You kept going even though You were tired, scared and sad. You loved us then, and You love us now. We offer our prayers to tell You that we love You, and want to comfort You in Your great sacrifice.

Lord Jesus, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our Father.... Hail Mary.... Glory Be to the Father....

Tuesday of Holy Week

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
grant us so to celebrate
the mysteries of the Lord's Passion
that we may merit to receive Your pardon.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 13:21-33, 36-38

Today's prayer:

The Tenth Station: Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

The crowd has followed Jesus and the soldiers to the top of Calvary hill. Now they laugh as the guards pull off His clothes - His robe has stuck to the blood on His back. The guards push and shove Jesus. They do not care Who He is, they only see that He is an object of scorn.

Jesus, even wounded, bleeding, roughly treated by the guards and mocked by the crowds, You were and are still our King. We ask You to remember us in Your Kingdom.

Lord Jesus, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our Father.... Hail Mary.... Glory Be to the Father....

Wednesday of Holy Week

Spy Wednesday

Collect:

O God, who willed Your Son to submit for our sake to the yoke of the Cross, so that You might drive from us the power of the enemy, grant us, Your servants, to attain the grace of the resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 26:14-25

Today's prayer:

The Eleventh Station: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.
Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Is this the worst? The feet that carried the message of God's Love and the hands that healed are pierced with nails as Jesus is nailed to the Cross. More wounds, more pain and more humiliation for Jesus.

Jesus, they tried to stop Your hands and feet from doing Your Father's work by nailing You to a Cross. You endured the pain of it for us, as You gave Your whole life for us. We thank You and we love You.

Lord Jesus, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our Father.... Hail Mary.... Glory Be to the Father....

Maundy Thursday

Collect:

O God, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which Your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand Himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of His love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 13:1-15

Today's prayer:

The Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies upon the Cross

We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.
Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

The sword that Simeon prophesied has pierced Mary's heart. The hopes of the Apostles are crushed. The veil of the Temple, symbol of the old covenant of God's Love, is torn in two as Jesus' death opens a New Covenant with God.

Jesus, You spoke lovingly to everyone gathered at the foot of Your Cross. You knew the new life that Your death made possible. Speak lovingly to us when we come before You and make us worthy of that new life in You.

Lord Jesus, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our Father.... Hail Mary.... Glory Be to the Father....

Good Friday

Collect:

Remember Your mercies, O Lord,
and with Your eternal protection sanctify Your servants,
for whom Christ Your Son,
by the shedding of His Blood,
established the Paschal Mystery.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 18:1-19:42

Today's prayer:

Lord God, Jesus cried out to You on the Cross,

The Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken from the Cross

We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Now, all that is left is to take Jesus' body down from the Cross. All the gentleness, reverence and love denied through this terrible day is possible now. Mary and the Apostles wonder, Is it too late? Is it over?

Jesus, with our prayers, we join in taking Your body down from the Cross. We touch You; take the nails out, wash Your wounds, take off the crown of thorns, with love and sorrow. We grieve with Mary, and want to comfort her.

Lord Jesus, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our Father.... Hail Mary.... Glory Be to the Father....

Holy Saturday

Collect:

All-powerful and ever-living God,
Your only Son went down among the dead
and rose again in glory.
In Your goodness
raise up Your faithful people,
buried with Him in baptism,
to be one with Him
in the eternal life of heaven,
where He lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, One God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Scripture reading: St Paul's letter to the Romans 6:1-11

Today's prayer:

The Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Laid in the Sepulchre

We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Even in this time of sorrow, there is help. Joseph of Arimathea arranges for Jesus to be buried in a nearby tomb. His body is wrapped in clothes and sealed away. Everyone walk away, weeping. Finally, all is quiet, peaceful even.

Jesus, we sometimes think that You are gone, that it is all over, that we will never be happy or good again. Your death and resurrection shows us that You will never leave us. We should always try to follow You with our lives and our prayers.

Lord Jesus, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our Father.... Hail Mary.... Glory Be to the Father....