

# Daily Prayer Companion



## Seasons of Lent and Easter 2020

A Calendar of Readings and Psalms  
with Brief Orders for Matins and Vespers

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# INTRODUCTION

The Church is most fully the Church when its gathers together in the worship of God through Christ around the Word and the Sacraments. Since the beginning, in the time between each celebration of the Lord's Supper, Christians have marked the passing of time and kept the faith central to their lives through the praying of psalms and reading from Holy Scripture — a way of prayer without ceasing. (*1 Thessalonians 5:17*)

As of this writing, the weekly and daily patterns of the Church's worship life have been disrupted by pandemic, forcing Christians the world over to practice social distancing and remain their homes for the sake of public health and the greater good. Looking to these traditions as we seek to bring our faith into the home has now become more relevant than ever.

The Great Tradition of the Church has provided us with many gifts that allow us to recognize the unity we share across time and space: A common liturgical calendar, lectionary, and prayer life allows us to more fully live as the *one* Church of Christ — whether we are gathered in a church building or scattered throughout the world.

In this booklet you will find a liturgical calendar giving dates, readings, and Prayers of the Day for Sundays, Festivals, and Commemorations; a daily outline of thematic Bible readings based on the three-year Revised Common Lectionary; and an order of psalms for morning and evening based on the Lutheran Book of Worship calendar as modified and expanded in The Rev. Philip Pfatteicher's Daily Prayer of the Church. The liturgical color of the day is given (gold=white), and days on which it is especially appropriate to gather in celebration of the Eucharist are highlighted in bold print. On Sundays and Festivals, the readings given here are the ones used in the celebration of the Eucharist, rather than those appointed to Daily Prayer.

In order to follow along in prayer and study with the use of this booklet, one will also need to have a Bible on hand (or online access, such as at [bible.oremus.org](http://bible.oremus.org)). The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is the translation of the Bible generally used in Lutheran churches. The psalms may be prayed from the Bible, the Lutheran Book of Worship, or other source. Simplified versions of Morning and Evening Prayer are provided in the front section of this booklet, which may be prayed privately or with others, using the readings and psalms provided. If you are in need of Bible or Lutheran Book of Worship, our parish office will be happy to arrange a delivery to your home.

In this time of absence from our place of worship and our larger parish, we encourage you to set apart times and a sacred space for prayer in your homes. Perhaps set up a small table and place upon it a cross, icon, or other imagery of our Christian faith, which might change according to the day or season. As we seek to live out our faith at home, we may be assured that the Holy Spirit unifies us in prayer.

The order of psalms follows the Lutheran Book of Worship calendar, as modified and expanded by Philip H. Pfatteicher in The Daily Prayer of the Church, Lutheran University Press, Minneapolis. Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings, copyright © 2005 Consultation on Common Texts. [www.commontexts.org](http://www.commontexts.org). Morning and Evening Prayer are from Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #46420. Abbreviations for Prayers: BCP: Book of Common Prayer; LFF: Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2003. New York: Church Publishing Inc., 2003; PHP: Philip H. Pfatteicher; RS: The Roman Sacramentary (Roman Catholic, 1970).

*A brief order for*

# MORNING PRAYER — *Matins*

O Lord, open my lips,  
— **and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
— **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. [Alleluia.]\***

*\*Alleluia is omitted during Lent.*

**PSALM 95** *may be read in unison or responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>Come, let us bow down and bend the knee and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*One or two additional psalms for the day, as assigned in the following pages, are prayed.  
Silence for meditation follows each psalm.*

*One or more scripture readings are read, as assigned to each day in the following pages.  
Silence for meditation follows each reading.*

*Additional time for meditation may include a non-biblical reading, silence, discussion of  
the text, or other interpretation of the text, followed by:*

In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.  
— **But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.**

**THE GOSPEL CANTICLE** *is said in unison.*

**The Song of Zechariah**

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;**

**he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior,**

**born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers**

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,**

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear,**

**holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,**

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation**

**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God**

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,**

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*The Prayer of the Day from the latest Sunday or Festival is said, followed by the Prayer of the Day for a Commemoration, when applicable.*

*Other prayers may be offered: for all people in their daily life and work; for families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone; for this city, the nation, and the world; for all who work for justice, freedom, and peace; for the just and proper use of creation; for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, war, and oppression. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; for those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy; for the peace and unity of the Church of God; for all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth; for bishops, pastors, and deacons; for all who serve God in his Church; for the special needs and concerns of this congregation; for those who have died.*

*Prayers of thanksgiving for the faithful departed may include those commemorated on the church's calendar.*

*Prayers conclude:*

Let my mouth be full of your praise  
— **And your glory all the day long.**

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.  
— **Thanks be to God.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord almighty bless us, + and direct our days and our deeds in his peace.  
— **Amen.**

*A brief order for*

# Evening Prayer — *Vespers*

Make haste, O God, + to deliver me.  
— **O Lord, make haste to help me.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
— **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. [Alleluia.]\***

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**Psalm 141** *is prayed in unison or responsively, beginning with the antiphon:*

Let my prayer rise before you as incense  
— **the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you.  
Let my prayer rise before you as incense

the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD, and guard the door of my lips;  
let not my heart incline to any evil thing.

Let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers,  
But my eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD; in you I take refuge.  
Strip me not of my life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Let my prayer rise before you as incense  
— **the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

*Silence for meditation.*

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your loving-kindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.  
— **Amen.**

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**Song of Mary**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed.

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

the promise he has made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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*Prayers conclude with one or more of the following:*

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

— **Amen.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for you have guarded us through the day; we give thanks for you will be our guardian through the night: Bring us safely, we pray, to the morning that you may receive our praise at all times; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

— **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

— **Thanks be to God.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

— **Amen.**



# Daily Calendar, Readings, and Psalms

## Key

Day/Commemoration/Prayer: Lists Sundays, Festivals, Commemorations, and Prayer of the Day. During Lent and Easter, the Prayer of the Day from the previous Sunday should be prayed, followed by the prayer related to the Commemoration.

Readings: Scripture readings are listed for each day. Sundays and Festivals list the appointed readings and psalm for the Eucharist. Other days list readings from the Revised Common Lectionary which complement the lessons of the nearest Sunday.

Two psalms are appointed for morning and two for evening and follow a cycle that ranges from one to four weeks according to season, though the second psalms for morning and evening tend to repeat more often.

Date	Day/Commemoration/Prayer	Readings	Morning Psalms	Evening Psalms
Wednesday, February 26, 2020	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> <i>Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and 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, now and for ever.</i>	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	5 137	39 51
Thu, Feb 27, 2020		Jonah 3:1-10 Romans 1:1-7	35 44	125 102
Fri, Feb 28, 2020		Jonah 4:1-11 Romans 1:8-17	22 27	119:73-80 130
Sat, Feb 29, 2020		Isaiah 58:1-12 Matthew 18:1-7	37 56	31 143
Sun, Mar 1, 2020	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b> <i>O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	84 61	42 32

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Mon, Mar 2, 2020	John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church <i>Lord God, you inspired your servants John and Charles Wesley with burning zeal for the sanctification of souls, and endowed them with eloquence in speech and in song: Kindle in your Church, we entreat you, such fervor, that those whose faith has cooled may be warmed, and those who have not known Christ may turn to him and be saved; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i> [LFF]	1 Kings 19:1-8 Hebrews 2:10-18	78:1-39 78:40-72	121 6
Tue, Mar 3, 2020		Genesis 4:1-16 Hebrews 4:14—5:10	34 41	25 38
Wed, Mar 4, 2020		Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28 Matthew 18:10-14	5 137	39 51
Thu, Mar 5, 2020		Isaiah 51:1-3 2 Timothy 1:3-7	35 44	125 102
Fri, Mar 6, 2020		Micah 7:18-20 Romans 3:21-31	22 27	119:73-80 130
Sat, Mar 7, 2020	Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202 <i>O God, the King of saints, in whose strength your servants Perpetua and Felicitas and their companions made a good confession, staunchly resisting, for the cause of Christ, the claims of human affection, and encouraging one another in their time of trial: Grant that we who cherish their blessed memory may share their pure and steadfast faith, and win with them the palm of victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i> [LFF rev. PHP]	Isaiah 51:4-8 Luke 7:1-10	37 56	31 143

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Sun, Mar 8, 2020	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	84 61	42 32
Mon, Mar 9, 2020		Numbers 21:4-9 Hebrews 3:1-6	78:1-39 78:40-72	121 6
Tue, Mar 10, 2020	Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society <i>O God, whose Spirit guides us into all truth and makes us free: Strengthen and sustain us as you did your daughters Harriet and Sojourner. Give us vision and courage to stand against oppression and injustice and all that works against the glorious liberty to which you call all your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.</i>	Isaiah 65:17-25 Romans 4:6-13	34 41	25 38
Wed, Mar 11, 2020		Ezekiel 36:22-32 John 7:53—8:11	5 137	39 51
Thu, Mar 12, 2020	Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604 <i>Almighty and merciful God, you raised up Gregory of Rome to be a servant of the servants of God: Give the Spirit of wisdom to those whom you call to be the shepherds of your Church, that your people, growing in holiness and fruitful in every good work, may receive crown of glory that never fades away; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. [PHP after RS and LFF]</i>	Exodus 16:1-8 Colossians 1:15-23	35 44	125 102
Fri, Mar 13, 2020		Exodus 16:9-21 Ephesians 2:11-22	22 27	119:73-80 130
Sat, Mar 14, 2020		Exodus 16:27-35 John 4:1-6	37 56	31 143

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Sun, Mar 15, 2020	<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	84 61	42 32
Mon, Mar 16, 2020		Genesis 24:1-27 2 John 1-13	78:1-39 78:40-72	121 6
Tue, Mar 17, 2020	Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461 <i>Almighty God, in your providence you chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of you: Grant us so to walk in that light, that we may bring others to the peace and joy of your Gospel and come at last with them to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i> [PHP, LFF+RS]	Genesis 29:1-14 1 Corinthians 10:1-4	34 41	25 38
Wed, Mar 18, 2020	Cyril of Jerusalem, died 386 <i>O Lord our God, through Cyril of Jerusalem you led your Church to a deeper understanding of the mysteries of salvation: Strengthen the bishops of your Church in their calling to be teachers and ministers of the Sacraments, so that they may effectively instruct your people in Christian faith and practice; and that we, taught by them, may enter more fully into the celebration of the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i> [PHP, RS + LFF]	Jeremiah 2:4-13 John 7:14-31, 37-39	5 137	39 51

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Thu, Mar 19, 2020	<b>St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus</b> <i>O God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. [BCP]</i>	2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16 Psalm 89:1-29 Romans 4:13-18 Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a	35 44	125 102
Fri, Mar 20, 2020		1 Samuel 15:22-31 Ephesians 5:1-9	22 27	119:73-80 130
Sat, Mar 21, 2020		1 Samuel 15:32-34 John 1:1-9	37 56	31 143
Sun, Mar 22, 2020	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> <i>God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	84 61	42 32
Mon, Mar 23, 2020		Isaiah 59:9-19 Acts 9:1-20	78:1-39 78:40-72	121 6
Tue, Mar 24, 2020	Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980 <i>Eternal God of justice and love, you hold in your mind a vision of your creation as you intend it to be: By the example of your servant Oscar Arnulfo Romero give us such a view of your work that we may commit the future to you, confident that what we do in your Name will, in your good time, grow and flourish; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. [PHP]</i>	Isaiah 42:14-21 Colossians 1:9-14	34 41	25 38
Wed, Mar 25, 2020	<b>Annunciation of Our Lord</b> <i>Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i>	Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 45 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38	5 137	39 51
Thu, Mar 26, 2020		Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8—3:3 Revelation 10:1-11	35 44	125 102

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Fri, Mar 27, 2020		Ezekiel 33:10-16 Revelation 11:15-19	22 27	119:73-80 130
Sat, Mar 28, 2020		Ezekiel 36:8-15 Luke 24:44-53	37 56	31 143
Sun, Mar 29, 2020	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	84 61	42 32
Mon, Mar 30, 2020		1 Kings 17:17-24 Acts 20:7-12	78:1-39 78:40-72	121 6
Tue, Mar 31, 2020	John Donne, Priest, 1631 <i>O eternal and most gracious God, you permitted darkness to be before light in the creation, and yet in the making of light so multiplied it that it enlightened even the night: Grant that by your light we may see that no sickness, no temptation, no sin, no guilt can remove us from the determined and good purpose which you have revealed in your Son and sealed by your Holy Spirit; who live and reign with you, one God, now and for ever.</i> [PHP]	2 Kings 4:18-37 Ephesians 2:1-10	34 41	25 38
Wed, Apr 1, 2020		Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41 Matthew 22:23-33	5 137	39 51
Thu, Apr 2, 2020		1 Samuel 16:11-13 Philippians 1:1-11	35 44	125 102
Fri, Apr 3, 2020		Job 13:13-19 Philippians 1:21-30	22 27	119:73-80 130

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Sat, Apr 4, 2020	Martin Luther King, Jr., Renewer of Society, Martyr, 1968; Benedict the African, Friar, 1589 <i>Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image: Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression; help us, like your servant Martin Luther King, Jr., to use our freedom to bring justice among people and nations, to the glory of your Name; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i>	Lamentations 3:55-66 Mark 10:32-34	37 56	31 143
Sun, Apr 5, 2020	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion</b> <i>Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14—27:66	103 138	75 32
Mon, Apr 6, 2020	<b>Monday in Holy Week</b> <i>O God, your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.</i>	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11	40 42	94 6
Tue, Apr 7, 2020	<b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b> <i>Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love may not grow cold in your service, and that we may not fail or deny you in the hour of trial.</i>	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36	50 120	144 38
Wed, Apr 8, 2020	<b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b> <i>Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at the hands of men and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.</i>	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32	64 109	55 51

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Thu, Apr 9, 2020	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <i>Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	57 142	74 102
Fri, Apr 10, 2020	<b>Good Friday</b> <i>Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.</i>	Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1—19:42	22 69	54 130
Sat, Apr 11, 2020	<b>Holy Saturday/ The Great Sabbath/ The Great Vigil of Easter</b> <i>Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	<i>Vigil Service of Readings:</i> Genesis 1:1–2:2 Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 Genesis 22:1-18 Exodus 14:10–15:1a Isaiah 55:1-11 Baruch 3:9-37 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Isaiah 4:2-6 Exodus 12:1-24 Jonah 3:1-10 Deuteronomy 31:19-30 Daniel 3:1-23 Romans 6:3-11 John 20:1–18	88 16	3 27
Sun, Apr 12, 2020	<b>Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day</b> <i>O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10	93 150	136 117
Mon, Apr 13, 2020	<b>Easter Monday</b>	Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Colossians 3:5-11	97 145	124 115

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Tue, Apr 14, 2020	<b>Easter Tuesday</b>	Exodus 15:1-18 Colossians 3:12-17	98 146	66 116
Wed, Apr 15, 2020	<b>Easter Wednesday</b>	Joshua 3:1-7 Matthew 28:1-10	99 147:1-12	9 118
Thu, Apr 16, 2020	<b>Easter Thursday</b>	Song of Solomon 2:8-15 Colossians 4:2-5	47 147:13-21	68 113
Fri, Apr 17, 2020	<b>Easter Friday</b>	Song of Solomon 5:9—6:3 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	96 148	8 105
Sat, Apr 18, 2020	<b>Easter Saturday</b>	Song of Solomon 8:6-7 John 20:11-20	92 149	23 114
Sun, Apr 19, 2020	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	93 150	136 117
Mon, Apr 20, 2020		Judges 6:36-40 1 Corinthians 15:12-20	97 145	124 115
Tue, Apr 21, 2020	Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109 <i>Almighty God, you raised up your servant Anselm to study and teach the sublime truths you have revealed: Let your gift of faith come to the aid of our understanding, and open our hearts to your truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i> [RS, PHP]	Jonah 1:1-17 1 Corinthians 15:19-28	98 146	66 116
Wed, Apr 22, 2020		Jonah 2:1-10 Matthew 12:38-42	99 147:1-12	9 118

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Thu, Apr 23, 2020	Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960 <i>Lord God, you planted in your servant Toyohiko Kagawa a fervent desire to relieve the misery of the poor and to establish in the social order the justice, love, and peace of the kingdom of God: Give to your Church, we pray, such selfless compassion that we may find joy in the service of others and bring the light of hope where there is resignation and despair; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i> [PHP]	Isaiah 25:1-5 1 Peter 1:8b-12	47 147:13-21	68 113
Fri, Apr 24, 2020		Isaiah 26:1-4 1 Peter 1:13-16	96 148	8 105
Sat, Apr 25, 2020	<b>St. Mark, Evangelist</b> <i>Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i>	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 57 2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18 Mark 1:1-15	92 149	23 114
Sun, Apr 26, 2020	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> <i>O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	93 150	136 117
Mon, Apr 27, 2020		Genesis 18:1-14 1 Peter 1:23-25	97 145	124 115
Tue, Apr 28, 2020		Proverbs 8:32—9:6 1 Peter 2:1-3	98 146	66 116

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Wed, Apr 29, 2020	Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380 <i>Everlasting God, you so kindled the flame of holy love in the heart of blessed Catherine of Siena, as she meditated on the passion of your Son our Savior; that she devoted her life to the poor and the sick, and to the peace and unity of the Church: Grant that we also may share in the mystery of Christ's death and rejoice in the revelation of his glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i>	Exodus 24:1-11 John 21:1-14	99 147:1-12	9 118
Thu, Apr 30, 2020		Exodus 2:15b-25 1 Peter 2:9-12	47 147:13-21	68 113
Fri, May 1, 2020	<b>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</b> <i>Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i>	Isaiah 30:18-21 Psalm 44:1-3, 20-26 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 John 14:8-14	96 148	8 105
Sat, May 2, 2020	Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373 <i>O God of truth, you raised up your servant Athanasius to be a courageous defender of the truth of Christ's divinity: Strengthen us by his teaching to maintain and proclaim boldly the Catholic faith against all opposition, trusting solely in the grace of your eternal Word, who took upon himself our humanity that we might share his divinity; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i> [PHP, Ambrosian, RS + LFF]	Ezekiel 34:1-16 Luke 15:1-7	92 149	23 114
Sun, May 3, 2020	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	93 150	136 117

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Mon, May 4, 2020		Ezekiel 34:17-23 1 Peter 5:1-5	97 145	124 115
Tue, May 5, 2020		Ezekiel 34:23-31 Hebrews 13:20-21	98 146	66 116
Wed, May 6, 2020		Jeremiah 23:1-8 Matthew 20:17-28	99 147:1-12	9 118
Thu, May 7, 2020		Genesis 12:1-3 Acts 6:8-15	47 147:13-21	68 113
Fri, May 8, 2020	Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416 <i>Lord God, in your compassion you granted to the Lady Julian many revelations of your nurturing and sustaining love: Move our hearts, like hers, to seek you above allthings, for in giving us yourself you give us all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. [LFF]</i>	Exodus 3:1-12 Acts 7:1-16	96 148	8 105
Sat, May 9, 2020	Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760 <i>Lord Jesus Christ, your death for us and your own holiness will be our clothing when we stand before your dread judgment seat: In your mercy grant that we, taught by your servant Bishop Zinzendorf, may hold fast in faith to your saving sacrifice for us, and ever rejoice in your love for the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. [PHP]</i>	Jeremiah 26:20-24 John 8:48-59	92 149	23 114
Sun, May 10, 2020	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	93 150	136 117
Mon, May 11, 2020		Exodus 13:17-22 Acts 7:17-40	97 145	124 115
Tue, May 12, 2020		Proverbs 3:5-12 Acts 7:44-56	98 146	66 116
Wed, May 13, 2020		Proverbs 3:13-18 John 8:31-38	99 147:1-12	9 118

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Thu, May 14, 2020	<b>St. Matthias, Apostle</b> <i>Almighty God, who in the place of Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve: Grant that your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be guided by faithful and true pastors; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i>	Isaiah 66:1-2 Psalm 56 Acts 1:15-26 Luke 6:12-16	47 147:13-21	68 113
Fri, May 15, 2020		Genesis 7:1-24 Acts 27:13-38	96 148	8 105
Sat, May 16, 2020		Genesis 8:13-19 John 14:27-29	92 149	23 114
Sun, May 17, 2020	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	93 150	136 117
Mon, May 18, 2020	Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160 <i>Lord God, your servant King Erik of Sweden reflected your transforming Gospel in his own character and in his concern for the poor, the sick, and the infirm: Give to the leaders of the nations, we pray, such reverence for you and such an awareness of their duty toward the least members of society, that they may ever work selflessly for justice and for the good of all people; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i> [PHP]	Genesis 9:8-17 Acts 27:39-44	97 145	124 115

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Tue, May 19, 2020	Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, died 988 <i>O God of truth and beauty, you richly endowed your bishop Dunstan with skill in music and the working of metals, and with gifts of administration and reforming zeal: Teach us, we pray, to see in you're the source of all our talents, and move us to offer them for the adornment of worship and the advancement of true religion; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i> [LFF]	Deuteronomy 5:22-33 1 Peter 3:8-12	98 146	66 116
Wed, May 20, 2020		Deuteronomy 31:1-13 John 16:16-24	99 147:1-12	9 118
Thu, May 21, 2020	<b>Ascension of Our Lord</b> <i>Almighty God, your only Son was taken up into heaven and in power intercedes for us. May we also come into your presence and live forever in your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	47 147:13-21	68 113
Fri, May 22, 2020		2 Kings 2:1-12 Ephesians 2:1-7	96 148	8 105
Sat, May 23, 2020		2 Kings 2:13-15 John 8:21-30	92 149	23 114
Sun, May 24, 2020	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> <i>God, our creator and redeemer, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11	93 150	136 117

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Mon, May 25, 2020	Bede the Venerable, Priest and Monk of Jarrow, 735 <i>Heavenly Father, you called your servant Bede, while still a child, to devote his life to your service in the disciplines of religion and scholarship: Grant that as he labored in the Spirit to bring the riches of your truth to his generation, so we, in our various vocations, may strive to make you known in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever</i> [South African Ministers Book Liturgy, rev. LFF]	Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24 1 Peter 4:1-6	97 145	124 115
Tue, May 26, 2020		Numbers 16:41-50 1 Peter 4:7-11	98 146	66 116
Wed, May 27, 2020	John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564 <i>God of sovereign majesty and majestic order, you have revealed yourself as the source of every blessing: Teach us, by the clarity and precision of the doctrines of your servant John Calvin, to respect your authority in all things, to aim always at the advancement of your Glory, and joyfully submit to your decrees, that we may come to know you, the one true God, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i> [PHP]	1 Kings 8:54-65 John 3:31-36	99 147:1-12	9 118
Thu, May 28, 2020		Exodus 19:1-9a Acts 2:1-11	47 147:13-21	68 113

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Fri, May 29, 2020	Jiri Tranovsky, hymnwriter, died 1637 <i>Almighty God, beautiful in majesty, majestic in holiness, you have taught your people to praise you in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs: We praise you for your servants to whom you have given skill in the composition of hymns, especially on this day for Juraj Tranovsky; and we pray that by your grace we may find strength in your praise during this present life, and finally attain to the perfect harmony of the life to come; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i>	Exodus 19:16-25 Romans 8:14-17	96 148	8 105
Sat, May 30, 2020		Exodus 20:1-21 Matthew 5:1-12	92 149	42 43
Sun, May 31, 2020	<b>Day of Pentecost</b> <i>God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i>	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23	93 150	117 139
Mon, Jun 1, 2020	Justin, Martyr, 165 <i>Almighty and everlasting God, through the folly of the cross you taught your martyr Justin the sublime wisdom of Jesus Christ: Grant that all who seek you may be found by you, and, rejecting all falsehood and deception, remain loyal to the faith revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i> [PHP, RS, LFF]	Joel 2:18-29 Romans 8:18-24	83 145	82 29
Tue, Jun 2, 2020		Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29 Romans 8:26-27	108 146	71 133

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Wed, Jun 3, 2020	Martyrs of Uganda, 1886 <i>O God, you make the blood of the martyrs the seed of the Church: Grant that we who remember before you the blessed martyrs of Uganda, who opened in the heart of Africa the new and living way of your Son Jesus Christ, may, like them, persevere unfalteringly in the faith for which they died; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i> [PHP, RS+LFF]	Numbers 11:24-30 John 7:37-39	5 137	89:1-18 89:19-52
Thu, Jun 4, 2020	John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, 1963 <i>Heavenly Father, shepherd of your people, it is your will to heal division and discord among all who are called by the Name of your Son: We pray that the open and reconciling spirit shown by your servant John XXIII may teach us to listen to our fellow Christians with humility and a willingness to learn, and to speak the truth in love, to the healing of our divisions and the renewal of our witness to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i> [PHP]	Job 38:1-11 2 Timothy 1:8-12a	35 44	16 60
Fri, Jun 5, 2020		Job 38:12-21 2 Timothy 1:12b-14	22 27	70 142
Sat, Jun 6, 2020		Job 38:22-38 John 14:15-17	37 56	118 111
Sun, Jun 7, 2020	<b>The Holy Trinity</b> <i>Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by the confession of the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of your divine majesty, to worship the unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever.</i>	Genesis 1:1—2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	84 150	77 113