

Morning Prayer - Passiontide

Week beginning 24th March 2026

Preparation

O Lord open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

All your saving power among the nations.

A Song of Lamentation

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,

Which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted
on the day of his fierce anger.

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage.

Remember my affliction and my bitterness,
the wormwood and the gall!

But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases
his mercies never come to an end;

They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him
to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that we should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

For the Lord will not reject for ever;
though he causes grief, he will have compassion,

According to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Lamentations 1.12,16a,b; 3.19,21-26,31-33

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

This opening prayer may be said

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God - Psalms, Old Testament and New Testament Readings

Tuesday 24th March

Psalms 35, 128

Exodus 8:20-end

Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Wednesday 25th March – Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Psalms 111, 113

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Romans 5:12-end

Thursday 26th March

Psalms 40, 125

Exodus 9:13-end

Hebrews 12:14-end

Friday 27th March

Psalms 22, 126

Exodus 10

Hebrews 13:1-16

Saturday 28th March

Psalms 23, 127

Exodus 11

Hebrews 13:17-end

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

Psalms 61, 62

Zechariah 9:9-12

Luke 16:19-end

Monday 30th March – Monday of Holy Week

Psalms 41

Lamentations 1:1-12a

Luke 22:1-23

A responsory may follow the Scripture Readings

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

All by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.,

All We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

We preach Christ crucified,

the power of God and the wisdom of God.

All By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God forbid that I should glory,

save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

cf 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 6

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

All The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
but to those who are being saved it is the power of God.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

All The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
but to those who are being saved it is the power of God.

Prayers

Intercessions are offered for the world and its needs, the Church, and for ourselves.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us
All hear our prayer. **All** Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

This Collect or the Collect of the day is said

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.

Annunciation
We beseech you, O Lord,
pour your grace into our hearts,
that as we have known the incarnation
of your Son Jesus Christ by the
message of an angel,
so by his cross and passion
we may be brought to the glory of his
resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Palm Sunday
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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Standing at the foot of the cross,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Conclusion

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy.

All Amen

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God