

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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