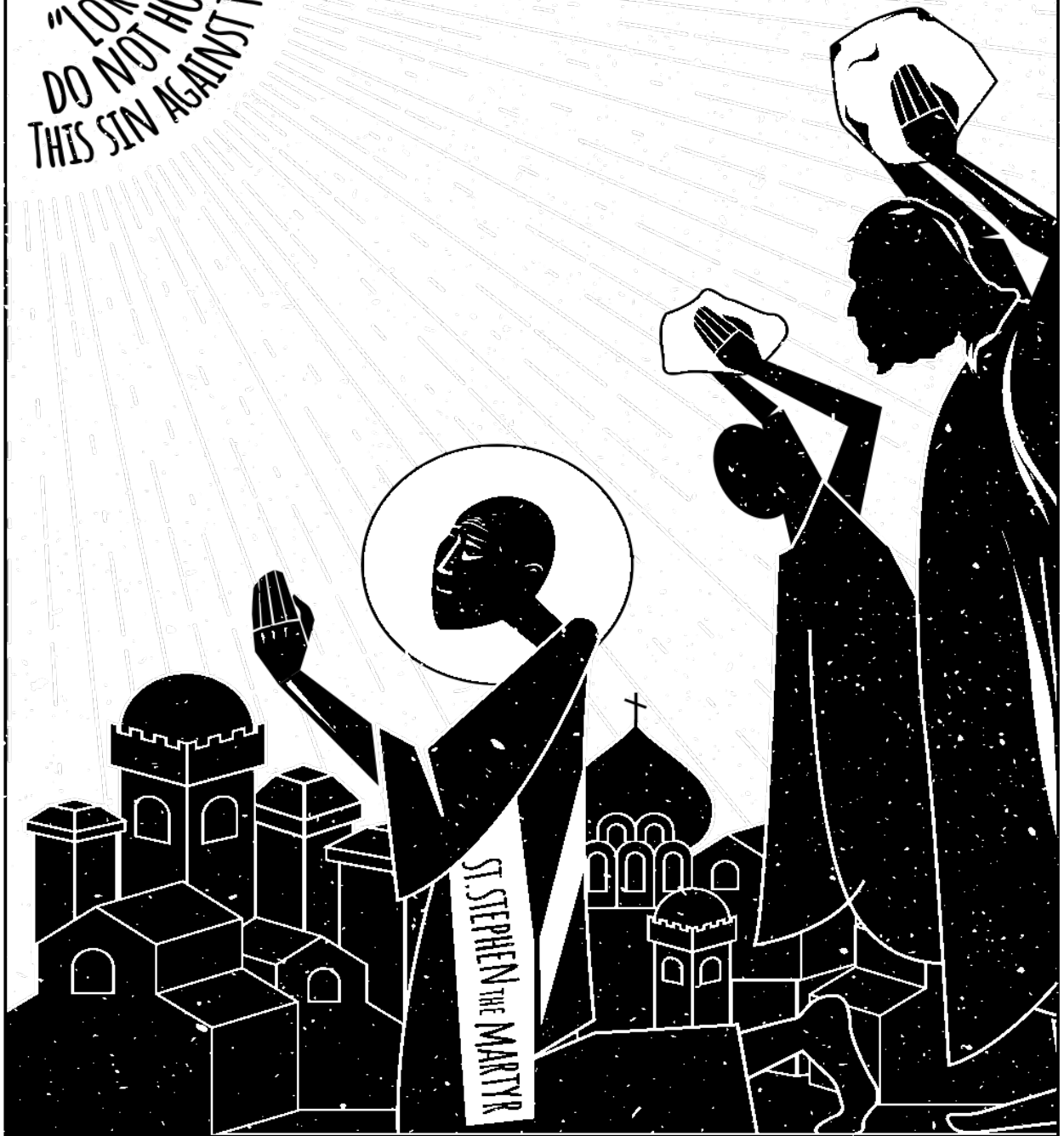


LENT 2024

ACTS 7:60
"LORD
DO NOT HOLD
THIS SIN AGAINST THEM."



FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR THEIR FAITH,
LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

A CALL TO PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
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ON USING THIS BOOKLET

The devotions contained in this booklet follow the basic structure of the Daily Office of the Church. In particular, they are modeled after liturgies in the 2019 Book of Common Prayer designated as “Family Prayer.” These prayers are appropriate for families, not because they demand more than one person or because they are simplistic, but rather because they are short and simple. Anyone can do them because they do not take too much time and because there are not a lot of moving parts. If you are experienced in using a prayer book, you will still find these liturgies deeply meaningful. If you have never used a prayer book, you will still find them intuitive. If you are busy with work and family, you will still find them manageable.

The scripture readings, prayers, and songs contained in these liturgies correspond to our Sunday worship so that our worship in church might reverberate throughout the week in each of our homes. Each week has its own morning prayer and evening prayer service that can be said each day. The psalm and scripture readings come from the previous Sunday. This is a special feature that we believe can be beneficial during this season. As always, the collect from the previous Sunday can be said each day of the week. And, in the evenings, we encourage you to sing a stanza or two of a hymn from Sunday. Each day in Holy Week has its own readings and its own collect, in accordance with the 2019 Book of Common Prayer.

This year’s booklet includes a special emphasis on prayer for the persecuted church. The Daughters of the Holy Cross at Redeemer have identified a particular country on which to focus our prayers for each week of Lent beginning with the first Sunday in Lent. Literature will be available every Sunday will be available every Sunday in the bulletin about the country for that week. We invite you to use this literature as your pray for the persecuted church in your home. General information about the persecution of Christians can be found on page 2, and a list of resources on Christian persecution can be found on the back of this booklet.

A sampling of scripture passages related to daily prayer (p. 29) and persecution (p. 30) can be used for reflection or as a starting place for further study during this Lenten season.

We pray that everyone can grow closer to Christ during this Lenten season through the use of this resource.

Lent and The Persecuted Church

The season of Lent enables us to reflect on our sin, our deep need for Christ, and the cost He paid to secure our salvation. Christians who live in countries hostile to the gospel often live with the risk of unimaginable hardship simply because of their faith. During Lent we will have opportunity to look at what it's like to be a Christian in six different countries where persecution is high.

According to Open Doors' 2023 World Watch List, 365 million Christians live in places where they experience high levels of persecution just for following Jesus; that is, 1 in 7 believers worldwide. This list is maintained, analyzed and updated yearly by Open Doors field workers and qualified experts who study Christian persecution world-wide. Of the 50 countries on the list for 2023, we will take a closer look at 6 of them during the weeks of Lent: Israel and Palestine, Syria, Vietnam, Mozambique, Democratic Republic of Eritrea, and Jordan.

Reasons for the Persecution of Christians

There are a variety of reasons why Christians are targeted and treated unfairly precisely because they are discovered to follow Jesus. These reasons vary from country to country but, according to research, the reasons fall into 4 recognizable categories:

1. Authoritarian governments who view Christianity as a threat to their power. These governments regard religious groups as enemies of the state because they hold beliefs that may challenge loyalty to the country leaders. (ex. North Korea; China)
2. In some countries the hostility comes not from the government but from society; these are countries where most people identify culturally and spiritually with the dominant religion of the country; difference in religion and culture becomes a threat. (ex. Niger/ Muslim; India /Hindu)
3. In some areas of the world radicalized extremist groups wage war against anyone who does not adhere to their religion or even to specific interpretation of their own religion. (ex. Nigeria; Middle East)
4. Many countries have official laws that are designed to tightly control or discourage Christians from openly practicing their faith. These laws are created in the name of allegiance to a dominant religion. (ex. Pakistan; Iran Muslim)

Resources: <https://www.globalchristianrelief.org>
<https://www.opendoorsus.org>
<https://www.newwineskins.org/persecutedchurch>

IN THE MORNING

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

MATTHEW 3:2

PSALM 103:13-14

¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

¹⁴For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

**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.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Corinthians 5:21-6:2

Prayers of thanksgiving, supplication, and petition may be offered for ourselves and others, especially for the persecuted church in Israel and Palestine.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

IN THE MORNING

Almighty God, you alone gave us the breath of life, and you alone can keep alive in us the holy desires you impart. We beseech you, for your compassion's sake, to sanctify all our thoughts and endeavors, that we may neither begin an action without a pure intention nor continue it without your blessing. And grant that, having the eyes of our mind enlightened to behold things invisible and unseen, we may in heart be inspired by your wisdom, in work be upheld by your strength, and in the end be accepted as your faithful servants; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

3 THE WEEK OF ASH WEDNESDAY

IN THE EVENING

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:8-9

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.

ISAIAH 58:11-12

Suggested Hymn: “*Singing Songs of Expectation*”

Singing songs of expectation,
onward goes the pilgrim band,
through the night of doubt and sorrow,
marching to the promised land.

Clear before us through the darkness
gleams and burns the guiding light:
trusting God we march together
stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence,
o'er his ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror,
brightening all the path we tread:

one the object of our journey,
one the faith which never tires,
one the earnest looking forward,
one the hope our God inspires.

One the strain the lips of thousands
lift as from the heart of one;
one the conflict, one the peril,
one the march in God begun:
one the gladness of rejoicing
on the far eternal shore,
where the one almighty Father
reigns in love for evermore.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

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IN THE MORNING

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

MATTHEW 3:2

PSALM 25:4-5

⁴Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

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.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

GENESIS 9:8-11

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

IN THE EVENING

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:8-9

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

MARK 1:9-13

Suggested Hymn: "*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*"

Lord, who throughout these forty days,
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by you to stay.

As you did hunger bear and thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and always live
By your most holy word.

As you with Satan did contend,
And did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
In you to conquer sin.

Abide with us that when this life
Of suffering is past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!

Prayers of thanksgiving, supplication, and petition may be offered for ourselves and others, especially for the persecuted church in Israel and Palestine.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

IN THE MORNING

Turn your face from my sins, and blot out all my misdeeds.

PSALM 51:9

PSALM 16:1-2

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you."

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.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." GENESIS 22:9-14

Prayers of thanksgiving, supplication, and petition may be offered for ourselves and others, especially the persecuted church in Syria.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

IN THE EVENING

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

PSALM 51:3

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life, will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?"

MARK 8:34-37

Suggested Hymn: "*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Early let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Prayers of thanksgiving, supplication, and petition may be offered for ourselves and others, especially the persecuted church in Syria.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

IN THE MORNING

Turn your face from my sins, and blot out all my misdeeds.

PSALM 51:9

PSALM 19:7-8

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;

**the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;**

⁸the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;

**the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

**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.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me. Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid[d] and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin." The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

EXODUS 20:1-3, 18-21

Prayers of thanksgiving, supplication, and petition may be offered for ourselves and others, especially the persecuted church in Vietnam.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

IN THE EVENING

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

PSALM 51:3

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

ROMANS 7:12-13

Suggested Hymn: “*Ah, Holy Jesus*”

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended,
That man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

For me, kind Jesus, was Thy incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion,
For my salvation.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon
Thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee.
'Twas I, Lord, Jesus, I it was denied Thee!
I crucified Thee.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee,
I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee,
Think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving.

Prayers of thanksgiving, supplication, and petition may be offered for ourselves and others, especially the persecuted church in Vietnam.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A COLLECT FOR PROTECTION

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

IN THE MORNING

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

MARK 8:34

PSALM 122:3-4

³ Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,

⁴ to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,

**as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

**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.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

All the officers of the priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations. And they polluted the house of the Lord that he had made holy in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord rose against his people, until there was no remedy.

2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16

Prayers of thanksgiving, supplication, and petition may be offered for ourselves and others, especially the persecuted church in Mozambique.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

IN THE EVENING

To the LORD our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him.

DANIEL 9:9

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

EPHESIANS 2:4-7

Suggested Hymn: *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.

Bread of heaven,
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliverer,
strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises,
songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

Prayers of thanksgiving, supplication, and petition may be offered for ourselves and others, especially the persecuted church in Mozambique.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AT NIGHT

O Lord, support us all the day long through this trouble-filled life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

IN THE MORNING

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

MARK 8:34

PSALM 51:1-2

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

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.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

Prayers of thanksgiving, supplication, and petition may be offered for ourselves and others, especially the persecuted church in the Democratic Republic of the Eritrea.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

IN THE EVENING

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him.

DANIEL 9:9

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

HEBREWS 4:14-16

Suggested Hymn: *“Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!”*

Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, Thou Galilean king!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou agonizing Savior,
bearer of our sin and shame!
By Thy merit we find favor;
life is given through Thy name.

Jesus, hail, enthroned in glory,
there forever to abide!
All the heav'nly host adore Thee,
seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading;
there Thou dost our place prepare;
ever for us interceding,
till in glory we appear.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on Thee were laid;
by almighty Love anointed,
Thou hast full atonement made:
all Thy people are forgiven
through the virtue of Thy blood;
opened is the gate of heaven;
peace is made 'twixt man and God.

Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing
Thou art worthy to receive;
highest praises, without ceasing,
meet it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
help to sing our Savior's merits;
help to chant Immanuel's praise!

Prayers of thanksgiving, supplication, and petition may be offered for ourselves and others, especially the persecuted church in the Democratic Republic of the Eritrea.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A COLLECT AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUN., MARCH 17ST – SAT., MARCH 23RD

IN THE MORNING

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.

LAMENTATIONS 1:12

PSALM 22:1-5

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,

and by night, but I find no rest.

³ Yet you are holy,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ In you our fathers trusted;

they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried and were rescued;

in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

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.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ISAIAH 53:3-5

Prayers of thanksgiving, supplication, and petition may be offered for ourselves and others, especially for the persecuted church in Jordan.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PALM SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

IN THE EVENING

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ISAIAH 53:6

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Suggested Hymn: “*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness He requireth
is to feel your need of Him.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all.

Prayers of thanksgiving, supplication, and petition may be offered for ourselves and others, especially the persecuted church in Jordan.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PALM SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

IN THE MORNING

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.

LAMENTATIONS 1:12

PSALM 36:7-9

⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light do we see light.

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.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness, I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth I tell you of them.” ISAIAH 42:6-9

Prayers of thanksgiving, supplication, and petition may be offered for ourselves and others, especially for the persecuted church in Israel and Palestine.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

IN THE EVENING

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ISAIAH 53:6

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ... [Jesus said,] “She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

MARK 14:3, 8-9

Suggested Hymn: “*There is a Green Hill Far Away*”

There is a green hill far away,
Outside a city wall,
Where our dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven and let us in.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

IN THE MORNING

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.

LAMENTATIONS 1:12

PSALM 71:4-5

⁴Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

⁵For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

**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.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says: It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. ISAIAH 49:5-6

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

O Lord our God, whose blessed Son gave his back to be whipped and did not hide his face from shame and spitting: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IN THE EVENING

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
ISAIAH 53:6

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-19

Suggested Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
look on me with Thy favor,
vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
for this, Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love for Thee.

Be near when I am dying,
O show Thy cross to me!
And, for my succor flying,
come, Lord, to set me free:
these eyes, new faith receiving,
from Thee shall never move;
for he who dies believing
dies safely in Thy love.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

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IN THE MORNING

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LAMENTATIONS 1:12

PSALM 69:13-14

¹³ But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.

At an acceptable time, O God,

in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness.

¹⁴ Deliver me from sinking in the mire;

let me be delivered from my enemies

and from the deep waters.

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.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ISAIAH 50:7-9

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Assist us mercifully with your grace, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts by which you have promised us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that, guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IN THE EVENING

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
ISAIAH 53:6

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

[He] entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.
HEBREWS 9:12-15

Suggest Hymn: “*Fairest Lord Jesus*”

Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior!
Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

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IN THE MORNING

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.

LAMENTATIONS 1:12

PSALM 78:19-20

¹⁹ They spoke against God, saying,

“Can God spread a table in the wilderness?

²⁰ He struck the rock so that water gushed out
and streams overflowed.

**Can he also give bread
or provide meat for his people?”**

**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.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

EXODUS 12:13-14

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Almighty Father, whose most dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it in thankful remembrance of Jesus Christ our Savior, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

IN THE EVENING

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ISAIAH 53:6

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. JOHN 13:1, 4-15

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IN THE MORNING

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.

LAMENTATIONS 1:12

PSALM 22:14-15

¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

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.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

ISAIAH 53:4-7

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOOD FRIDAY

Almighty God, we beseech you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the Cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR ENDURANCE

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

IN THE EVENING

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

ISAIAH 53:6

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

JOHN 19:17-19; 28-30

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOOD FRIDAY

Almighty God, we beseech you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the Cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IN THE MORNING

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.

LAMENTATIONS 1:12

PSALM 130:1-2

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

² O Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

**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.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

For there is hope for a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. Though its root grow old in the earth, and its stump die in the soil, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put out branches like a young plant. But a man dies and is laid low; man breathes his last, and where is he? As waters fail from a lake and a river wastes away and dries up, so a man lies down and rises not again; till the heavens are no more he will not awake or be roused out of his sleep.

JOB 14:7-12

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY SATURDAY

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EASTER EVE

O God, you made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

IN THE EARLY EVENING

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

ISAIAH 53:6

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’

Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

MATTHEW 27:62-66

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

EASTER DAY

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, may, by your lifegiving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURES ON DAILY PRAYER

Evening and morning and at noon, I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice.

PSALM 55:17

I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words.

My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise.

PSALM 119:147-148

Daniel got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.

DANIEL 6:10b

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

MARK 1:35

In these days Jesus went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.

LUKE 6:12

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

LUKE 11:1-4

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

ACTS 2:42

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

ACTS 3:1

SCRIPTURES ON PERSECUTION

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

MATTHEW 5:10-12

Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.

MATTHEW 10:16-18

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9-10

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

1 PETER 4:12-14

Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.

REVELATION 2:10-11

Resources to Learn More

New Wineskins Missionary Network | newwineskins.org/apcn

Because of New Wineskins long history of Anglican mission initiatives, it is now the communication hub for the Anglican Persecuted Church Network (APCN). APCN is a network within the Anglican Church in North America's Global Mission Initiative. Their purpose is to mobilize Anglicans to pray and advocate for the Persecuted Church globally and to live out the reality that we are all one body in Christ.

Open Doors International | www.opendoorsusa.org

A community of Christians who come together to support persecuted believers in more than 60 countries. Open Doors maintains, researches, and updates a yearly, country specific World Watch List that focuses on the persecution of Christians worldwide. Among other opportunities and services, they can provide free email updates that inform about persecution incidents around the world.

Voice of the Martyrs | www.persecution.com

A nonprofit interdenominational missions organization that serves persecuted Christians around the world. It provides help for those who have suffered persecution themselves or to the families of Christians imprisoned or killed because of their witness. They provide a variety of opportunities and ways to stay updated on specific prayer needs of our persecuted family. www.vomradio.net is a weekly radio outreach of the ministry featuring interviews with courageous Christians in countries where the Gospel is opposed or banned altogether.

Doors of Hope International | www.dohi.org

Their focus is to strengthen and rebuild the suffering church in countries where persecution and intolerance exists.

Barnabas Aid | www.barnabasfund.org

Works to stand alongside our Christian brothers and sisters where they suffer persecution and suffering by providing aid through partners on the ground. Website describes opportunities to help and updated reports.

