

## *Daily Prayers and Readings*

*Journeying through Holy Week to the  
wonder of Easter and beyond*

*April and May 2021*



*For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in him  
should not perish but have eternal life*

*John 3:16*

*Dear friends,*

*These prayers and readings take us beyond Lent,  
into Easter Week and beyond into the joys of  
Eastertide.*

*It will likely be the second Easter to pass when  
we have not been worshipping together, in the  
same special space, however this does not mean  
we are not worshipping together in our hearts.  
Whenever 10am comes around, wherever I am, I  
think of our dear little chapel, the faithful faces  
of those who pray and the heartfelt hopes of those  
who write in the prayer request book, safe in the  
assurance they will be prayed for. These times  
will come again and until they do, may each and  
every one of you stay safe and well and the joy of  
the Resurrection be with you.*

*Joy and every blessing to each and all.....JD*

*The weekly readings are taken from the Common  
Lectionary and reflect those used on the immediate  
Sunday in our own church and very many others. In  
normal times we use them on a daily basis in our chapel  
at 10am. They can be used equally for private devotions.  
In the chapel the prayers of Intercession include those  
requested by members of the public and our own  
congregation. We pray too for our sister church in  
Fenstanton, for the local community, for Churches  
Together in St Ives and the Imams and worshippers at the*

## *Prayers for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Saturday*

*L. O God of the palms, the Passion and the Pain.*

*R. O Lord of the Cross and Crucifixion.*

*L. O Christ of the Darkness and Despair*

*All. Take us by the hand into the garden  
and there may we wait in trembling hope  
hearts beating in trembling, fearful hope  
our voices barely whispering 'Alleluia'.  
(F. Wupp 'An interior Anthology' 2003)*

*L. Let us keep silent for our personal  
confession and reflection.*

*All. Not because of your promised heaven  
Do I wish to devote my love to you;  
Nor from dread of a much feared hell  
Do I wish to cease from offending you.  
You touch me, Lord, when I see you nailed-  
Nailed on a cross-when I see you mocked;  
I am stirred by your love in such a way  
That even without hope of heaven  
I shall love you.  
And without any fear of hell I shall fear you.*

*For even without hoping for the hope  
That is mine  
I shall love you, as love you I do. Amen  
(Sonnet attributed to St Francis Xavier, 1506-1552)*

### *THE READING*

### *PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

### *THE LORDS PRAYER*

*All. This is that night of tears,  
the three days space,  
Sorrow abiding of the eventide,  
Until the day break with the risen Christ.  
And hearts that sorrowed  
Shall be satisfied.*

*So may our hearts have pity on thee,  
Lord,  
That they may sharers of thy glory be:  
Heavy with weeping may the  
three days pass,  
To win the laughter of thine Easter Day.  
(Peter Abelard 1079-1142)*

## *Prayers for Easter Sunday and beyond*

*All. Hallelujah, Christ is risen and we see Him,  
In the faces of the poor,  
In the hurting of the sick,  
In the anguish of the oppressed.*

*Hallelujah, Christ is risen and we see Him,  
In the weakness of the vulnerable,  
In the questions of the doubting,  
In the fear of the dying.*

*Hallelujah, Christ is risen and we see Him,  
In the celebration of the saints  
In the generosity of the faithful,  
In the compassion of the caring.*

*Hallelujah, Christ is risen and we see Him,  
He transforms our world with love,  
Ignites our stony hearts with compassion  
And transfigures our world  
with the spirit of life.*

*Hallelujah, Christ is risen and we see Him,  
Amen*

*(Godspacelight.com)*

*L. Let us keep silent for our personal  
confession and reflection*

*All. May the God who shakes heaven and earth,  
whom death could not contain,  
who lives to disturb and heal us,*

## *THE READING*

### *PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

#### *THE LORDS PRAYER*

*L. Christ of the wounds  
Christ of the glory  
Christ of the sorrows  
Christ of the joys  
Christ of the mysteries.*

*All. We place ourselves, body and soul,  
under your protection  
this day and evermore.*

*R. O Christ of the outcast,  
O Christ of the poor,  
O Christ of the joyful  
O Christ of the tearful*

*All. Your presence be our protection.  
Your presence be our peace,  
This day and evermore. Amen*

*(David Adam 'The Open Gate')*

*L. Loving Lord, in the dark of night  
We feared we had lost you.*

*R. On the edge of a new day we feel your presence.*

*All. May we all hear you call us by name.*

*And go to share your good news with the world  
In the light of your love. Amen*

## May

*All. How beautiful is the blossom  
 spilling from the tree,  
 the hidden primrose  
 and the blue bell  
 ringing out the news.  
 He is risen.  
 He is alive.  
 We shall live for evermore.  
 The dark winter is past,  
 the slow, cold, foggy days are over,  
 may the warmth of your resurrection  
 touch our hearts and minds  
 as the warmth of the sun  
 blesses our bodies.*

*(Kate McIlhagga)*

- L. Let us keep silent for our personal  
 confession and reflection.*
- L. Ascended Christ, we worship you:  
 Christ, present with us now, we ask for your  
 Spirit to make us brave in following your way.*
- R. Reign as king in our hearts,  
 and, in the foolishness of the divine love,  
 make us wiser than the ambition and power  
 games of the world. Amen*

## THE READING

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### THE LORDS PRAYER

*All. O God,  
 You withdraw from our sight  
 that you may be known by our love;  
 help us to enter the cloud  
 where you are hidden,  
 and surrender our certainty  
 to the darkness of faith.  
 In Jesus Christ, Amen*

*All. Come, Holy Spirit,  
 Fill the hearts of your faithful  
 and kindle in them  
 the fire of your love.  
 Send forth your Spirit  
 and they shall be created  
 and you shall renew  
 the face of the earth. Amen*

### THE GRACE

*This space is for your  
own notes*

*Our Lord has written  
the promise of resurrection,  
not in books alone,  
but in every leaf  
in springtime.  
(Martin Luther)*

## Readings for April

### Special dates for the month of April

1<sup>st</sup> April - Maundy Thursday    2<sup>nd</sup> April - Good Friday  
 4<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday    25<sup>th</sup> Vocations Sunday

|       |                  |                                     |
|-------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Thurs | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Luke 23 v1-23                       |
| Fri   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | John 18 v1- 19 v 37                 |
| Sat   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | John 19 v38-42 and Acts 10 v34-43   |
| Mon   | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Psalms 133                          |
| Tues  | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Acts 4 v32-35                       |
| Weds  | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Psalms 143 v1-11                    |
| Thurs | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Romans 4 v13-25                     |
| Fri   | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | John 20 v19-30                      |
| Sat   | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 1 letter of of John 1 v1- ch2 v2    |
| Mon   | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Psalms 4                            |
| Tues  | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Acts 3 v12-19                       |
| Weds  | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Psalms 142                          |
| Thurs | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 1 Corinthians 10 v1-13              |
| Fri   | 16 <sup>th</sup> | Psalms 77 v11-20                    |
| Sat   | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 1 John 3 v1-7 and Luke 24 v36b-48   |
| Mon   | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Psalms 23                           |
| Tues  | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Acts 4 v5-12                        |
| Weds  | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Psalms 81 v8-16                     |
| Thurs | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Revelations 2 v12-17                |
| Fri   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Psalms 119 v89-96                   |
| Sat   | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 1 John 3 v16-36a and John 10 v11-18 |
| Mon   | 26 <sup>th</sup> | Psalms 22 v25-31                    |
| Tues  | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Acts 8 v26-40                       |
| Weds  | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Psalms 96                           |
| Thurs | 29 <sup>th</sup> | Revelations 3 v1-13                 |
| Fri   | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 1 John 4 v7-21                      |

## Readings for May

### Special dates for the month of May

9<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> May -Christian Aid Week  
 Baptist assembly 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> May Church of Scotland Gernerall  
 assembly 22-28<sup>th</sup> May  
 13<sup>th</sup> May - Ascension Day    23<sup>rd</sup> May - Pentecost  
 Trinity Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May

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|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sat   | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | John 15 v1-8                  |
| Mon   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Psalms 98                     |
| Tues  | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Acts 10 v44-48                |
| Weds  | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Psalms 45                     |
| Thurs | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Revelation 3 v14-22           |
| Fri   | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 1 John 5 v1-6                 |
| Sat   | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | John 15 v9-17                 |
| Mon   | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Psalms 1                      |
| Tues  | 11 <sup>th</sup> | Acts 1 v1-11                  |
| Weds  | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Revelations 14 v1-13          |
| Thu   | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Acts 1 v15-17, 21-26          |
| Fri   | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 1 John 5 v9-13                |
| Sat   | 15 <sup>th</sup> | John 17 v6-19                 |
| Mon   | 17 <sup>th</sup> | Acts 2 v1-21                  |
| Tues  | 18 <sup>th</sup> | Ezekiel 36 v22-28             |
| Weds  | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Psalms 145                    |
| Thurs | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Romans 8 v22-27               |
| Fri   | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Psalms 139 v1-11, 13-18       |
| Sat   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | John 15 v 26-27, ch16 v 4b-15 |
| Mon   | 24 <sup>th</sup> | Psalms 29                     |
| Tues  | 25 <sup>th</sup> | Isaiah 6 v1-8                 |
| Weds  | 26 <sup>th</sup> | Psalms 104 v1-10              |
| Thu   | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Romans 8 v12-17               |
| Fri   | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Psalms 33 v1-12               |
| Sat   | 29 <sup>th</sup> | John 3 v1-17                  |