

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

The Lord's Prayer

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

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Readings for Morning Prayer in Holy Week

Monday:	Psalm 41	Lam.1:1-12a	Luke 22:1-23
Tuesday:	Psalm 27	Lam.3:1-18	Luke 22:24-53
Wednesday:	Psalm 102	Jer.11:18-20	Luke 22:54-end
Thursday:	Psalm 42	Lev.16:2-24	Luke 23:1-25
Friday:	Psalm 69	Heb.10:1-10	John 19:16-35

On Good Friday, there will be a time of devotion, with hymns, based on images of the Stations of the Cross, available from 8am onwards on our church website and Facebook page.

May your Holy Week be a blessed one and may you draw strength and hope from your time with Jesus.

Morning Prayer for Holy Week

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving power among the nations.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief
your only Son was lifted up
that he might draw the whole world to himself.
May we walk this day in the way of the cross
and always be ready to share its weight,
declaring your love for all the world.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

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.
Amen.

Psalm for the day: At the end of the psalm we say

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.

First Reading

Canticle

Who is this that comes from Edom, ♦
coming from Bozrah, his garments stained crimson?

2 Who is this in glorious apparel, ♦
marching in the greatness of his strength?

3 'It is I, who announce that right has won the day, ♦
it is I,' says the Lord, 'for I am mighty to save.'

4 Why are your robes all red, O Lord, ♦
and your garments like theirs who tread the winepress?

5 'I have trodden the winepress alone, ♦
and from the peoples no one was with me.'

6 I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, ♦
the praises of the Most High;

7 All that God has done for us in his mercy, ♦
by his many acts of love.

8 For God said, 'Surely, they are my people,
my children who will not deal falsely,' ♦
and he became their Saviour in all their distress.

9 So God redeemed them by his love and pity; ♦
he lifted them up and carried them
through all the days of old. *Isaiah 63.1-3a, 7-9*

Gospel Reading

Jesus, Saviour of the world,
come to us in your mercy: •
we look to you to save and help us.

2 By your cross and your life laid down,
you set your people free: •
we look to you to save and help us.

3 When they were ready to perish, you saved your disciples: •
we look to you to come to our help.

4 In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our chains, •
forgive the sins of all your people.

5 Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty deliverer; •
save and help us that we may praise you.

6 Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus: •
hear our prayer and be with us always.

7 And when you come in your glory: •
make us to be one with you
and to share the life of your kingdom. Glory to the Father . . .

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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. **Amen.**