

2020

# Holy Week

*St Mary & St Nicolas, Spalding*



## **Palm Sunday Prayer**

Matthew 21:1-11; Psa 118:1-2;

Psa 118:19-29

Lord God,  
I give you thanks, for you are good,  
and your mercy is endless.  
Here I stand, at the start of this holy  
week,  
This week in which your church  
remembers Jesus' passion and death,  
And I am distracted by many things.  
Turn my eyes now to the One who  
comes in your name  
The one who opens the gates of  
righteousness  
The one who answers when we call.  
I bless you, Lord, for shining your  
light upon me,  
And for sending your son to us, in  
human frailty.  
To walk the road we walk.  
Open my eyes that I may see him  
coming,  
And may praise him with a pure  
heart.  
And may walk in the way of his  
suffering,  
And share also 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.

## Monday

Matthew 21:10-17; John 12:1-8

Lord God,  
Six days before his death, your  
son sat with Lazarus,  
Whom he had raised from the  
dead,  
And ate dinner with his friends.  
Once again, your gospel tells us,  
Martha served,  
And Mary knelt at Jesus' feet  
To anoint them with costly  
perfume.  
The disciple who was about to  
betray him  
Said that it was a waste.  
He didn't care about the poor,  
really –  
He just wanted to fill his own  
pockets  
And make Mary feel ashamed.  
Lord God,  
Often we cannot discern what is  
best:  
When to pour out costly perfume  
for your sake,  
Even if the world thinks it a waste.  
When to be busy serving,  
Or when to rest at your Son's feet  
and learn.  
Give us ears to hear you and eyes  
to see.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus  
Christ. **Amen.**

## Tuesday

Matthew 26:36-46; Hebrews 5:7-9

Lord God,  
The message of the cross is  
difficult to take.  
How can death give way to life?  
How can weakness be strength?  
Yet your word says that Jesus,  
being God,  
Took on human flesh  
And suffered the worst kind of  
death.  
How can this be?  
This message is indeed difficult to  
take.  
But your foolishness is wiser than  
our wisdom.  
Your weakness is greater than our  
strength.  
Help us to know that none of us  
can boast before you.  
It is only in Christ Jesus that we  
can boast.  
In his name, we ask you to help  
our unbelief.  
That we may love you, and walk  
in the way Jesus taught us.  
In his name, **Amen.**

## Wednesday

Matthew 26:27-56; 1 Corinthians  
1:18

Lord God,  
We tremble to think  
That it was one of Jesus' own  
friends who betrayed him.  
One who sat by him, who broke  
bread with him.  
Give us strength, we pray,  
To walk faithfully with Jesus,  
Even when the road we walk is  
rocky  
Even when the message of the  
cross seems like foolishness  
And even when we feel betrayed.  
You, Lord, are always faithful.  
We stumble, we become lost,  
But you are steady and sure.  
Give us the grace to endure our  
troubles,  
And reveal to us the glory of your  
kingdom,  
Through your son, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Maundy Thursday

John 13:1-17; John 13:34-35

Lord God,  
You sent your Son into the world,  
And before his hour had come,  
He washed his disciples' feet.  
You had given all things into his  
hands.  
He had come from you, and was  
going to you,  
And what did he do?  
He knelt down on the floor,  
And washed his friends' feet.  
He was their teacher and their  
Lord,  
Yet he washed their feet.  
Lord God, help us learn from his  
example;  
Help us to do as he has done for  
us.  
The world will know we are his  
disciples  
If we love one another.  
Strengthen our hands and our  
wills for love  
And for service.  
Keep before our eyes the image of  
your Son,  
Who, being God, became a  
Servant for our sake.  
All glory be to him who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit,  
One God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Good Friday

John 18:1-40, John 19:1-42; Isaiah 52:13-15; Isaiah 53:1-12; Hebrews 10:16-25; Psa 22

Lord God,  
Jesus cried out to you on the cross,  
“Why have you forsaken me?”  
You seemed so far from his cry  
And from his distress.  
Those who stood at the foot of the cross  
Wondered where you were,  
As they saw Jesus mocked and  
shamed and killed.  
Where were you then?  
Lord God,  
We, too, ask where you are,  
When there is trouble and  
suffering and death,  
And we cry out to you for help.  
Be near to us, and save us  
So that we may praise you for  
your deliverance.  
Lord God,  
We wait, on Friday, for the  
resurrection of Sunday  
And sometimes our lives seem a  
succession of Fridays  
And we cannot see what is  
“Good.”  
Teach us to call your name  
As Jesus did.  
Make us to trust in you like little  
children.  
In Jesus’ name, **Amen.**

## Holy Saturday

Matthew 17:1-6; Lamentations 3:1-9, Lamentations 3:19-24

Lord God,  
On the Sabbath,  
Jesus rested.  
He was in the grave.  
He had finished his work.  
To most people’s eyes,  
It looked as if it were all over.  
He was dead and buried.  
But only as a seed dies when it is  
planted in the earth,  
Not to decay, but to spring to new  
life.  
Teach us to take refuge in you  
when we are afraid  
Teach us that death is not our end  
Teach us to hope always in you  
And in the resurrection, the  
making of all things  
New.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
**Amen.**

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