**Daily Prayer – April 3-8 2023**

Season: **Holy Week**

Festivals this week: Maundy Thursday (Thurs 6th); Good Friday (Friday 7th); Easter Eve (Saturday 8th)

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**Morning Prayer**

***Opening prayer***

**God of our days and years**

**We set this time apart for you.**

**Form us in the likeness of Christ**

**So that our lives may glorify you.**

**Amen**

**O Lord open our lips**

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

**Let your ways be known upon earth;**

**You saving power among the nations.**

**Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,**

**to you be praise and glory for ever.**

**As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief**

**your only Son was lifted up**

**that he might draw the whole world to himself.**

**May we walk this day in the way of the cross**

**and always be ready to share its weight,**

**declaring your love for all the world.**

**Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Prayer of Preparation***

**The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;**

**Let us pray with one heart and mind.**

*Silence is kept*

**As we rejoice in the gift of this new day**

**So may the light of your presence O God,**

**Set our hearts on fire with love for you;**

**Now and for ever**

**Amen.**

***The Word of God***

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| **Monday**  | **Tuesday**  | **Wednesday** | **Thursday**  | **Friday**  | **Saturday**  |
| Ps. 41Lam. 1. 1-12aLuke. 22. 1-23 | Ps. 27Lam. 3. 1-18Luke. 22. [24-38]39-53 | Ps. 102Jer. 11. 18-20 Luke. 22. 54-end | Ps. 42; 43Lev. 16. 2-24Luke. 23. 1-25 | Ps. 69Gen. 22. 1-18Heb. 10. 1-10 | Ps. 142Hos. 6. 1-6John 2. 18-22 |

*The appointed Psalm of the day is read*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**And to the Holy Spirit**

**As it was in the beginning is now**

**And shall be for ever. Amen**

*The appointed Old Testament reading for the day*

**This is the word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

*The appointed New Testament reading for the day*

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**We adore you O Christ and we bless you**

**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

**God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.**

**We adore you O Christ and we bless you.**

**We preach Christ crucified,**

**the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

**By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

**God forbid that I should glory,**

**save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you**

**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

***Prayers of Intercession***

Pray for:

* The day and its tasks
* The world and its needs
* The Church and her life.

You may wish to include these concerns in your prayers during Lent:

* The persecuted church
* The oppressed peoples of the world
* All who are lonely
* All who are near to death
* All who are facing loss

And especially at this time, for the people of Ukraine:

**God of peace and justice,**

**We pray for the people of Ukraine today.**

**We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.**

**We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,**

**that your Spirit of comfort**

**would draw near to them.**

**We pray for those with power**

**over war or peace, for wisdom,**

**discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.**

**Above all, we pray for all your precious children,**

**at risk and in fear,**

**that you would hold and protect them.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus,**

**Prince of Peace.**

**Amen**

**Lord in your mercy**

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***Collect for the week***

**Almighty and everlasting God,**

**who in your tender love towards the human race**

**sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ**

**to take upon him our flesh**

**and to suffer death on the cross:**

**grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,**

**and also be made partakers of his resurrection;**

**through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,**

**who is alive and reigns with you,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and for ever.**

**Amen**

***The Lord’s Prayer***

Standing at the foot of the cross,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

***Final Prayer***

**May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,**

**Set us free to serve him with joy.**

**Amen**

**Let us bless the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Evening Prayer**

***Opening Prayer***

**From the rising of the sun to its setting**

**Your glory is proclaimed in all the world.**

**Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,**

**According to your judgement give us life.**

**Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,**

**to you be glory and praise for ever.**

**In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts**

**to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God**

**in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**Open our eyes to the knowledge of your presence,**

**that freed from the misery of sin and shame**

**we many grow into your likeness from glory to glory.**

**Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:**

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,**

**let us pray with one heart and mind.**

***Silence is kept.***

**As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,**

**so may your mercy come down upon us**

**to cleanse our hearts**

**and set us free to sing your praise**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

***A period of silence for reflection on the past day follows***

***Penitence***

**Most merciful God,**

**We confess to you,**

**Before the whole company of heaven and one another,**

**That we have sinned in thought, word and deed**

**And in what we have failed to do.**

**Forgive us our sins,**

**Heal us by your Spirit**

**And raise us to new life in Christ.**

**Amen**

**O God, make speed to save us,**

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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**O Lord of my salvation.**

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***The Conclusion***

**In peace we will lie down and sleep;**

**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

**Abide with us, Lord Jesus,**

**For the night is at hand the day is now past.**

**As the night watch looks for the morning,**

**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

**May the living waters of Christ cleanse us,**

**may the Spirit descend upon us,**

**and the blessing of God be with us**

**this night and always.**

**Amen**