

READINGS & PRAYERS

March 29th - April 4th, 2021

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This week of Good Friday and Easter is traditionally called Holy Week because we enter into the stories of the last week of Jesus life (the Passion) culminating in the crucifixion and resurrection. This week we'll walk with Jesus and the disciples on the road to the cross remembering the Last Supper on what's called Maundy Thursday, sitting at the foot of the cross on Good Friday, experiencing some of the disorienting loss on Holy Saturday, and finally revel in the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Monday Psalm 48 | Jeremiah 11.18-20; 12.1-17 | Philippians 3.1-14 | John 12.9-19

All powerful God, by the suffering and death of your Son, strengthen and protect us in our weakness.

Tuesday Psalm 49 | Jeremiah 15.10-21 | Philippians 3.15-21 | John 12.20-26

Father, may we receive your forgiveness and mercy as we celebrate the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wednesday Psalm 50 | Jeremiah 17.5-18 | Philippians 4.1-13 | John 12.27-36

Father, in your plan of salvation your Son Jesus Christ accepted the cross and freed us from the power of the enemy. May we come to share the glory of his resurrection

Maundy Thursday Psalm 51 | Jeremiah 20.7-18 | 1 Corinthians 10.14-17; 11.27-32 | John 17.1-26

Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit you anointed your only Son Messiah and Lord of creation; you have given us a share in his consecration to priestly service in your Church. Help us to be faithful witnesses in the world to the salvation Christ won for us.

Good Friday Psalm 52 | Isaiah 53.2-12 | 1 Peter 1.10-20 | John 13.36-38

Lord, by shedding his blood for us, your Son, Jesus Christ, established the mystery of faith. In your goodness reveal this mystery to us more and more, make us holy, and watch over us always.

Holy Saturday Psalm 53 | Job 19.21-27 | Hebrews 4.1-16 | Romans 8.1-11

Almighty and eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people through the sacrifice of our passover, Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday Psalm 54 | Exodus 12.1-14 | Isaiah 51.9-11 | Luke 24.13-35

God our Father, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to men who had begun to lose hope and opened their eyes to what the Scriptures foretold that first he must die, and then he would rise and ascend into his Father's glorious presence. May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of the bread, and follow him in his risen life.

**These readings and prayers are collected & adapted from [For All the Saints: A Prayer Book For and By the Church](#)*

NEW CITY CATECHISM

Q30: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A: Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also **receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.**