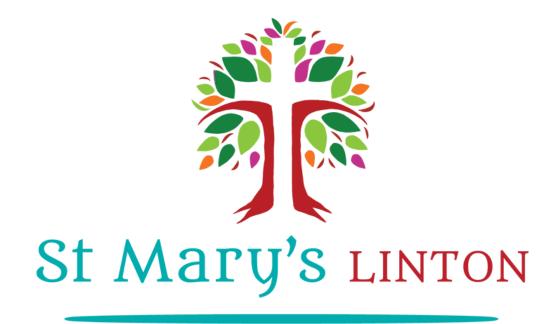
Passiontide Promise

Daily Morning Prayer During the Last Two Weeks of Lent



Rooted in God. Rooted in Community



On Saturday - reflection by Pam

O, dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too, And trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do (C F Alexander)

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving power among the nations.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory for ever.

As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief your only Son was lifted up that he might draw the whole world to himself. May we walk this day in the way of the cross and always be ready to share its weight, declaring your love for all the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom; Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom;

(Taizé community)

Saturday Psalm 130 and a reading from John

2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, • O Lord, who could stand?

3 But there is forgiveness with you, • so that you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; • in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, • more than the night watch for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, ◆ for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him is plenteous redemption • and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. Jesus answered Andrew and Philip, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.'

John 12.23-26





Saturday Week One: VI Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Bystanders and bypassers turn away And wipe his image from their memory. She keeps her station. She is here to stay And stem the flow. She is the reliquary Of his last look on her. The bloody sweat And salt tears of his love are soaking through The folds of her devotion and the wet Folds of her handkerchief, like the dew Of morning, like a softening rain of grace. Because she wiped the grime from off his skin, And glimpsed the godhead in his human face Whose hidden image we all bear within, Through all our veils and shrouds of daily pain The face of God is shining once again.

Malcolm Guite

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

We preach Christ crucified,

the power of God and the wisdom of God.

By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God forbid that I should glory,

save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

cf 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 6

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to those who are being saved it is the power of God.

I Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free. 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David. 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old • to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us, 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant. 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, 6 Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ◆
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ◆
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9 In the tender compassion of our God ◆
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ◆
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to those who are being saved it is the power of God.

With faith and love and in union with Christ, let us offer our prayer before the throne of grace.

Have mercy on your people, for whom your Son laid down his life: **God of love, hear our prayer**

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations, and have pity on those torn apart by division:

God of love, hear our prayer

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake, and deliver them from evil:

God of love, hear our prayer

Look in mercy upon all who suffer, and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation: **God of love, hear our prayer**

Bring comfort to the dying, and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory: **God of love, hear our prayer**

Give rest to the departed and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting: **God of love, hear our prayer**

Let us commend the world, for which Christ died, to the mercy and protection of God.

Collect - Week One:

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 our Lord.

Amen.

Standing at the foot of the cross, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The Conclusion

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve him with joy.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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