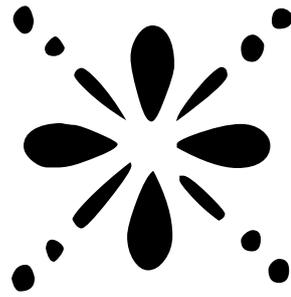


Churches Together in the Lawres Deanery



**Prayers  
for Lent  
2026**

## *A Weekly Cycle of Intercession*

### **Every day**

- In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life
- In the evening: peace; individuals and their needs

### **Sunday**

- The universal Church
- Bishops, synods and all who lead the Church
- The leaders of the nations
- The natural world and the resources of the earth
- All who are in any kind of need

### **Monday**

- The media and the arts
- Farming and fishing
- Commerce and industry
- Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger
- All who are unemployed

### **Tuesday**

- All who are sick in body, mind or spirit
- Those in the midst of famine or disaster
- Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice
- Those who are bereaved
- All who work in the medical and healing professions

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## Preface

Reading should serve prayer, should dispose the affections, should neither devour the hours nor gobble up the moments of prayer. When you read you are taught about Christ, but when you pray you join him in familiar colloquy. How much more enchanting is the grace of speaking with him than about him!

*Sermon 7: Gilbert of Hoyland (Abbot of Swineshead) died 1172*

In private prayer it is best to listen and wait upon God, and express ourselves in our own words. Yet many find in reading words of others an encouraging help and stimulus.

This little collection of prayers is offered as part of our journey of preparation this Lent.

There are examples of a wide variety of prayers from the first years of Christianity right down to the present time. As well as a prayer for each day, there is a reference to one of the Bible readings appointed for the daily Eucharist.

**Ash Wednesday**

**18 February**

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 your Son our Lord.

*Collect Common Worship, (CW)  
Services and Prayers for the Church of England, 2000*

**READING:**                    ***Matthew 6 : 1-6, 16-21***



**Thursday (after Ash Wednesday)**

**19 February**

Turn thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to thy people, Who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, Spare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, And after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The order of Communion, Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

**READING:**                    ***Luke 9 : 22-25***

**Friday (after Ash Wednesday)**

**20 February**

O Lord and Master of my life!  
Take from me the spirit of laziness,  
faint-heartedness, desire for power, and idle talk.  
But give your servant  
the spirit of chastity,  
humility, patience, and love.  
Yes, Lord and King!  
Grant me to see my own errors  
and not to unjustly or hastily judge my brother,  
for you are blessed, now and forever.

*Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian c. 306 – 373*

**READING:                    *Matthew 9 : 14-14***



**Saturday (after Ash Wednesday)**

**21 February**

Look graciously upon us, O Holy Spirit,  
And give us for our hallowing  
Thoughts that pass into prayer,  
Prayers that pass into love,  
And love that passeth into life with thee for ever.

*E. Milner-White 1884-1963*

**READING:                    *Psalm 86 : 1-7***

**Week 1 : First Sunday of Lent**

**22 February**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves  
in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

*CW*

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him  
who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Common Worship, Post Communion, (CWPC)*

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Common Worship, Additional Collect (CWAC)*

**READING:**

***Matthew 4 : 1-11***

**Week 1 : Monday**

**Polycarp**

**23 February**

O sweet Saviour Christ, in your undeserved love for us  
you were prepared to suffer the painful death of the cross:  
let me not be cold or even lukewarm in my love for you.  
Lord help me to face the truth about myself.  
Help me to hear my words as others hear them,  
to see my face as others see me;  
Let me be honest enough to recognise my impatience and  
conceit; let me recognise my anger and selfishness;  
Give me sufficient humility to accept my own weakness for  
what they are.  
Give me the grace, at least in your presence, to say  
'I was wrong, forgive me.'  
God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
increase in us faith and truth and gentleness  
and grant us part and lot among the saints.

*Polycarp of Smryna 69-155*

**READING:**

***Matthew 25 : 31-46***



**Week 1 : Tuesday**

**24 February**

May God the father, who does not despise the broken spirit,  
give to us contrite hearts.  
May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
heal us by his wounds.  
May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth,  
speak to us words of pardon and peace.

*Michael Perham 1947-2017*

**READING:**

***Matthew 6 : 7-15***

**Week 1 : Wednesday**

**25 February**

Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which thou hast given us; for all the pains and insults which thou has borne for us. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, now and for evermore.

*St Richard of Chichester, 1197-1253*

**READING:**

***Jonah 3 : 1-10***



**Week 1 : Thursday**

**26 February**

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone.

*Thomas Merton 1915-78*

**READING:**

***Matthew 7 : 7-12***

**Week 1 : Friday**

**George Herbert**

**27 February**

Wherefore with my utmost art

I will sing Thee,

and the cream of all my heart

I will bring Thee.

Though my sins against me cried,

Thou didst clear me;

and alone, when they replied,

Thou didst hear me.

*George Herbert 1593-1632*

**READING:**

***Psalm 130***



**Week 1 : Saturday**

**28 February**

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest;

To give and not to count the cost,

To fight and not to heed the wounds,

To toil and not to seek for rest,

To labour and not ask for any reward,

Save that our knowing that we will do thy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*St Ignatius Loyola, 1491 – 1556*

**READING:**

***Deuteronomy 26.16–end***

**Week 2 : Second Sunday of Lent**

**1 March**

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
    into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
    that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

CW

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
    which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts  
    which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CWPC

*from Book of Common Prayer, 1662 (BCP), Collect 2 in Lent*

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CWAC

**READING:**

***Psalm 121***

**Week 2 : Monday**

**Chad**

**2 March**

Be with us, Lord, as we seek to follow in the footsteps of your servant Chad, whose humility and prayerfulness attracted so many to your kingdom. Let our lives, like his, reflect the light of Christ and the hope of faith. In the name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Prayer of the Community of St Chad*

**READING:**

***Daniel 9 : 4-10***



**Week 2 : Tuesday**

**3 March**

Lord Jesus, our Saviour, let us come to you.  
Our hearts are cold; Lord, warm them with your selfless love.  
Our hearts are sinful; cleanse them with your precious blood.  
Our hearts are weak; strengthen them with our joyous Spirit.  
Our hearts are empty; fill them with your divine presence.  
Lord Jesus, our hearts are yours;  
possess them always and only for yourself.

*Augustine of Hippo 354-430*

**READING:**

***Matthew 23 : 1-12***

**Week 2 : Wednesday**

**(Vanstone)**

**4 March**

Morning glory, starlit sky,  
Leaves in springtime, swallow's flight,  
Autumn gales, tremendous seas,  
Sounds and scents of summer night;

Soaring music, tow'ring words,  
Art's perfection, scholar's truth.  
Joy supreme of human love,  
Memory's treasure, grace of youth;

Open, Lord, are these, Thy gifts,  
Gifts of love to mind and sense;  
Hidden is love's agony,  
Love's endeavour, love's expense.

Love that gives gives ever more,  
Gives with zeal, with eager hands,

Spares not, keeps not, all outpours,  
Ventures all, its all expends.

Drained is love in making full;  
Bound in setting others free;  
Poor in making many rich;  
Weak in giving power to be.

Therefore He Who Thee reveals  
Hangs, O Father, on that Tree  
Helpless; and the nails and thorns  
Tell of what thy love must be.

Thou art God; no monarch Thou  
Throned in easy state to reign;  
Thou art God, Whose arms of love  
Aching, spent, the world sustain.

*W.H. Vanstone 1923-99*

**READING:**

***Matthew 20 : 17-28***



**Week 2 : Thursday**

**5 March**

Dear Father,  
When we are tempted to be unkind,  
When we are tempted to be unfair,  
When to others' troubles we are blind,  
Remind us how we would feel, and make us care.

*From 'Praying with Young people' 1969*

**READING:**

***Psalm 1***

**Week 2 : Friday**

**6 March**

O Lord, who hast mercy upon all,  
take away from me my sins,  
and mercifully kindle in me  
the fire of thy Holy Spirit.  
Take away from me the heart of stone,  
and give me a heart of flesh,  
a heart to love and adore Thee,  
a heart to delight in Thee,  
to follow and enjoy Thee, for Christ's sake.

*St. Ambrose of Milan 339-97*

**READING:                    *Matthew 21 : 33-43, 45-46***



**Week 2 : Saturday            Perpetua, Felicity etc. 7 March  
(Edward King)**

If you realise the Promise of Christ to be with you, you will not only will not be afraid, but you will cease to be surprised at the wonderful things that He will do through you.

*Edward King 1829-1910*

**READING:                    *Luke 15 : 1-3, 11-end***

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.

*CW*

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,  
the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*CWPC*

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires  
of thy humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of thy  
Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*BCP*

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*CWAC*

***READING:***

***Romans 5 : 1-11***

**Week 3 : Monday**

**9 March**

O Blessed Jesu Christ, who didst bid all who carry heavy burdens to come to thee, refresh us with thy presence and thy power. Quiet our understandings and give ease to our hearts, by bringing us close to things infinite and eternal. Open to us the mind of God, that in his light we may see light. And crown thy choice of us to be thy servants, by making us springs of strength and joy to all whom we serve.

*Evelyn Underhill 1875-1933*

**READING:**

***Luke 4 : 24-30***



**Week 3 : Tuesday**

**10 March**

O Lord of Love,  
let me behold thy beauty in all things.  
Help me recognise thy grace in every moment,  
and fill my heart with the warmth of thy presence,  
that it may overflow to all around me.  
Grant me the eyes to see  
and the heart to love as thou dost. Amen.

*Thomas Traherne 1637-74*

**READING:**

***Psalm 25 : 3-10***

**Week 3 : Wednesday**

**11 March**

O Lord God,  
I humbly beseech Thee to look upon me in Thy mercy.  
I confess my sins and shortcomings, asking for Thy forgiveness.  
Cleanse my heart and renew a right spirit within me.  
Grant me wisdom and discernment as I walk in Thy ways.  
Guide my thoughts, words, and actions,  
that I may bring glory to Thy name.  
Strengthen my faith in the trials of life,  
and fill me with the joy of Thy salvation.  
In Jesus Christ, my Lord, I pray.

*Thomas Becon 1511-1567*

**READING:**            *Psalm 147 : 13-end*



**Week 3 : Thursday**

**12 March**

O God, guide us in our uncertainty;  
Grant us wisdom and courage in our choices.  
We thank You for Your grace and blessings,  
And may we share Your love with others.  
In times of struggle, bring us comfort and peace.

*John Baillie, 1886-1960*

**READING:**            *Luke 11: 14-23*

**Week 3 : Friday**

**13 March**

O Lord, grant me to live this day in peace.  
Help me in all things to rely upon Your holy will.  
In every hour of the day, reveal Your will to me.  
Bless my dealings with all who surround me.  
Teach me to treat all that comes to me throughout the day  
with peace of soul and with firm conviction  
that Your will governs all.

*Eastern Orthodox Church*

**READING:                Hosea 14**



**Week 3 : Saturday**

**14 March**

Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for the gift of family life,  
For the joy of loving and being loved.  
We pray for the families of the world,  
That they may be strengthened and united in love.  
Help us to be faithful in our duties,  
And to support one another in times of need.  
May we share your peace and hope,  
And work together to build a better world.

*Mothers' Union Prayer*

**READING:                Luke 18 : 9-14**

**Week 4 : Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**15 March**

Merciful Lord,  
absolve your people from their offences,  
that through your bountiful goodness  
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins  
which by our frailty we have committed;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

*CW*

Merciful Lord,  
you know our struggle to serve you:  
when sin spoils our lives  
and overshadows our hearts,  
come to our aid  
and turn us back to you again;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*CWPC*

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil  
deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy  
grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ.

*BCP*

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 our Lord.

*CWAC*

**READING:                    *John 19 : 25b-27***

**Week 4 : Monday**

**16 March**

Almighty God, source of our hope and all good things; you call us in love to share in the work of creation in making all things new. Bless our diocese: may we be faithful in our worship; confident in our discipleship; and joyful in our service; that, through us, the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us, made known to us in your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Lincoln Diocesan Prayer*

**READING:**

***John 4 : 43-end***



**Week 4 : Tuesday**

**Patrick**

**17 March**

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me.

*att. St Patrick 4th or 5th cent.*

**READING:**

***Psalms 46 : 1-8***

**Week 4 : Wednesday    Cyril**

**18 March**

We heartily make confession unto the Lord, that we may both receive the forgiveness of our former sins, and be counted worthy of the heavenly gift, and inherit the heavenly kingdom with all the saints in Christ Jesus; to whom is the glory for ever and ever.

*“On Repentance and Remission of Sins, and Concerning the Adversary.” St Cyril of Jerusalem c. 315-386*

**READING:**

***John 5 : 17-30***



**Week 4 : Thursday**

**Joseph**

**19 March**

Heavenly Father,  
whose Son grew in wisdom and stature  
in the home of Joseph the carpenter in Nazareth  
and on the wood of the cross  
perfected the work of the world's salvation:  
grant us, strengthened by this sacrament of his passion,  
to count the wisdom of this world as foolishness,  
and to walk with him in simplicity and faith;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord

*CWPC*

**READING:**

***Matthew 1 : 18-end***

**Week 4 : Friday**

**Cuthbert**

**20 March**

O Lord, in Thy great mercy, grant me grace to walk in the path of righteousness all my days. May your light shine upon me, guiding my steps and filling my heart with love for you and your creation. Teach me patience in the midst of trials, and let my actions be a reflection of your will. Lead me to wisdom, that I may discern the truth in all things.

*att. to Cuthbert c.687*

**READING:**

***Psalm 34 : 15-end***



**Week 4 : Saturday**

**Thomas Cranmer 21 March**

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

*Thomas Cranmer 1489-1556*

**READING:**

***John 7 : 40-52***

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

*CW*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever

*CWPC*

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord

*CWAC*

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy  
people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and  
preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord

*BCP*

**READING:**                    *John 11 : 1-45*

**Week 5 : Monday**

**23 March**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O Good Jesus, hear me.  
Within your wounds hide me.  
Permit me not to be separated from you.  
From the wicked foe, defend me.  
At the hour of my death, call me  
and bid me come to you  
That with your saints I may praise you  
For ever and ever.

*'Anima Christi' anon. 14th cent.*

**READING:**

***John 8 : 1-11***



**Week 5 : Tuesday**

**Walter Hilton**

**24 March**

Lord, thou art in me and shalt never be lost out of me,  
but I am not near thee till I have found thee.  
Nowhere need I run to seek thee,  
but within me where already thou art.  
Thou art the treasure hidden within me:  
draw me therefore to thee that I may find thee  
and serve and possess thee for ever.

*Walter Hilton c.1343-1396*

**READING:**

***Numbers 21 : 4-9***

**Week 5 : Wednesday**

**Annunciation**

**25 March**

We beseech you, O Lord,  
pour your grace into our hearts,  
that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ  
by the message of an angel,  
so by his cross and passion  
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

*CW*

**READING:**

***Luke 1 : 26-38***



**Week 5 : Thursday**

**Harriet Monsell**

**26 March**

Almighty God, in the stillness of this moment, I come before  
You with a heart open to Your guidance. Teach me to trust in  
Your divine plan, even when the path ahead seems unclear. Fill  
my mind with Your wisdom, so that in every decision I make, I  
may seek to glorify You. Grant me courage to follow Your lead,  
understanding that in every challenge lies an opportunity for  
growth in faith. May my steps be guided by Your love, shining  
brightly in a world that often seems dark and uncertain.

*Harriet Monsell 1811-83*

**READING:**

***John 8 : 51-59***

**Week 5 : Friday**

**27 March**

God be with us through his mercy, defend us from evil and sin,  
grant us to do his will, keep us in health, lead us to be  
agreeable to the living and merciful to the dead. May God  
grant us to live well and to die well and to come to great joy.  
May God be with us and grant us his grace.

*Robert Grossteste c.1168-1253*

**READING:**            *Psalm 18 : 1-6*



**Week 5 : Saturday**

**28 March**

O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead  
before Thy passion,  
Thou didst reveal the universal resurrection.  
Wherefore, we like the children carry palms of victory and  
triumph, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:  
“Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord!”

*Troparion for Lazarus Saturday*

**READING:**            *John 11 : 45-end*

## **Palm Sunday**

**29 March**

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

*CW*

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.

*CWAC*

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.

*CWPC*

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

***READING:***

***Matthew 21 : 1-11***

**Week 6 : Monday of Holy Week (Donne)**

**30 March**

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening  
into the house and gate of Heaven,  
to enter into that gate and dwell in that house,  
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling,  
    but one equal light;  
no noise nor silence, but one equal music;  
no fears or hopes, but one equal possession;  
no ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity,  
in the habitations of thy glory and dominion,  
world without end.

*John Donne 1572-1631*

**READING:**

***John 12 : 1-11***



**Week 6 : Tuesday of Holy Week**

**31 March**

O Christ, with Your arms outstretched on the cross,  
you embrace all humanity.  
Hear our prayers for those who suffer,  
for the lost and the brokenhearted.  
May they find solace in Your everlasting love  
and strength in Your wounds.

*Edward Bouverie Pusey 1800-1882*

**READING:**

***John 12 : 20-26***

**Week 6 : Wednesday of Holy Week (Maurice)**

**1 April**

The Light of the world is not put out. Now have death and the grave been converted into the great testimonies for life and immortality. Now may each man, who has the sentence of Adam upon him, know that he is a kinsman of the Son of God. Now may he follow Him; and so, when the darkness is thickest around him and within, not walk in it, but see the Light of Life.

*F.D.Maurice 1805-72*

**READING:                    *John 13 : 21-32***



**Week 6 : Maundy Thursday**

**2 April**

Lord Christ, our Servant and Saviour, on earth you washed the feet of your disciples, and now through your cross and resurrection you always live to make intercession for us: give us grace to be your faithful disciples and servants to our lives' end; for your name's sake.

*Stephen S. Smalley 1931-2024*

**READING:                    *John 13 : 1-7, 31b-35***

**Good Friday**

**3 April**

Almighty Father,  
look with mercy on this your family  
for which our Lord Jesus Christ  
was content to be betrayed  
and given up into the hands of sinners  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who is alive and glorified  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*CW*

Eternal God,  
in the cross of Jesus  
we see the cost of sin  
and the depth of your love:  
in humble hope and fear  
may we place at his feet  
all that we have and all that we are.  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

*CWAC*

***READING:***

***John 19 : 1-37***

**Easter Eve**

**4 April**

In the depths of our isolation  
we cry to you, Lord God:  
give light in our darkness  
and bring us out of the prison of our despair;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CWAC

**READING:**

***John 19 : 38-end***



**Easter Day**

**5 April**

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

CWAC

**READING:**

***Matthew 28 : 8-15***

## *A Weekly Cycle of Intercession*

### **Wednesday**

- The social services
- All who work in the criminal justice system
- Victims and perpetrators of crime
- The work of aid agencies throughout the world
- Those living in poverty or under oppression

### **Thursday**

- Local government, community leaders
- All who provide local services
- Those who work with young or elderly people
- Schools, colleges and universities
- Emergency and rescue organizations

### **Friday**

- The King, members of parliament and the armed forces
- Peace and justice in the world
- Those who work for reconciliation
- All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife
- Prisoners, refugees and homeless people

### **Saturday**

- Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love
- Those whose time is spent caring for others
- Those who are close to death
- Those who have lost hope
- The worship of the Church

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