flock of the Word: and by their prayers have mercy upon me and save me, a sinner.

Be mindful, O Lord, of all civil Authorities, of our Armed Forces, of this city in which we dwell, and of every city and land; grant us peaceful times, that we may lead a calm and tranquil life in all godliness and sanctity.

Be mindful, O Lord, of my parents, my brothers and sisters, my relatives and friends, and all who are near and dear to me, (*name those whom you wish to remember*), and grant them mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation, and pardon and remission of sins; that they may evermore praise and glorify thy holy Name.

Be mindful, O Lord, of those who travel by land, and sea, and air; of the young and the old; orphans and widows; the sick and the suffering, the sorrowing and the afflicted, all captives, and the needy poor; upon them all send forth thy mercies, for thou art the Giver of all good things.

Be mindful, O Lord, of me, thy humble servant; grant me thy grace, that I may be diligent and faithful; that I may avoid evil company and influence, and resist all temptation; that I may lead a godly and righteous life, blameless and peaceful, ever serving thee, that I may be accounted worthy at the last to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Be mindful, O Lord, of all those who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection unto life eternal, especially *N.*, *NN*.; pardon all their transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, whether in word, or deed, or thought. Shelter them in a place of brightness, a place of verdure, a place of repose, whence all sickness, sorrow and sighing have fled away, and where the sight of thy countenance rejoiceth all thy Saints from all the ages. Grant them thy heavenly Kingdom, and a portion in thine ineffable and eternal blessings, and the enjoyment of thine unending Life.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, for thou art merciful and compassionate, and lovest mankind, and to thee are due all glory, honour, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.



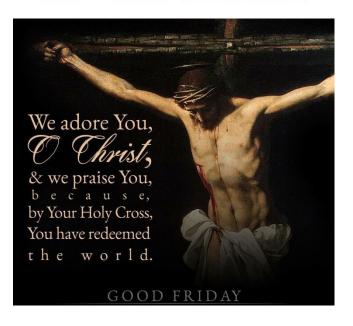


## DAILY PRAYER

Personal Prayer for use in the Parish Church or if Self-Isolating at Home

## HOLY WEEK AD 2020





Can daily prayers change your life? Absolutely! You can develop a fuller relationship with God and live a better life through prayer. You have a better chance at finding fulfilment, from daily prayers than from the many distractions bombarding us these days!

Think of all the promises we hear on TV and elsewhere: you'll find happiness if you buy this car, this book, this exercise bike, or this pill (after checking with your doctor first on that last one)! Yet many times our souls feel as empty as our wallets or purses afterwards.

Developing a good prayer life can really change you for the better. Praying can become a most satisfying routine in many ways. It might not be an easy habit to start at first, but it's definitely one you won't want to break! Daily prayers can give you a sense of peace and purpose.

Prayer has often been called "the raising up of the mind and heart to God". We engage in a literally divine conversation with Him. You get a wonderful opportunity from prayer to strengthen and deepen your relationship with our Creator and with your fellow human beings by praying for their needs as well as your own.

'Those who have truly decided to serve the Lord God should practice the remembrance of God and uninterrupted prayer to Jesus Christ, mentally saying: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." (St. Seraphim of Sarov)

## THE SEAL

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers and Mothers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

## TRISAGION PRAYERS

O Heavenly King, the Paraclete, the Spirit of Truth, who are present everywhere, filling all things, Treasury of Good and Giver of Life, come and dwell in us, cleanse us of every stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

- ★ Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us.
  (three times)
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord forgive us our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for your name's sake.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

**⚠** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.) ■ Amen.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen. O Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Physician of souls and bodies, who didst become man and suffer death on the Cross for our salvation, and through thy tender love and compassion didst heal all manner of sickness and affliction; do thou O Lord, visit me in my suffering, and grant me grace and strength to bear this sickness with which I am afflicted, with Christian patience and submission to thy will, trusting in thy loving kindness and tender mercy. Bless, I pray thee, the means used for my recovery, and those who administer them. I know O Lord, that I justly deserve any punishment thou mayest inflict upon me for I have so often offended thee and sinned against thee, in thought, word and deed. Therefore, I humbly pray thee, look upon my weakness, and deal not with me after my sins, but according to the multitude of thy mercies. Have compassion on me, and let mercy and justice meet; and deliver me from this sickness and suffering I am undergoing. Grant that my sickness may be the means of my true repentance and amendment of my life according to thy will, that I may spend the rest of my days in thy love and fear: that my soul, being helped by thy grace and sanctified by thy Holy Mysteries, may be prepared for its passage to the Eternal Life, and there, in the company of thy blessed Saints, may praise and glorify thee with thy Eternal Father and Life-giving Spirit. Amen.

#### Thanksgiving After Recovery from Sickness

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Source of life and Fountain of all good things, I bless thy Holy Name, and offer to thee most hearty thanks for having delivered me from my sickness and restored me to health. Grant me thy continuing grace, I pray thee, that I may keep my good resolutions and correct the errors of my past life, and improve in virtue, and live a new life in dutiful fear of thee, doing thy will in all things, and devoting this new life which thou has given me to thy service: that thus living for thee, I may be found ready when it pleaseth thee to call me to thee, O heavenly Father, to whom with thine Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and thine all-holy and Life-giving Spirit, is due all honor, praise, glory, and thanksgiving: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### A Prayer for the Sick

O holy Father, heavenly Physician of our souls and bodies, who hast sent thine Only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to heal all our ailments and deliver us from death: do thou visit and heal thy servant *N*., granting *him/her* release from pain and restoration to health and vigour, that *he/she* may give thanks unto thee and bless thy holy Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### A Prayer for the Dead

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend the souls of thy servants, *NN*., and beseech thee to grant them rest in the place of thy rest, where all thy blessed Saints repose, and where the light of thy countenance shineth forever. And I beseech thee also to grant that our present lives may be godly, sober, and blameless, that, we too may be made worthy to enter into thy heavenly Kingdom with those we love but see no longer: for thou art the Resurrection, and the Life, and the Repose of thy departed servants, O Christ our God, and unto thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### A General Intercession

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, who in thy mercy and lovingkindness dost regard the prayers of all who call upon thee with their whole heart, incline thine ear and hear my prayer, now humbly offered unto thee:

Be mindful, O Lord, of thy One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; confirm and strengthen it, increase it and keep it in peace, and preserve it unconquerable forever;

Be mindful, O Lord, of our Bishop *Jonathan*, and of every Bishop of the Church: of Priests and Deacons, the Religious, and Lay Ministers of thy Church, which thou has established to feed the

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (Thrice)

Then

Blessed is God, who is merciful unto us and nourisheth us from His bounteous gifts by His Grace and compassion, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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We thank thee, O Christ our God, that thou hast satisfied us with thy earthly gifts, deprive us not of thy Heavenly Kingdom; but as thou entered into the midst of thy disciples, O Saviour, and gave them peace, enter also among us and save us. Amen.

On

We thank thee, O God, the Giver of all good things, for these gifts and all thy mercies, and we bless thy Holy Name, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### A Prayer of Repentance

O Lord our God, good and merciful, I acknowledge all my sins which I have committed every day of my life, in thought, word and deed; in body and soul alike. I am heartily sorry that I have ever offended thee, and I sincerely repent; with tears I humbly pray thee, O Lord: of thy mercy forgive me all my past transgressions and absolve me from them. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy Grace, to amend my way of life and to sin no more; that I may walk in the way of the righteous and offer praise and glory to the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### Prayer Before a Journey

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, the true and living way, be thou, O Master, my companion, guide and guardian during my journey; deliver and protect me from all danger, misfortune and temptation; that being so defended by Thy divine power, I may have a peaceful and successful journey and arrive safely at my destination. For in thee I put my trust and hope, and to thee, together with thy Eternal Father, and the All-holy Spirit, I ascribe all praise, honor and glory: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### A Prayer in Time of Trouble

O God, our help and assistance, who art just and merciful, and who heareth the supplications of thy people; look down upon me, a miserable sinner, have mercy upon me, and deliver me from this trouble that besets me, for which, I know, I am deservedly suffering. I acknowledge and believe, O Lord, that all trials of this life are given by Thee for our chastisement, when we drift away from thee, and disobey thy commandments; deal not with me after my sins, but according to thy bountiful mercies, for I am the work of Thy hands, and thou knowest my weakness. Grant me, I beseech thee, thy divine helping grace, and endow me with patience and strength to endure my tribulations with complete submission to Thy Will. Thou knowest my misery and suffering and to Thee, my only hope and refuge, I flee for relief and comfort; trusting to thine infinite love and compassion that in due time, when thou knowest best, thou wilt deliver me from this trouble, and turn my distress into comfort, when I shall rejoice in thy mercy, and exalt and praise thy Holy Name, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### Thanksgiving After Deliverance From Trouble

Almighty and merciful God, I most humbly and heartily thank thy divine majesty for thy loving kindness and tender mercies, that thou hast heard my humble prayer, and graciously vouch-safed to deliver me from my trouble and misery. Grant me, I beseech thee, thy helping grace, that I may obediently walk in thy holy commandments, and lead a sober, righteous and godly life, ever remembering thy mercies, and the blessings thou hast undeservedly bestowed upon me, that I may continually offer to thee the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## THE ANGELUS

Traditionally in the morning, at noon, and in the evening in memory of the Incarnation of God, and the faithful say the following prayers, except during Eastertide, when the Regina coeli is said.

- V/. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,
- R/. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

- V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
- R. Be it unto me according to thy word. Hail, Mary . . .
- V. And the Word was made flesh,
- R. And dwelt among us. Hail, Mary . . .
- V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
- R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

#### Let us pray:

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

# PRAYER IN THE MORNING - LAUDS

#### The Invitatory

V/. ■ Lord, open our lips

R/. And we shall praise your name

#### Psalm 95 - said daily

Antiphon Christ the Lord was tempted and suffered for us.

Come, let us adore him.

Except -

On Good Friday: Christ, the Son of God, redeemed us with his blood. Come, let us adore him.

On Holy Saturday:

Christ the Lord suffered for us and was buried. Come, let us adore him.

Come, ríng out our jóy to the Lórd; \* háil the Gód who sáves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, \* with sóngs let us háil the Lórd. míghty Gód is the Lórd, \* a gréat king abóve all góds. In his hand are the depths of the earth; \* the héights of the mountains are hís. To hím belongs the séa, for he máde it \* and the drý land sháped by his hánds. Come ín; let us bów and bend lów; \* let us knéel before the Gód who máde us: for hé is our Gód and wé † the péople who belong to his pasture, \* the flóck that is léd by his hánd. O that todáy you would lísten to his vóice! † 'Hárden not your héarts as at Meríbah, \* as on that dáy at Mássah in the désert when your fáthers pút me to the tést; \* when they tried me, though they saw my work. For forty yéars I was wéaried of these péople † and I sáid: "Their héarts are astráy, \*

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these péople do not knów my wáys." Thén I took an óath in my ánger: \* "Néver shall they énter my rést."'

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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On Holy Saturday:

Christ the Lord suffered for us and was buried.

Come, let us adore him.

A hymn suitable for Holy Week may be sung

#### THE PSALMS

#### On Sunday 5th April - Daniel 3:52-57

Antiphon: May we be counted among the faithful, with the

angels and with the children. Triumphant over

death, we sing with them, 'Hosanna in the highest.'

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. \*

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Blest your glorious holy name. \*

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the temple of your glory. \*

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest who gaze into the depths. '

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. \*

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You who walk on the wings of the wind. \*

To you glory and praise for evermore.

May they bless you, the saints and the angels. \*

To you glory and praise for evermore.

From the heavens, the earth and the sea.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. '

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: May we be counted among the faithful, with the

angels and with the children. Triumphant over

death, we sing with them, 'Hosanna in the highest.'

On Monday 6th April - Psalm 42

Antiphon: Jesus said: 'My soul is sorrowful to the point of

death. Wait here and keep awake with me.'

Líke the déer that yéarns \* for rúnning stréams,

só my sóul is yéarning \*

for yóu, my Gód.

My sóul is thírsting for Gód, \*

the Gód of my lífe;

whén can I énter and sée \*

the fáce of Gód?

My téars have becôme my bréad, \*

by night, by dáy,

as I héar it sáid all the day lóng: \*

'Whére is your Gód?'

Thése things will Í remémber \*

as I póur out my sóul:

how I would léad the rejóicing crówd \*

harm that we may sleep in peace and rise in joy to sing your praise. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

■ May the Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen.

It is traditional before retiring to say or sing an anthem according to the season of the Church's year in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Marian Anthem

Ave Regina Caelorum

Hail, Queen of heaven, beyond compare, To whom the angels homage pay; Hail, Root of Jesse, Gate of Light, That opened for the world's new Day.

Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed, In whom our ransom was begun, For all your loving children pray To Christ, our Saviour and your Son.

## OCCASIONAL PRAYERS

#### Prayer on Entering the Church

I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear I will worship toward thy holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before me, that with a clear mind I may glorify thee forever, One Divine Power worshipped in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### Prayer on Leaving a Church

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

#### The "Jesus" Prayer

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

#### A Prayer to Your Guardian Angel

O Angel of Christ, holy guardian and protector of my soul and body, forgive me everything wherein I have offended thee every day of my life, and protect me from all influence and temptation of the evil one. May I nevermore anger God by any sin. Pray for me to the Lord, that He may make me worthy of the grace of the All-holy Trinity, and of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, and of all the Saints. Amen.

### Prayers at the Table

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (Thrice)

Then

O Christ our God, bless the food and drink of thy servants, for thou art Holy always; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

They that hunger shall eat and be satisfied, they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live forever. Amen.

Or

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts of which we are about to partake, for thou art blessed and glorified; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Your éyes have only to look \*

to sée how the wicked are repáid,

yóu who have said: 'Lórd, my réfuge!' \*

and have máde the Most Hígh your dwélling.

Upon yóu no évil shall fáll, \*

no plágue appróach where you dwéll.

For you has he commanded his angels, '

to kéep you in áll your wáys.

They shall béar you upón their hánds \*

lest you stríke your fóot against a stóne.

On the líon and the víper you will tréad \*

and trámple the young líon and the drágon.

Since he clíngs to me in lóve, I will frée him; \*

protéct him for he knóws my náme.

When he cálls I shall ánswer: 'I am with you,' \*

I will sáve him in distréss and give him glóry.

With léngth of lífe I will contént him; \*

I shall lét him see my sáving pówer.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: He will conceal you with his wings;

you will not fear the terror of the night.

#### Psalm-prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, when tempted by the devil, you remained loyal to your Father whose angels watched over you at his command. Guard your Church and keep us safe from the plague of sin so that we may remain loyal to the day we enjoy your salvation and your glory.

#### Short Reading Revelation (The Apocalypse) 22:4-5

They will see the Lord face to face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. It will never be night again and they will not need lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will be shining on them. They will reign for ever and ever.

#### **Short Responsory**

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

- Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.

- Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

## Canticle - The Nunc Dimitis

Antiphon: Save us, Lord, while we are awake;

protect us while we sleep;

that we may keep watch with Christ

and rest with him in peace.

### ■ At lást, all-pówerful Máster, †

you give léave to your sérvant \*

to go in péace, accórding to your prómise.

For my éyes have séen your sálvation \*

which you have prepared for all nations,

the light to enlighten the Géntiles \*

and give glóry to Ísrael, your péople.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: Save us, Lord, while we are awake;

protect us while we sleep;

that we may keep watch with Christ

and rest with him in peace.

#### Let us pray.

God our Father, as we have celebrated today the mystery of the Lord's resurrection, grant our humble prayer: free us from all into the house of God,

amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving, \*

the thróng wild with jóy.

Whý are you cast dówn, my sóul, \*

why gróan withín me?

Hope in Gód; I will práise him stíll, \*

my sáviour and my Gód.

My sóul is cast dówn withín me \*

as I thínk of yóu,

from the country of Jórdan and Mount Hérmon, \*

from the Hill of Mizar.

Déep is cálling on déep, \*

in the róar of wáters;

your tórrents and áll your wáves \*

swept óver mé.

By dáy the Lórd will sénd \*

his lóving kíndness;

by night I will sing to him, \*

praise the Gód of my lífe.

I will sáy to Gód, my róck: \*

'Whý have you forgótten me?

Whý do Í go móurning \*

oppréssed by the fóe?'

With cries that pierce me to the héart, \*

my énemies revíle me,

sáying to me áll the day lóng: \*

'Whére is your Gód?'

Whý are you cast dówn, my sóul, \*

why gróan withín me?

Hope in Gód; I will práise him stíll, \*

my sáviour and my Gód.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: Jesus said: 'My soul is sorrowful to the point of

death. Wait here and keep awake with me.'

#### On Tuesday 7th April - Psalm 43

Antiphon: Lord, plead my cause;

from deceitful and cunning men rescue me.

Defénd me, O Gód, and plead my cáuse \*

against a gódless nátion.

From decéitful and cúnning mén \*

réscue me, O Gód.

Since you, O God, are my stronghold, \*

whý have you rejécted me?

Whý do Í go móurning \*

oppréssed by the fóe?

O sénd forth your líght and your trúth; \*

let thése be my gúide.

Let them bring me to your hóly móuntain, \*

to the place where you dwell.

And I will come to the altar of God, \*

the Gód of my jóy.

My redéemer, I will thánk you on the hárp, \*

O Gód, my Gód.

Whý are you cast dówn my sóul, \*

why gróan withín me?

Hope in Gód; I will práise him stíll, \*

my sáviour and my Gód.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: Lord, plead my cause;

from deceitful and cunning men rescue me.

#### On Wednesday 8th April - Psalm 97

God has made Jesus Christ our wisdom and our Antiphon:

virtue, our holiness and our freedom.

The Lord is kíng, let éarth rejóice, \* let áll the cóastlands be glád. Clóud and dárkness are his ráiment; \* his throne, jústice and ríght. A fíre prepáres his páth; \* it búrns up his fóes on every síde. His líghtnings líght up the wórld, ' the éarth trémbles at the sight. The mountains melt like wax \* before the Lórd of all the éarth. The skíes procláim his jústice; \* all péoples sée his glóry. Let those who serve idols be ashamed, † All you spírits, wórship hím.

those who bóast of their wórthless góds. \*

Síon héars and is glád; † the péople of Júdah rejóice \*

becáuse of your júdgements, O Lórd. For you indéed are the Lord † most hígh above áll the éarth, \*

exálted far abóve all spírits. The Lórd loves thóse who hate évil; †

he gúards the sóuls of his sáints; \* he séts them frée from the wicked.

Líght shines fórth for the júst \*

and jóy for the úpright of héart. Rejóice, you júst, in the Lórd;

give glóry to his hóly náme.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

God has made Jesus Christ our wisdom and our Antiphon:

virtue, our holiness and our freedom.

#### On Thursday 9th April - Psalm 81

The Lord fed us with finest wheat, Antiphon:

he filled us with honey from the rock.

Ring out your jóy to Gód our stréngth, \* shout in tríumph to the Gód of Jácob. Raise a sóng and sóund the tímbrel, the swéet-sounding hárp and the lúte; blów the trúmpet at the new móon, ' when the móon is fúll, on our féast. For this is Ísrael's láw, \*

a commánd of the Gód of Jácob.

He impósed it as a rúle on Jóseph, \*

when he went out against the land of Égypt.

A vóice I did not knów said to mé: \*

'I fréed your shoulder from the búrden;

your hánds were fréed from the lóad. \*

You cálled in distréss and I sáved you.

'I ánswered, concéaled in the stórm cloud; \*

at the waters of Meríbah I tésted you.

Lísten, my péople, to my wárning.

O Ísrael, if ónly you would héed!

'Let there bé no fóreign god amóng you, \*

no wórship of an álien gód.

Í am the Lórd your Gód, †

who brought you from the land of Égypt. \*

Ópen wide your mouth and I will fill it.

'But my péople did not héed my vóice \*

and Ísrael would not obey,

so I léft them in their stúbbornness of héart \*

to fóllow their ówn desígns.

by his resurrection, obtain eternal life. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

■ May the Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

The Seal & The Trisagion Prayers may be added as an additional devotion, and be concluded with this Final Evening Prayer:

O God, you are great and wonderful; you govern all things in unspeakable goodness and bountiful providence. You have given us earthly benefits and even granted us a pledge of the promised kingdom by already favouring us with its graces. You have preserved us from all evil works during that part of the day which has now passed; grant now that we may complete the remainder of it blamelessly in the face of your holy glory, and hymn you, the only Good One, our God who loves mankind. For you are our God and to you we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

## NIGHT PRAYERS -**COMPLINE**

#### INTRODUCTION

■ O God, come to our aid. O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### **Examination of Conscience**

This is an excellent moment for an examination of conscience, and an Act of Contrition

#### Hymn

Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray, that with thy wonted favour thou wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes, from nightly fears and fantasies; tread under foot our ghostly foe, that no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done, through Jesus Christ thine only Son, who, with the Holy Ghost and thee, doth live and reign eternally. Amen..

#### Psalm 91

Antiphon: He will conceal you with his wings; you will not fear the terror of the night.

He who dwélls in the shélter of the Most Hígh \* and abídes in the sháde of the Almíghty

sáys to the Lórd: 'My réfuge, \*

my strónghold, my Gód in whom I trúst!'

It is hé who will frée you from the snáre \*

of the fówler who séeks to destróy you;

hé will concéal you with his pínions '

and únder his wings you will find réfuge.

You will not féar the térror of the night ' nor the arrow that flies by day,

nor the plágue that prówls in the dárkness \* nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thóusand may fáll at your síde, ' tén thousand fáll at your ríght,

yóu, it will néver appróach; \*

his fáithfulness is búckler and shíeld.

You remembered those who had forgotten your promise of rising from the dead; give new hope to men when life has lost its meaning.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you became our paschal sacrifice; draw all men to yourself.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord of the universe, you were enclosed in the walls of a tomb; deliver men from hell and grant them the glory of immortal life.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

Son of the living God, you gave paradise to a thief on the cross; look on your brothers who have died and share with them your resurrection.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

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To these is added this prayer for those suffering at this time

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Corona Virus. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace that together we may glorify thy most honourable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. Amen.

#### **Concluding Prayer**

From Palm Sunday to Holy Wednesday (inclusive):

Almighty, ever-living God, you gave our Saviour the command to become man and undergo the cross as an example of humility for all men to follow. We have the lessons of his sufferings: give us also the fellowship of his 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.** 

#### On Holy Thursday:

Lord God, since for your glory and our salvation you willed Christ your Son to be the eternal High Priest, grant that the people he gained for you by his blood may be strengthened by his cross and resurrection when they take part in his memorial sacrifice. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### On Good Friday:

Be mindful, Lord, of this your family, for whose sake our Lord Jesus Christ, when betrayed, did not hesitate to yield himself into his enemies' hands and undergo the agony of the cross. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### On Holy Saturday:

Almighty, ever-living God, whose Only-Begotten Son descended to the realm of the dead, and rose from there to glory, grant that your faithful people, who were buried with him in baptism, may,

'Ó that my péople would héed me, \*
that Ísrael would wálk in my wáys!
At ónce I would subdúe their fóes, \*
turn my hánd agáinst their énemies.
'The Lord's énemies would crínge at their féet \*
and their subjéction would lást for éver.
But Ísrael I would féed with finest whéat \*
and fill them with hóney from the róck.'

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: The Lord fed us with finest wheat,

he filled us with honey from the rock.

#### On Friday 10th April - Psalm 51

Antiphon: God did not spare his own Son,

but gave him up for us all.

Have mércy on me, Gód, in your kíndness. \* In your compássion blot óut my offénce.

O wash me more and more from my guilt \* and cléanse me from my sín.

My offénces trúly I knów them; \* my sín is álways befóre me.

Against you, you alone, have I sínned; \* what is évil in your síght I have done.

That you may be jústified whén you give séntence \* and be without reproach when you júdge,

O sée, in gúilt I was bórn, \*

a sínner was Í concéived.

Indéed you love trúth in the héart; \*

then in the sécret of my héart teach me wisdom.

O púrify me, thén I shall be cléan; \*

O wásh me, I shall be whíter than snów.

Make me héar rejóicing and gládness, \*

that the bones you have crushed may revive.

From my síns turn awáy your fáce \* and blót out áll my gúilt.

A púre heart creáte for me, O Gód, \*

put a stéadfast spírit withín me.

Do not cást me awáy from your présence, \* nor depríve me of your hóly spírit.

Give me agáin the jóy of your hélp; \*

with a spírit of férvour sustáin me,

that I may téach transgréssors your wáys \* and sínners may retúrn to yóu.

O réscue me, Gód, my hélper, 3

and my tóngue shall ríng out your góodness.

O Lórd, ópen my líps \*

and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sácrifice you táke no delíght, \*

burnt óffering from mé you would refúse,

my sácrifice, a cóntrite spírit. \*

A húmbled, contrite héart you will not spúrn.

In your goodness, show favour to Síon: \*

rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Thén you will be pléased with lawful sácrifice, \* hólocausts óffered on your áltar.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: God did not spare his own Son,

but gave him up for us all.

#### On Saturday 11th April - Psalm 64

Antiphon: They will mourn for him as for an only son,

since it is the innocent one of the Lord

who has been slain.

Hear my vóice, O Gód, as I compláin, \* guard my lífe from dréad of the fóe. Híde me from the bánd of the wicked, \* from the throng of those who do evil. They sharpen their tongues like swords; \*

they áim bitter wórds like árrows

to shoot at the innocent from ambush, \*

shóoting súddenly and récklessly. They schéme their évil cóurse; \* they conspire to lay sécret snáres. They sáy: 'Whó will sée us? \*

Whó can séarch out our crímes?" He will séarch who séarches the mínd \* and knóws the dépths of the héart.

Gód has shót them with his árrow ' and déalt them súdden wounds.

Their ówn tongue has bróught them to rúin \*

and áll who sée them móck. Thén will áll men féar; \*

they will téll what Gód has dóne.

They will únderstánd God's déeds. \*

The júst will rejóice in the Lórd

and flý to hím for réfuge. \* All the úpright héarts will glóry.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

They will mourn for him as for an only son, Antiphon:

since it is the innocent one of the Lord

who has been slain.

#### Scripture Reading

Sunday	Hebrews	10:1-8
Monday	Hebrews	10: 19-39
Tuesday	Hebrews	12: 1-13
Wednesday	Hebrews	12: 14-29
Thursday	Hebrews	4: 14 - 5: 10
Friday	Hebrews	9: 11-28
Saturday	Hebrews	4: 1-13

#### **Short Responsory**

You have redeemed us, Lord, by your blood.

- You have redeemed us, Lord, by your blood.

From every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

- You have redeemed us, Lord, by your blood.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- You have redeemed us, Lord, by your blood.

#### Canticle Benedictus

Antiphons:

Palm Sunday: Holding bright palm fronds,

we prostrate ourselves before the Lord

as he comes. And so let us come running with songs and hymns, giving glory to God

and saying 'Blessed be the Lord!'

Mon-Weds: May the blood of Christ, who offered himself as

> the perfect sacrifice to God through the Holy Spirit, purify our inner self from dead actions so

that we may serve the living God.

Holy Thursday: I have longed to eat this Passover with you

before I suffer.

Good Friday: Over his head was placed the charge against him:

'This is Jesus, the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.'

my resurrection I will go before you into Galilee;

there you will see me, said the Lord.

Holy Thursday: As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when

he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to

his disciples.

When we were still God's enemies, Good Friday:

> we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son.

Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and in Holy Saturday:

him God has been glorified, and God will glorify

him now and forever.

#### Prayers and intercessions

From Palm Sunday to Holy Thursday (inclusive):

Let us pray humbly to the Saviour of all men. He went up to Jerusalem to endure the passion and enter into his glory.

- Sanctify the people you redeemed by your blood.

Christ our Redeemer, let us share in your passion by works of penance; let us attain the glory of your resurrection.

- Sanctify the people you redeemed by your blood.

Grant us the protection of your Mother, the comforter of the afflicted; help us to extend to others the consolation you have given us.

- Sanctify the people you redeemed by your blood.

Take care of those we have discouraged and those we have wronged; help us to learn from our sufferings so that justice and love may prevail in the end.

- Sanctify the people you redeemed by your blood.

You humbled yourself even to accepting death, death on a cross; grant to your servants obedience and patience.

- Sanctify the people you redeemed by your blood.

Share with the dead your bodily glory; let us rejoice one day with them in the fellowship of the saints.

- Sanctify the people you redeemed by your blood.

#### On Good Friday:

As we recall Christ's saving death, let us pray to God the Father.

- Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Lord, unite your Church throughout the world.

- Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Keep Pope N. in your loving care.

- Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Sanctify by your Spirit the entire people of God.

- Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Deepen the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism.

- Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Gather all Christians into unity.

- Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Bring the Jewish people to the fullness of redemption.

- Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Shed your light on those who do not believe in Christ.

- Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Show the signs of your love to those who deny your existence.

- Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Guide the minds and hearts of governments and rulers.

- Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Comfort those who live in sorrow.

- Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Grant to the dead eternal rest.

- Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

#### On Holy Saturday:

Let us pray to our Redeemer, who suffered for us, was buried, and rose from the dead.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, from your opened side you poured out blood and water, the wonderful sign of the Church; bring your bride to life through your death, burial and resurrection.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: He carried our sins in his own body on the cross,

so that we might die to sin and live for holiness.

#### **Short Reading**

Sunday	Acts of the Apostles	13: 26-30a
Monday	Romans	5: 8-9
Tuesday	1 Corinthians	1: 27b-30
Wednesday	Ephesians	4: 32 - 5:2
Thursday	Hebrews	13: 12-13
Friday	1 Peter	2: 21-24
Saturday	1 Peter	1: 18-21

#### **Short Responsory**

We worship you, Christ, and we bless you.

We worship you, Christ, and we bless you.

By your cross you have redeemed the world.

- We worship you, Christ, and we bless you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- We worship you, Christ, and we bless you.

On each day of the week the following Canticle is said:

#### The Magnificat

Antiphons -

Palm Sunday to Holy Wednesday (inclusive):

It is written, 'I will strike the shepherd down and the sheep of his flock will be scattered.' But after my resurrection I will go before you into Galilee; there you will see me, said the Lord.

Holy Thursday: As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when

he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to

his disciples.

Good Friday: When we were still God's enemies,

> we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son.

Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and in Holy Saturday:

him God has been glorified, and God will glorify

him now and forever.

■ My soul glórifies the Lórd, \*

my spirit rejóices in Gód, my Sáviour.

He looks on his sérvant in her lówliness; \* henceforth all áges will cáll me bléssed.

The Almighty works marvels for me. \*

Hóly his náme!

His mércy is from age to áge, \*

on thóse who féar him.

He púts forth his árm in stréngth \*

and scátters the proud-héarted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones \*

and ráises the lówly.

He fills the stárving with good thíngs, \*

sends the rich away émpty.

He protects Ísrael, his sérvant,

remémbering his mércy,

the mercy prómised to our fáthers, \*

to Ábraham and his sóns for éver.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphons -

Palm Sunday to Holy Wednesday (inclusive):

It is written, 'I will strike the shepherd down and the sheep of his flock will be scattered.' But after Holy Saturday: Save, us Saviour of the world. By your cross and

the shedding of your blood you have redeemed

us. Come to help us, Lord, our God.

■ Bléssed be the Lórd, the Gód of Ísrael! \*

He has vísited his péople and redéemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour \*

in the house of David his servant,

as he prómised by the líps of holy mén, \*

those who were his prophets from of old.

A sáviour who would frée us from our fóes, \* from the hands of all who hate us.

So his lóve for our fáthers is fulfílled \*

and his hóly covenant remémbered. He swóre to Ábraham our fáther to gránt us, \*

that frée from féar, and sáved from the hánds of our fóes,

we might sérve him in hóliness and jústice \*

all the days of our life in his présence.

As for you, little child, \*

you shall be cálled a próphet of Gód, the Most Hígh.

You shall go ahéad of the Lórd \*

to prépare his ways before him,

To make knówn to his péople their salvátion \*

through forgíveness of áll their síns,

the loving-kíndness of the héart of our Gód \*

who vísits us like the dáwn from on hígh.

He will give light to those in dárkness, †

those who dwéll in the shádow of déath, \*

and guide us into the way of péace.

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Antiphons:

Palm Sunday: Holding bright palm fronds,

> we prostrate ourselves before the Lord as he comes. And so let us come running with

songs and hymns, giving glory to God and saying 'Blessed be the Lord!'

Mon-Weds: May the blood of Christ, who offered himself as

the perfect sacrifice to God through the Holy Spirit, purify our inner self from dead actions so

that we may serve the living God.

Holy Thursday: I have longed to eat this Passover with you

before I suffer.

Good Friday: Over his head was placed the charge against him:

'This is Jesus, the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.'

Save, us Saviour of the world. By your cross and Holy Saturday:

the shedding of your blood you have redeemed

us. Come to help us, Lord, our God.

#### Prayers and intercessions

From Palm Sunday to Holy Wednesday (inclusive)

Let us adore Christ the Lord. When he entered Jerusalem, the crowds proclaimed him Messiah and king.

- Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna to you, the Son of David, the king of ages;

hosanna to you in your triumph over death and hell.

- Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

You went up to Jerusalem to endure the passion and enter into glory; lead your Church into the paschal feast of eternal life.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

You made your cross the tree of life;

share your victory with all the baptized.

- Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

You came to save sinners;

bring into your kingdom all who believe, hope and love.

- Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

#### On Holy Thursday:

Let us humbly pray to Christ, the eternal priest, whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit to proclaim release for captives.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

You went up to Jerusalem to endure the passion and enter into glory; lead your Church into the paschal feast of eternal life.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

Your heart was pierced with a lance;

heal the wounds of our human weakness.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

You made your cross the tree of life;

share your victory with all the baptized.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

You gave salvation to the repentant thief; pardon all our sins.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

#### On Good Friday:

Let us pray to our Redeemer, who suffered for us, was buried, and rose from the dead.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord and master, for us you became obedient even to death;

keep us faithful to God's will in the darkness of our lives.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

Jesus, our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed hell and death; grant that we may die with you and rise with you in glory.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, our king, you were the scorn of the people, a worm not a man; teach us to tread your path of humility.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

Jesus, our Saviour, you laid down your life for your friends; let us love one another as you have loved us.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

Jesus, our hope, you stretched out your hands on the cross to embrace all ages of men; gather all God's scattered children into the kingdom of salvation.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

#### On Holy Saturday:

Let us pray to our Redeemer, who suffered for us, was buried, and rose from the dead.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, our Lord, you saw your mother standing by the cross; may we share your saving passion in our time of suffering.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, our Saviour, you died like a grain of wheat falling into the ground; gather us to yourself in the harvest of redemption.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, our shepherd, lying in the tomb you were hidden from men; teach us to love our real life, which is hidden with you in God.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, the new Adam, you went down into the world of the dead to free the just; may those who are dead in sin hear your voice and live.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

Son of the living God, we were buried with you in baptism; let us rise with you, alive to God for ever.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

To these is added this prayer for those suffering at this time

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Corona Virus. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this

for I pút my trúst in yóu.

Make me knów the wáy I should wálk: \*

to you I lift up my soul.

Réscue me, Lórd, from my énemies; \*

I have fléd to you for réfuge.

Téach me to dó your will \*

for you, O Lord, are my God.

Let your good spírit guide me \*

in ways that are level and smooth.

For your name's sake, Lord, save my life; \*

in your jústice save my sóul from distréss.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: My spirit fails; my heart is numb within me.

#### On Saturday 11th April - Psalm 116B

Antiphon: O Death, I will be your death.

Sheol, I will be your destruction.

I trústed, éven when I sáid: \*

'I am sórely afflícted,'

and whén I sáid in my alárm: \*

'No mán can be trústed.'

How cán I repáy the Lórd \*

for his góodness to mé?

The cúp of salvátion I will ráise; \*

I will cáll on the Lórd's name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfíl \*

befóre all his péople.

O précious in the éyes of the Lórd \*

is the déath of his fáithful.

Your sérvant, Lord, your sérvant am Í; \*

you have loosened my bonds.

A thánksgiving sácrifice I máke; \*

I will cáll on the Lórd's name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfil \*

befóre all his péople,

in the courts of the house of the Lord, \*

in your mídst, O Jerúsalem.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: O Death, I will be your death.

Sheol, I will be your destruction.

Each day of the week the following Canticle is said:

#### 1 Peter 2 - Christ's passion, freely chosen

Antiphon: He carried our sins in his own body on the cross,

so that we might die to sin and live for holiness.

Christ suffered for you, †

leaving you an example \*

that you should follow in his steps.

He committed no sin; '

no guile was found on his lips.

When he was reviled, \*

he did not revile in return.

When he suffered, \*

he did not threaten;

but he trusted to him \*

who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins \*

in his body on the tree,

that we might die to sin \*

and live to righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

only twó do I knów: that to Gód alóne belongs pówer \* and to yóu, Lord, lóve; and that yóu repáy each mán \* accórding to his déeds.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: The wicked men said: 'Let us oppress the just

man, since his ways are contrary to ours.'

#### On Thursday 9th April - Psalm 72

Antiphon: The Lord shall save the poor when they cry

and the needy who are helpless.

For he shall save the poor when they crý \* and the néedy who are hélpless. Hé will have píty on the wéak \* and save the lives of the poor. From oppréssion he will réscue their líves, \* to hím their blood is déar. Lóng may he líve, \* may the góld of Shéba be gíven him. They shall práy for hím without céasing \* and bléss him all the dáy. May córn be abúndant in the lánd \* to the péaks of the mountains. May its frúit rústle like Lébanon; † may men flóurish in the cíties \* like gráss on the éarth. May his name be blessed for ever \*

and endúre like the sún.

Every tríbe shall be bléssed in hím, \*

all nátions bless his náme.

Bléssed be the Lórd, God of Ísrael, \*

who alóne works wónders,

ever bléssed his glórious náme. \*

Let his glóry fill the éarth.

Amén! Amén!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: The Lord shall save the poor when they cry

and the needy who are helpless.

#### On Friday 10th April - Psalm 143

Antiphon: My spirit fails; my heart is numb within me.

Lórd, lísten to my práyer: † túrn your éar to my appéal. \*

You are fáithful, you are júst; give ánswer.

Do not cáll your sérvant to júdgement \*

for nó one is júst in your síght.

The énemy pursúes my sóul; \*

he has crúshed my lífe to the gróund;

he has máde me dwéll in dárkness \*

like the déad, lóng forgótten.

Thérefore my spírit fáils; \*

my héart is númb withín me.

I remémber the dáys that are pást: \*

I pónder áll your wórks.

I múse on what your hánd has wróught  $\dagger$ 

and to you I strétch out my hánds. \*

Like a párched land my sóul thirsts for yóu.

Lórd, make háste and ánswer; \*

for my spírit fáils withín me.

Dó not híde your fáce \*

lest I become like those in the grave.

In the mórning let me knów your lóve \*

virus. Guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace that together we may glorify thy most honourable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

#### The Concluding Prayer

From Palm Sunday to Holy Wednesday (inclusive):

Almighty, ever-living God,

you gave our Saviour the command

to become man and undergo the cross

as an example of humility for all men to follow.

We have the lessons of his sufferings:

give us also the fellowship of his 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.

#### On Holy Thursday:

Love of you with our whole heart, Lord God, is holiness. Increase, then, your gifts of divine grace in us, so that, as in your Son's death you made us hope for what we believe, you may likewise, in his resurrection, make us come to you, our final end.

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.

On Good Friday:

Be mindful, Lord, of this your family, for whose sake our Lord Jesus Christ, when betrayed, did not hesitate to yield himself into his enemies' hands

and undergo the agony of the cross.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### On Holy Saturday:

Almighty, ever-living God,

whose Only-Begotten Son descended to the realm of the dead, and rose from there to glory,

and rose from there to giory,

grant that your faithful people,

who were buried with him in baptism,

may, by his resurrection, obtain eternal life.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, Amen.

#### The Dismissal

■ May the Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

The Seal & The Trisagion Prayers may be added as an additional devotion, and be concluded with this Final Morning Prayer:

Holy Lord, who dwell on high and with an all-seeing eye look on the whole of creation, having regard for the humble of heart, we have bowed down body and soul before you. We beseech you, Holy of Holies, to stretch out your unseen hand from your holy dwelling place and bless us all. And if we have sinned in any way, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, forgive us; for you are a good God who loves mankind, who unfailingly grants to us your earthly and heavenly benefits and ceaselessly shows us your mercy and saves us; and to you we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

## MASS READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK

The reading of Holy Scripture forms an important part of the life of Christians. Whilst there are Psalms and readings in the forms of prayer in this booklet it would be beneficial to read the Mass readings set for each day especially in the knowledge that these are being read or heard by Christians throughout the world on the day we read them. Having read them, please follow the example of Our Lady and 'ponder them in your heart.'

Sunday Palm Gospel: Matthew 21: 1-11

Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22

Philippians 2: 6-11 Matthew 26: 14 - 27:66

Monday Isaiah 42: 1-7

Psalm 27 John 12: 1-11

Tuesday Isaiah 49: 1-6

Psalm 71

John 13: 21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Isaiah 50: 4-9

Psalm 69

Matthew 26: 14-25

Thursday At the Evening Mass of the Last Supper

Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14

Psalm 116

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

John 13: 1-15

Friday At the afternoon Celebration of the Passion

Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12

Psalm 31

Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9 John 18: 1 - 19: 42

Saturday At the Evening Easter Vigil

Genesis 1: 1-22 Psalm 104 Genesis 22: 1-18 Psalm 16

Exodus 14: 15 - 15: 21 Psalm - Exodus 15: 1-18

Isaiah 54: 5-14 Psalm 30 Isaiah 55: 1-11 Psalm - Isaiah 12: 2-6 Baruch 3: 9-15, 32-4:4 Psalm 19: 8-11 Ezekiel 36: 16-28

Psalm 42 Romans 6: 3-11

Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Matthew 28: 1-10

On Tuesday 7th April - Psalm 49

Antiphon: Insult and terror have been my lot,

but the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero.

Héar this, áll you péoples, \*

give héed, all who dwéll in the wórld,

mén both lów and hígh, \* rích and póor alíke!

My líps will speak wórds of wísdom. \*

My héart is fúll of ínsight.

I will turn my mind to a parable, \*

with the hárp I will sólve my próblem.

Whý should I féar in evil dáys '

the málice of the fóes who surróund me,

mén who trúst in their wéalth, \*

and bóast of the vástness of their ríches? For nó man can búy his own ránsom, \* or pay a príce to Gód for his lífe.

The ránsom of his sóul is beyónd him. †
He cánnot buy lífe without énd, \*

nor avoid coming to the grave.

He knows that wise men and fools must both pérish \*

and léave their wéalth to óthers. Their gráves are their hómes for éver, † their dwélling place from áge to áge, \*

though their names spread wide through the land.

In his ríches, mán lacks wísdom; \* hé is like the béasts that are destróyed.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: Insult and terror have been my lot,

but the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero.

#### On Wednesday 8th April - Psalm 62

Antiphon: The wicked men said: 'Let us oppress the just

man, since his ways are contrary to ours.'

In God alóne is my sóul at rést; \* my hélp comes from hím.

He alóne is my róck, my strónghold, \*

my fórtress: I stand fírm.

How lóng will you áll attack one mán \*

to bréak him dówn,

as though he were a tottering wall, \*

or a túmbling fénce?

Their plán is ónly to destróy: \*

they take pléasure in líes.

With their mouth they útter bléssing \*

but in their héart they cúrse. In God alóne be at rést, my sóul; \* for my hópe comes from hím.

He alóne is my róck, my strónghold, \*

my fórtress: I stand fírm. In Gód is my sáfety and glóry, \* the róck of my stréngth.

Take réfuge in Gód, all you péople. \*

Trúst him at áll times.

Póur out vour héarts befóre him \*

for Gód is our réfuge.

Cómmon folk are ónly a bréath, \*

gréat men an illúsion.

Pláced in the scáles, they ríse; \* they weigh léss than a bréath.

Dó not put your trúst in oppréssion \*

nor vain hópes on plúnder. Dó not set your héart on ríches \* even whén they incréase.

For Gód has sáid only óne thing: \*

Father of might unknown, Thee, His incarnate Son, and Holy Spirit adoring.

To Thee of right belongs all praise of holy songs, O Son of God, Life-giver; Thee, therefore, O Most High, the world does glorify and shall exalt forever.

#### THE PSALMS

#### On Sunday 5t April - Psalm 110

Antiphon: The blood of Christ purifies us

to serve the living God.

The Lórd's revelátion to my Máster: † 'Sít on my ríght: \* your fóes I will pút beneath your féet.' The Lórd will wield from Síon † your scéptre of pówer: ' rúle in the mídst of all your fóes. A prince from the dáy of your birth † on the hóly móuntains: 3 from the wómb before the dáwn I begót vou. The Lórd has sworn an óath he will not chánge. † 'You are a priest for éver, \* a príest like Melchízedek of óld.' The Máster stánding at your ríght hand \* will shatter kings in the dáy of his wráth. He shall drínk from the stréam by the wayside \* and thérefore he shall líft up his héad.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: The blood of Christ purifies us

to serve the living God.

#### On Monday 6th April - Psalm 45

Antiphon: He had no beauty, no majesty to draw our eyes,

no grace to make us delight in him.

My héart overflóws with nóble wórds. † To the king I must spéak the sóng I have máde, \* my tóngue as nímble as the pén of a scríbe. You are the fairest of the children of mén † and gráciousness is poured upon your líps: \* because Gód has bléssed you for évermóre. O míghty one, gírd your swórd upon your thígh; † in spléndour and státe, ríde on in tríumph for the cause of truth and goodness and right. Take áim with your bów in your dréad right hánd. † Your árrows are shárp, péoples fall benéath you. \* The fóes of the kíng fall dówn and lose héart. Your thrône, O Gód, shall endúre for éver. † A scéptre of jústice is the scéptre of your kíngdom. \* Your lóve is for jústice; your hátred for évil. Therefore Gód, your Gód, has anóinted yóu † with the óil of gládness abóve other kíngs: ' your róbes are frágrant with alóes and mýrrh. From the ívory pálace you are gréeted with músic. † The dáughters of kíngs are amóng your lóved ones. \* On your right stands the quéen in góld of Óphir.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: He had no beauty, no majesty to draw our eyes,

no grace to make us delight in him.

## PRAYERS FOR MIDDAY

In Holy Week, as a change from the previous inclusion of Sext, please begin by praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart which is included in the Devotional Leaflets published prior to Holy Week.

And on Good Friday follow the Litany of the Sacred Heart with:

## Pious Exercise in Honour of the Five Wounds

Before an image of the Crucified Christ, begin by an act of contrition:

Whilst I lie prostrate before Thee crucified, most loving Saviour of my soul, my conscience tells me it was I that nailed Thee to the cross with these hands of mine, as often as I fell into mortal sin, wearying Thee with my monstrous ingratitude. My God, my chief and perfect good, worthy of all my love, because Thou hast ever loaded me with blessings: my wretched deeds I cannot now undo, as fain I would; but I loathe and hate them, grieving from the bottom of my heart that I have offended Thee, goodness infinite! Now, kneeling at Thy feet, I try at least to compassionate Thee, to give Thee thanks, to ask Thee for pardon and for the grace of repentance: wherefore, with heart and lips, I say:

#### To the Wound in the Left Foot:

Holy wound in the left foot of my Jesus! I adore thee. I compassionate Thee, my Jesus, for the bitter pain that thou didst suffer. I thank Thee for the love with which Thou didst labour to overtake me on the way to ruin; for me Thou didst bleed, in seeking me amid the thorns and brambles of my sins: I offer to the eternal Father the pain and love of Thy most holy humanity, in atonement for my sins, all of which, with deep and bitter sorrow, I detest.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Holy mother, pierce me through, In my heart each wound renew Of my Saviour crucified.

### To the Wound in the Right Foot:

Holy wound in the right foot of my Jesus! I adore thee. My Jesus, I compassionate Thee for the bitter pain which thou didst endure. I thank Thee for the love which pierced Thee with such cruel anguish, which made Thee shed Thy blood in punishment for my wanderings, and for the guilty pleasure I have granted to my unbridled passions. I offer to the eternal Father all the pain and love of Thy most holy humanity, and I pray Thee, give me grace to weep over my wanderings with hot tears, and to abide in the good I have begun, never more swerving from my obedience to the divine commands.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Holy mother, pierce me through, In my heart each wound renew Of my Saviour crucified.

#### To the Wound in the Left Hand:

Holy wound in the left hand of my Jesus! I adore thee. My Jesus, I compassionate Thee for the bitter pain thou didst endure. I thank thee for having spared me the uplifted rod and the eternal damnation which for my sins I merited. I offer to the eternal Father all the pain and love of Thy most holy humanity, and, I pray Thee, teach me to profit by my little span of life, and bring forth in it fruits of penance, and so disarm Thy divine and just anger.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Holy mother, pierce me through, In my heart each wound renew Of my Saviour crucified.

#### To the Wound in the Right Hand:

Holy wound in the right hand of my Jesus! I adore thee. My Jesus, I compassionate Thee for the bitter pains Thou didst endure. I thank Thee for Thy graces lavished on me with such love, in spite of my wretched waywardness. I offer to the eternal Father all the pain and love of Thy most holy humanity, and, I pray Thee, change my heart and its affections, and make me do all my works in accordance with Thy divine good pleasure.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Holy mother, pierce me through, In my heart each wound renew Of my Saviour crucified.

#### To the Wound in the Sacred Side:

Holy wound in the side of my Jesus! I adore Thee. My Jesus, I compassionate Thee in the cruel insults which Thou didst suffer. I thank Thee for the love whereby Thou didst let them cleave Thy breast and heart, that so the last drops of blood and water might issue forth, and my redemption overflow. I offer to the eternal Father this outrage, and the love of Thy most holy humanity, that into that most loving heart, eager and ready to receive the greatest sinners, my poor soul may enter once for all, and never more depart.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Holy mother, pierce me through, In my heart each wound renew Of my Saviour crucified.

#### A Short Prayer to use throughout the day:

O good Jesus, hide me in your wounds.

On each day of Holy week continue the prayers at Midday with:

#### The Great Litany

In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. For the peace from above, and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of God, and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For this holy temple, and for them that with faith, reverence, and fear of God enter herein, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

That He may deliver His people from enemies both visible and invisible, and confirm in us oneness of mind, brotherly love, and piety, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For this land, its authorities, and Armed Forces, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this city (or town, or holy monastery), every city and country and the faithful that dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, abundance of the fruits of the earth, and peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For travellers by sea, land, and air; for the sick, the suffering; the imprisoned and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace. Lord, have mercy.

Calling to remembrance our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commit ourselves and one another, and all our life unto Christ our God.

We Commit Ourselves To Thee O Lord

To these is added this prayer for those suffering at this time

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Corona Virus. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace that together we may glorify thy most honourable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

#### **Concluding Prayer**

Let us pray.

Lord our God, your Son so loved the world that he gave himself up to death for our sake. Strengthen us by your grace, and give us a heart willing to live by that same love. Through Christ our Lord . Amen.

Let us praise the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# EVENING PRAYERS AT DUSK - VESPERS

■ O God, come to our aid. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

From ancient times, this hymn the 'Phos Hilaron' (based upon what is probably the oldest hymn known to the Church) the following hymn has been sung at the lighting the Lamps as dusk falls at the beginning of Vespers. You may light a candle as you say - or sing - it if you know the tune.

O gladsome Light, O Grace of God the Father's face, th'eternal splendour wearing; celestial, holy, blest, our Saviour Jesus Christ, joyful in Thine appearing.

Now, as day fadeth quite we see the evening light, our wonted hymn outpouring;