

READINGS

The First Reading

[Isaiah 50: 4–9a](#)

The Psalm

[Psalm 70](#)

The Second Reading

[Hebrews 12: 1–3](#)

The Gospel Reading

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COLLECTS OF THE DAY

Collect One

Almighty and everlasting God,
who, of thy tender love towards mankind,
hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
to take upon him our flesh,
and to suffer death upon the cross,
that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility;
Mercifully grant,
that we may both follow the example of his patience,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Collect Two

Almighty and everlasting God,
who, in your tender love towards the human race,
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
Grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters,
and did not hide his face from shame:
Give us grace to endure the sufferings
of this present time,
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Lent Collect

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who, in your tender love towards the human race,
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
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of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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Give us grace to endure the sufferings
of this present time,
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation.
Give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

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PRAYERS

Almighty God,
Your name is glorified
even in the anguish of your Son's death.
Grant us the courage
to receive your anointed servant
who embodies a wisdom and love
that is foolishness to the world.
empower us in witness

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so that all the world may recognise
in the scandal of the cross the mystery of reconciliation. Amen.

Faithful Midwife,
as you delivered the Hebrews safely
out of the long labor of slavery,
so, morning by morning,
you draw us forth into the new day.
Surround us with a cloud of witnesses,
and sustain us by your powerful word,
that, in the night of loneliness and fear,
we, being weary, may not lose heart
but push toward the joy that is to come,
labouring with Christ
to give birth to your promised kingdom. Amen.

Creator of the universe,
you made the world in beauty,
and restore all things in glory
through the victory of Jesus Christ.
We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured
by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war, and greed,
the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Christ our God,
your love is poured out in death for our sakes.
Hold us in your embrace
as we wait for Easter's dawn.
Comfort us with the promise that no power on earth, not even death itself,
can separate us from your love;
and strengthen us to wait
until you are revealed to us
in all your risen glory. Amen.

God, through Christ, has given us as a covenant to the people,
to heal and to liberate through prayer and work.
We gather the concerns of the church and the world,
and hold them in our hearts before our creator and redeemer.

Gracious God, the hope of all in need,
pour your Spirit upon us,
that we may be instruments of your justice and compassion,
a light to the nations,
and a living promise of your new heaven and new earth. Amen.

God of steadfast love,
light of the blind and liberator of the oppressed,
we see your holy purpose in the tender compassion of Jesus,
who calls us into new and living friendship with you.
May we, who take shelter in the shadow of your wings,
be filled with the grace of his tender caring;
may we, who stumble in selfish darkness,
see your glory in the light of his self-giving.
We ask this through him whose suffering is victorious,
Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

1st Reading Isaiah 50: 4–9a

259* Christ triumphant, ever reigning
230* My Lord, what love is this
235 O sacred head, sore wounded
108* Praise to the Holiest in the height
239* See Christ was wounded for our sake

Psalm Psalm 70

620 O Lord, hear my prayer
596* Seek ye first the kingdom of God

2nd Reading Hebrews 12: 1–3

258* [Christ the Lord is risen again]
566* Fight the good fight with all thy might
463 Give us the wings of faith to rise
417 He gave his life in selfless love
636* May the mind of Christ my Saviour
240* Sweet the moments, rich in blessing
285* The head that once was crowned with thorns
247* When I survey the wondrous cross
376* Ye holy angels bright

The Gospel John 13: 21–32

215* Ah, holy Jesu, how hast thou offended
257 Christ is the world's Redeemer
224* How deep the Father's love for us
226* It is a thing most wonderful
227* Man of sorrows! What a name
230* My Lord, what love is this

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234 O Love divine, what hast thou done?

235 O sacred head, sore wounded

242 The heavenly Word proceeding forth