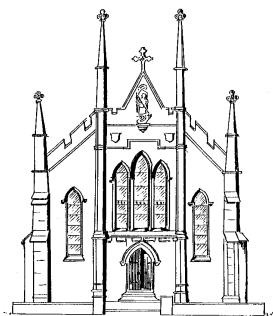


DAILY PRAYERS

HOLY WEEK



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THIS IS HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

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,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 19:28-40 (Jesus entry into Jerusalem)
or Luke 22:14-23:56 (St Luke's Passion account)

Today's prayer: *this week we complete our pilgrimage of the Roman Station Churches*

Today's Station Church: San Giovanni in Laterano (St. John Lateran)

O God, who entered Jerusalem to accomplish the work of our redemption, grant that we may follow You in humility and love, carrying the Cross of Your salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint John the Baptist: As the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, this church honours John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Christ through his preaching and baptism. Originally built in the 4th century, around 312–324 AD.

Lord Jesus, as You entered Jerusalem in humble triumph, enter our hearts with Your peace and reign as our true King.

St John, Pray for us, Sts Peter and Paul, Pray for us,
All holy martyrs, pray for us

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,
God, for ever and ever Amen.

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

Today's Station Church: Santa Prassede

Almighty God, who made Saint Praxedes a model of charity and prayer,
grant that we may serve You in others with hearts full of compassion.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Praxedes was a Roman virgin who dedicated her life to aiding persecuted Christians and burying the martyrs, (2,300 martyrs are said to be buried at the Church) Her life embodying the virtues of charity and faith. This church was constructed in the 9th century.

Cleanse our lives, Lord, as You cleansed the temple, that we may worship You in spirit and in truth.

St Praxedes, Pray for us, Sts Peter and Paul, Pray for us,
All holy martyrs, pray for us

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, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Today's Station Church: Santa Prisca

O God, who strengthened Saint Prisca in her witness to Christ, grant us the grace to remain steadfast in faith amidst the challenges of this life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Saint Prisca was a young Roman martyr, commemorated for her courage and unwavering witness to Christ during persecution.
This Church was built in the 4th or 5th century.*

Give us wisdom, O Christ, to hear Your teaching and walk in the light of Your truth amidst the darkness.

St Prisca Pray for us, Sts Peter and Paul, Pray for us,
All holy martyrs, pray for us

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, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Today's Station Church: Santa Maria Maggiore (St Mary Major)

O God, who chose the Virgin Mary as the dwelling place of Your Word, may her intercession lead us closer to Your divine presence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This is the largest Marian church in Rome, celebrating her unique role in salvation history as the Mother of God. It was erected between 432 and 440 AD.

Strengthen us, Lord, to remain faithful, even as betrayal and fear lurk in the shadows.

Our Lady of Compassion, Pray for us, Sts Peter and Paul, Pray for us,
All holy martyrs, pray for us

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, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Today's Station Church: San Giovanni in Laterano (St. John Lateran)

O God, who gave us the gift of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, grant that, as we share in this sacred mystery, we may grow in unity and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint John the Baptist: Commemorating the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, this church symbolizes the unity of the Church Constructed in the 4th century (circa 312–324 AD) under Emperor Constantine

Jesus, kneeling Servant and broken Bread, teach us to love as You have loved and to serve one another with joy.

St John, Pray for us, Sts Peter and Paul, Pray for us,
All holy martyrs, pray for us

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 Station Church: Santa Croce in Gerusalemme (Holy Cross in Jerusalem)

Almighty God, who redeemed the world through the sacrifice of Your Son, grant that we may glory in the Cross and share in its saving power. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Cross Basilica focuses on the Passion and Death of Christ, reflecting on the power of the Cross as a symbol of redemption. Early 4th century by Emperor Constantine, was established to house relics of the Passion of Christ brought to Rome by Saint Helena, including fragments of the True Cross

Crucified Lord, by Your wounds we are healed—remember us in Your mercy and draw us to Your Cross.

St Helena, Pray for us, Sts Peter and Paul, Pray for us,
All holy martyrs, pray for us

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,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 19:38-42

Today's Station Church: San Giovanni in Laterano (St. John Lateran)

O God, who brought light to the world through the resurrection of Your
Son, grant that we, who await the joy of Easter, may be renewed in hope.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Saint John the Baptist: The solemn Easter Vigil is celebrated here,
marking the transition from death to life through Christ's resurrection.
This the oldest basilica in Rome and serves as the Cathedral of the Pope,
known as the "Mother and Head of all Churches."*

In the silence of the tomb, O Christ, keep us watchful in hope for the
dawn of Your rising.

St John, Pray for us, Sts Peter and Paul, Pray for us,
All holy martyrs, pray for us