

## March Readings

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Third Sunday of Lent – I Corinthians 1: 18-25 and John 2: 13-22**

#### **Prayers for the Day** (Collect)

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Post Communion**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Prayers for the Week**

#### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Psalm 5, Genesis 47.1-27, Hebrews 4.14-5.10**

Father, we thank you for your greatness, your glory and your power; for the desire you have placed within us to worship you; for making us in such a way that we are for ever reaching out and up to that which is beyond our grasp.

#### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Psalm 6, Genesis 47.28-48.end, Hebrews 5.11-6.12**

Father, we thank you that, the more we search and the more we seek knowledge, the more fully human we are.

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Psalm 38, Genesis 49.1-32, Hebrews 6.13-end**

Father, we thank you that you have given us the ability to think, to plan and to choose, to laugh and to cry, to give and to share, to encourage and to love.

#### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Psalm 56, Genesis 49.33-end, Hebrews 7.1-10**

Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and for the enriching experience that the presence of Christ brings to our lives and for the enabling power of the Spirit which transforms our feelings and our service.

#### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Psalm 22, Exodus 1.1-14, Hebrews 7.11-end,**

Father, we thank you for whose experience of you and your grace has driven them out to love their neighbour as themselves.

#### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Psalm 31, Exodus 1.22-2.10, Hebrews 8**

Father, we thank you for those who care for others in their need and for those whose words and deeds demonstrate the reality of your love within their lives.

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March Fourth Sunday of Lent 'Mothering Sunday' Colossians 3: 12-17 and John 19: 25b - 27**

#### **Prayers for the Day** (Collect)

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Post Communion**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Prayers for the Week**

#### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Psalm 70, Exodus 2.11-22, Hebrews 9.1-14**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we praise you that in Christ you have entered into our world. In him you have shared all the pressure, pain and temptation that being truly human beings.

#### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Psalm 54, Exodus 2.23-3.20, Hebrews 9.15-end**

Father, we praise you that we can have assurance that he fully understands all that it means to live in our world.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Psalm 111, Exodus 4.1-23, Hebrews 10.1-18**

Father, he has lived our life, shared our emptiness and experienced our limitations; he has walked where we walk but he did not stumble; he has stood where we stand but did not fall.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Psalm 53, Exodus 4.27-6.1, Hebrews 10.19-25**

Father, Jesus entered our wilderness but did not give way; he faced our temptations but did not give in.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Psalm 102, Exodus 6.2-13, Hebrews 10.26-end**

Father, we praise you that in the wilderness, in Gethsemane and the cross Christ has opened the way to victory and hope.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Psalm 32, Exodus 7.8-end, Hebrews 11.1-16**

Father, we praise you that in his life, death and resurrection, you are offering us a whole new life and a deeper, larger hope and an assurance of your presence forever.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March Fifth Sunday of Lent. Hebrews 5: 5-10 and John 12: 20-33**

**Prayers for the Day** (Collect)

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**Prayers for the Week**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Psalm 73, Exodus 8.1-19, Hebrews 11.17-31**

Lord, you gave us today. It came from your hand, fresh and new, clean and unspoilt, you gave us today! It was just the right shape and size for all you planned for us to do in it.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Joseph of Nazareth Psalm 25, Isaiah 11.1-10, Matthew 13.54-end**

Lord, you gave us today, not only today. But we forget and fill it with so many things that we never make time or space for you?

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Psalm 55, Exodus 9.1-12, Hebrews 12.3-13**

Lord, you gave us today, but too often it is spoilt with thoughts and memories of yesterday. Our minds are filled with anger, bitterness, broken promises and mistakes!

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Psalm 40, Exodus 9.13-end, Hebrews 12.14-end**

Lord, you gave us today, but we can't rest, peace is a long forgotten dream and we are afraid about the tomorrow you have yet to grant us.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Psalm 22, Exodus 10, Hebrews 13.1-16**

Lord, you gave us today. Forgive us our misuse of yesterday, and by your Holy Spirit enable us to live to the full today, for you and your glory.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm 23, Exodus 11, Hebrews 13.17-end**

Lord, you gave us today. We give it back to you now. It is all we have to give, and it is our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all you do for us.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday. Philippians 2: 5-11 and Mark 11: 2-11**

**Prayer for the Day** (Collect)

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

**Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

**Prayers for the Week**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Psalm 41, Lamentations 1.1-12a, Luke 22.1-23**

As this unholy week unfolds and we remember how Jesus was left friendless, help us to recognise those moments when and situations where we become betrayers, resort to denial and run away, leaving Jesus alone.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Psalm 27, Lamentations 3.1-18, Luke 22.24-53(or 39-53)**

Jesus, may your Spirit strengthen and support us, so that we are given courage and conviction when justice is challenged and peace endangered.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Psalm 102, Jeremiah 11.18-20, Luke 22.54-71**

Jesus, may your Spirit provide us with silence or words to combat the taunts of the godless and the prejudice of the religious.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday**

**Psalm 42, Leviticus 16.2-24, Luke 23.1-25**

Lord Jesus, help us to stay with you through the dark night; to watch and wait; to know the depths of your anguish and to realise that you carry us, forgiven – even us, and love us.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday**

**Psalm 69, Genesis 22.1-18, Hebrews 10.1-10**

Lord, as we worship you this day, fill us with wonder, with gratitude, with solemn joy, in the name of our crucified Messiah, our uplifted Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Easter Eve**

**Psalm 142, Hosea 6.1-6, John 2.18-22**

Heavenly Father, today is a sad, empty and happy day. A day we mourn our Saviour Jesus' death and look forward to tomorrow with anticipation to celebrate His Glorious Resurrection.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Sunday. Acts 10: 34-43 and John 20: 1-18**

**Prayer for the Day** (Collect)

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Post Communion**

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through