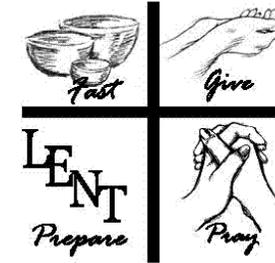


GOSPEL READINGS

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| 1 John 3:1-17 | 2nd Sunday of Lent |
| 2 Luke 6:36-38 | Chad, bishop, missionary |
| 3 Matthew 23:1-12 | |
| 4 Matthew 20:17-28 | |
| 5 Luke 16:19-end | |
| 6 Matthew 21:33-43,45-46 | |
| 7 Luke 15:1-3,11-end | Perpetua, Felicity, martyrs |
| 8 John 4:5-42 | 3rd Sunday of Lent |
| 9 Luke 4:24-30 | |
| 10 Matthew 18:21-end | |
| 11 Matthew 5:17-19 | |
| 12 Luke 11:14-23 | |
| 13 Mark 12:28-34 | |
| 14 Luke 18:9-14 | |
| 15 John 9 | 4th Sunday of Lent |
| | Mothering Sunday |
| 16 John 4:43-end | |
| 17 John 5:1-3 5-16 | Patrick, bishop, missionary |
| 18 John 5:17-30 | <i>Cyril, bishop</i> |
| 19 Matthew 1:18-end | Joseph of Nazareth |
| 20 Luke 7:1-2, 10,25-30 | Cuthbert, bishop |
| 21 John 7:40-52 | Thomas Cranmer, archbishop |
| 22 John 11:1-45 | 5th Sunday of Lent |
| 23 John 8:1-11 | |
| 24 John 8:21-30 | <i>Walter Hilton, mystic</i> 25 |
| Luke 1:26-38 | Annunciation to BVM |
| | Installation of Archbishop of Canterbury |
| 26 John 8:51-end | <i>Harriet Mansell, founder C.J.B.</i> |
| 27 John 10:31-end | |
| 28 John 11:45-end | |
| 29 Matthew 27:11-54 | Palm Sunday |
| 30 John 12:1-11 | <i>Monday of Holy Week</i> |
| 31 John 13:21-32 | <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i> |

PRAYER DIARY MARCH

LENT



The whole of this month is Lent – a season of of fasting, giving and praying. However, we do have some celebrations as well.

Mothering Sunday on the 4th Sunday and Palm Sunday at the end of the month. This year we also have the Installation of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, Dame Sarah Mullally.

This will take place on the 25th, which is the feast day of the Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Quite appropriate as she will be the first woman to hold this role.

She will, of course, be our Diocesan Bishop; but as Archbishop she has several other roles as well: Primate of the Southern Province here in England, the senior bishop of the Church of England and the spiritual leader of the Anglican Communion. She also has a key role in respect of Anglican relationships with other Christian churches and in respect of Anglican relationships with other faiths.

It's a daunting role, so we pray for her on this special day and will continue to do so in the future.

Preparation

Take time to become still and ask the Holy Spirit to help you pray. You might like to use something to help you like lighting a candle.

We pray that the Gospel may come into our lives not in word only but also in the power of the Spirit, and that our love may not be a matter of words or talk but be genuine and show itself in action.

Help us, our Father, to mean this our prayer as we ask it in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading

Read the Gospel passage set for today slowly.
(see back cover)

Notice if any words or phrases jump out to you.
Meditate on these and what they might be saying to you, your church and the community you live in.

Time for prayer for others and ourselves

Take time to think about and pray for:
what you have learned today from the Gospel
the world which God made and loves
those with whom we share our lives
anyone in special need
our parish

The Lord's Prayer

Ending

Creator God,
I offer you this day.
Give me grace to love and serve you
to the praise of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Prayers

Lent Loving God, this season of Lent we ask you to remind us of what is important and what is not; of where we are wandering away and what we need to change: so that by Easter we will be renewed and strengthened for your service in the world.

A prayer for the Archbishop of Canterbury

Lord of the church,
We thank you for calling Sarah Mullally to be our new Archbishop.
We thank you for her willingness to respond to your call, and pray that you would pour upon her the strength, wisdom and vision that she needs as she leads and serves us.
We pray for Sarah and her family, that you would bless and protect them, and enable your church to walk together under her leadership in grace, unity and love.

Palm Sunday

Lord Jesus, we greet your coming, pilgrim messiah, servant king, rejected saviour.
You rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, symbol of humility and lowliness, mocking our dream of pomp and glory, demonstrating the foolishness of God before the eyes of the world.
You have shown us the way of humble service, the way of true greatness,
Lord Jesus, help us to follow you.

Patterns & Prayers for Christian Worship

