

ALL SAINTS DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

The Season of Lent 2019



"O God, early in the morning I cry to you.

Help me to pray

And to concentrate my thoughts on you;

I cannot do this alone..."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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ALL SAINTS SERVICES
FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 AM	Chapel Service
12:00 PM	Sanctuary Service
6:30 PM	Sanctuary Service

DAILY PRAYER

9:30-9:50 AM	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
3:00-3:20 PM	Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

6:30 PM	Footwashing Service in the Sanctuary
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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

6:30 PM	Sanctuary Service
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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Service
9:00 AM	Easter Sunday Service
10:45 AM	Easter Sunday Service

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“As we make the first step into the ‘bright sadness’ of
Lent, we see - far, far away - the destination.
It is the joy of Easter, it is the entrance into
the glory of the Kingdom.”

-Alexander Schmemmann, Great Lent: Journey To Pascha

MARCH 6-9

Leader: Lord, open our lips.
People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Leader: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
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READINGS

Wednesday	Psalms 130	Luke 18:9-14
Thursday	Psalms 37	Deut. 7:6-11
Friday	Psalms 31	Titus 2:1-15
Saturday	Psalms 42 & 43	John 1:43-51

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Amen.*

(AT THIS TIME PERSONAL PRAYERS MAY BE OFFERED.)

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Father in Heaven, the light of your truth gives sight
to the darkness of sinful eyes. May this season of
repentance bring us the blessing of Your forgiveness
and the gift of Your light. Grant this through
Christ our Lord.

People: *Amen.*

I

A PRAYER FOR LENT

by Courtney Thrash

You might have called the stars
to adorn you in celestial robes,
sent away the sun
and kept the earth alive,
in orbit, by your will;
mountains would toss
themselves into seas,
armies of trees and brush
march into battle, your church
established with just
a word.

You chose to stand on legs,
walk on dirt with tired feet,
to look a dad in the eye
and tell him
his daughter lives.
You, who split atoms
with a touch, broke bread
with skin-wrapped hands, drank
with gladness
at weddings,
kitchen tables.
You, whose glory blinds
surer than any light,
clothed yourself in creation.

To you, in whom we hold together,
we hold out empty hands
heavy with lack.
Replace our wine with mercy,
our rich meat with manna.
As we fast from our pride,
like suckling infants,
with grunts and sighs and gulps,
we eat from your body.
Strengthen our spirit
by your flesh,
and bid our flesh to atrophy.
Teach us to die,
for in dying we live.



Cassie Marino, "Out Deeper"

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

LENTEN MEDITATION

The chief biblical analogy for baptism is not the water that washes but the flood that drowns. Discipleship is more than turning over a new leaf. It is more fitful and disorderly than gradual moral formation. Nothing less than daily, often painful, lifelong death will do. So Paul seems to know not whether to call what happened to him on the Damascus Road “birth” or “death” – it felt like both at the same time.

In all this I hear the simple assertion that we must submit to change if we would be formed into this cruciform faith. We may come singing, “Just as I Am,” but we will not stay by being our same old selves. The needs of the world are too great, the suffering and pain too extensive, the lures of the world too seductive for us to begin to change the world unless we are changed, unless conversion of life and morals becomes our pattern. The status quo is too alluring. It is the air we breathe, the food we eat, the six-thirty news, our institutions, theologies, and politics. The only way we shall break its hold on us is to be transferred to another dominion, to be cut loose from our old certainties, to be thrust under the flood and then pulled forth fresh and newborn. Baptism takes us there.

On the bank of some dark river, as we are thrust backward, onlookers will remark, “They could kill somebody like that.” To which old John might say, “Good, you’re finally catching on.”

-William Willimon, *Repent*

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- Leader: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan; Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
- People: *Amen.*

MARCH 11 - 16

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Leader: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
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READINGS

Monday	Psalms 44	Deut. 8:11-20
Tuesday	Psalms 47 & 48	Heb. 3:1-11
Wednesday	Psalms 119:49-72	John 2:23-3:15
Thursday	Psalms 19 & 46	Deut. 9:23-10:5
Friday	Psalms 51	Heb. 4:11-16
Saturday	Psalms 138 & 139	John 4:1-26

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II

A LETTER TO THE CHILDREN OF THE DAY

by Courtney Thrash

bear the night
with confidence
in the morning.
mourn the darkness,
for no good
will come from
denying it.
beware the starlight
that drains
the color
from promises.
lift your eyes
to the east,
ready for the rising Son,
remembering
the miracle
of clouds
as big
and wet
as whales.



Cassie Marino, "Journey"

LENTEN MEDITATION

“For many, if not for the majority of Orthodox Christians, Lent consists of a limited number of formal, predominantly negative, rules and prescriptions: abstinence from certain food, dancing, perhaps movies. Such is the degree of our alienation from the real spirit of the Church that it is almost impossible for us to understand that there is “something else” in Lent—something without which all these prescriptions lose much of their meaning. This “something else” can best be described as an “atmosphere,” a “climate” into which one enters, as first of all a state of mind, soul, and spirit which for seven weeks permeates our entire life. Let us stress once more that the purpose of Lent is not to force on us a few formal obligations but to “soften” our heart so that it may open itself to the realities of the spirit, to experience the hidden “thirst and hunger” for communion with God.

This Lenten “atmosphere,” this unique “state of mind,” is brought about mainly by means of worship, by the various changes introduced during that season into the liturgical life. Considered separately, these changes may appear as incomprehensible “rubrics,” as formal prescriptions to be formally adhered to; but understood as a whole, they reveal and communicate the spirit of Lent, they make us see, feel, and experience that bright sadness which is the true message and gift of Lent.”

- Alexander Schmemmann, *Great Lent*

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- Leader: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy:
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and bring them again with penitent hearts and
steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the
unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your
Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, for ever and ever.
- People: *Amen.*

MARCH 18 - 23

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READINGS

Monday	Psalms 64 & 65	Jer. 1:11-19
Tuesday	Psalms 61 & 62	Rom. 1:16-25
Wednesday	Psalms 72	John 5:1-18
Thursday	Psalms 74	Jer. 4:19-28
Friday	Psalms 73	Rom. 2:25-3:18
Saturday	Psalms 23 & 27	John 7:1-13

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III

REFLECTING

by Mary Kat Cone

Dusky morning,

A fisherman pushes off
from the pier
and paddles out
into the foggy atmosphere.

He is heavy

with the routine of it all —
this old dingy
the going out
fog.

When he casts his net,
of course, he catches. The fish
are teeming,
piles of fat, slippery fish piled
one on another.
He hauls up
the bounty.

But, since it is Lent,
our man throws a few back,
a few of the finer in the group:
rainbow trout, in all its glory
a sampling of salmon,
lionfish, two, maybe three,
then his Yeti, ipad,
personal computer, Splash!
The car keys go next,
Plop! followed by the photo
of his long-dead parent,
that payment he can never pay
his sunglasses,
his shoes.

By the time the sun is up
this man
is standing in an empty boat.
He is looking

REFLECTION

by Mary Kat Cone

It's impossible, really
to look away
from cavernous fury
like that sea
ferocious
the night He
slept & woke
then spoke —

a rebuke
that did not
slice
like thorns in
His crown
a correction
that did not
pierce
like spear in
His side

that calmed, like a hand stretched out,
from a God whose body
was weak enough, whose word
was still enough for us
to realize
our seat, there,
in his boat.



Cassie Marino, "Firm Foundation"

LENTEN MEDITATION

“When I’m working as an artist-in-residence at parochial schools, I like to read the psalms out loud to inspire the students, who are usually not aware that the snippets they sing at Mass are among the greatest poems in the world. But I have found that when I have asked children to write their own psalms, their poems often have an emotional directness that is similar to that of the Biblical Psalter. They know what it’s like to be small in a world designed for big people, to feel lost and abandoned. Children are frequently astonished to discover that the psalmists so freely express the more unacceptable emotions, sadness and even anger, even anger at God, and all of this is in the Bible that they hear read in church on Sunday morning.

Children who are picked on by their big brothers and sisters can be remarkably adept when it comes to writing cursing psalms, and I believe that the writing process offers them a safe haven in which to work through their desires for vengeance in a healthy way. Once a little boy wrote a poem called, “The Monster Who Was Sorry.” He began by admitting that he hates it when his father yells at him: his response in the poem is to throw his sister down the stairs, and then to wreck his room, and finally to wreck the whole town. The poem concludes: “Then I sit in my messy house and say to myself, ‘I shouldn’t have done all that.’”

“My messy house” says it all: with more honesty than most adults could have mustered, the boy made a metaphor for himself that admitted the depth of his rage and also gave him a way out. If that boy had been a novice in the fourth-century monastic desert, his elders might have told him that he was well on the way toward repentance, not such a monster after all, but only human. If the house is messy, they might have said, why not clean it up, why not make it into a place where God might wish to dwell?”

- Kathleen Norris, *My Messy House*

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People: *Amen.*

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READINGS

Monday	Psalms 80	Jer. 7:1-15
Tuesday	Psalms 78	Rom. 4:13-25
Wednesday	Psalms 119:97-120	John 8:12-20
Thursday	Psalms 85 & 86	Jer. 10:11-24
Friday	Psalms 91 & 92	Rom. 6:1-11
Saturday	Psalms 136	John 8:47-59

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IV

“Your petitions—though they continue to bear
just the one signature—have been duly recorded.

Your anxieties—despite their constant,

relatively narrow scope and inadvertent
entertainment value—nonetheless serve
to bring your person vividly to mind.

Your repentance—all but obscured beneath
a burgeoning, yellow fog of frankly more
conspicuous resentment—is sufficient.

Your intermittent concern for the sick,
the suffering, the needy poor is sometimes
recognizable to me, if not to them.

Your angers, your zeal, your lipsmackingly
righteous indignation toward the many
whose habits and sympathies offend you—

these must burn away before you’ll apprehend
how near I am, with what fervor I adore
precisely these, the several who rouse your passions.”

-Scott Cairns, “Possible Answers to Prayer”



Cassie Marino, "Mountains will Sing"

LENTEN MEDITATION

“Jesus presents to us the great mystery of the descending way. It is the way of suffering, but also the way to healing. It is the way of humiliation, but also the way to resurrection. It is the way of tears, but of tears that turn into tears of joy....

The descending way of love, the way to the poor, the broken, and oppressed becomes the ascending way of love, the way to joy, peace, and new life. The cross is transformed from a sign of defeat into a sign of victory, from a sign of despair into a sign of hope, from a sign of death into a sign of life....

Each one of us has to seek out his or her own descending way of love.... The descending way is a way that is concealed in each person's heart. But because it is so seldom walked on, it is often overgrown with weeds. Slowly but surely we have to clear the weeds, open the way, and set out on it unafraid.”

- Henri J.M. Nouwen, from *Letters to Marc About Jesus*

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APRIL 1 - 6

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READINGS

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Wednesday	Psalm 101	John 6:27-40
Thursday	Psalm 73	Jer. 22:13-23
Friday	Psalm 107:1-32	Rom. 8:28-39
Saturday	Psalm 108:1-6(7-13)	John 6:60-71

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CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came
down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life
to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may
live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: *Amen.*

V

THE MOTHER

by Courtney Thrash

He has half a face
lying on his side,
forehead to my neck,
lips whispering love
and devotion, exhaling
confessions we hold
tight in our chest,
sins we weep on feet—
hair half-swept to the floor—
while voices shake
their heads until,
helpless, we lie
face to breast, breath
hot with sorrow
and sigh,
“Abba”

I brush away veils
of hair from his eyes,
cup cheek, slackened
with sleep, in my hand
and sing,
“My child.”



Cassie Marino, "Help Me See"

LENTEN MEDITATION

“Lent is like an ellipse: It is a single entity with a double focus. The Forty Days are (1) a time for a probing consideration of our human condition, including sin and its deadly consequences for both individuals and society, and (2) a time for an equally intense consideration of the new possibilities offered to us in Jesus Christ and their implications for practical living...We begin by stressing penitence: an acknowledgement of our rebellion against God and our alienation from God’s whole creation. We move on to the fruits of repentance: the amendment of life that results when we turn around and by God’s grace head in a new direction.”

- Laurence Hull Stookey, “Calendar: Christ’s Time For The Church”

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

- Leader: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.
- People: *We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. We pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

- Leader: Let us pray:
- People: *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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

(AT THIS TIME PERSONAL PRAYERS MAY BE OFFERED.)

CLOSING PRAYER

- Leader: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
- People: *Amen.*

APRIL 8 - 13

Leader: Lord, open our lips.
People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Leader: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
People: *Come let us adore him.*

READINGS

Monday	Psalms 31	Jer. 24:1-10
Tuesday	Psalms 121 - 123	Rom. 10:1-13
Wednesday	Psalms 128 - 130	John 10:1-18
Thursday	Psalms 140 and 142	Jer. 26:1-16
Friday	Psalms 141 and 143	Rom. 11:13-24
Saturday	Psalms 42 and 43	John 11:28-44

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:
People: *Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.*

-from The Book of Common Prayer

“KYRIE ELEISON” OR “CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART”

MUSIC ON PG. 44 & 45

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us
absolution and remission of all our sins, true
repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and
consolation of His Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

*People: 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 debts as we
forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.*

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CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the
unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your
people grace to love what you command and desire
what you promise; that, among the swift and varied
changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be
fixed where true joys are to be found; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

VI

“O God, early in the morning I cry to you.
Help me to pray
And to concentrate my thoughts on you:
I cannot do this alone.
In me there is darkness,
But with you there is light;
I am lonely, but you do not leave me;
I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help;
I am restless, but with you there is peace.
In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience;
I do not understand your ways,
But you know the way for me...
Restore me to liberty,
And enable me to live now
That I may answer before you and before me.
Lord, whatever this day may bring,
Your name be praised. Amen”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, “I Cannot Do This Alone”



Cassie Marino, "Road Home"

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - PALM SUNDAY

LENTEN MEDITATION

“And the third day he rose again”; what are we to make of that? One thing is certain: if he was God and nothing else, his immortality means nothing to us; if he was man and no more, his death is no more important than yours or mine. But if he really was both God and man, then when the man Jesus died, God died too, and when the God Jesus rose from the dead, the man rose too, because they were one and the same person. The Church binds us to no theory about the exact composition of Christ’s Resurrection Body. A body of some kind there had to be, since man cannot perceive the Infinite otherwise than in terms of space and time. It may have been made from the same elements as the body that disappeared so strangely from the guarded tomb, but it was not that old, limited, mortal body, though it was recognizably like it. In any case, those who saw the risen Christ remained persuaded that life was worth living and death a triviality—an attitude curiously unlike that of the modern defeatist, who is firmly persuaded that life is a disaster and death (rather inconsistently) a major catastrophe.

Now, nobody is compelled to believe a single word of this remarkable story. God (says the Church) has created us perfectly free to disbelieve in him as much as we choose. If we do disbelieve, then he and we must take the consequences in a world ruled by cause and effect. Now, we may call this story exhilarating or we may call it devastating; we may call it revelation or we may call it rubbish; but if we call it dull, then words have no meaning at all. That God should play the tyrant over man is a dismal story of unrelieved oppression; that man should play the tyrant over man is the usual dreary record of human futility; but that man should play the tyrant over God and find him a better man than himself is an astonishing drama indeed. Any journalist, hearing of it for the first time, would recognize it as News; those who did hear it for the first time actually called it News, and good news at that; though we are apt to forget that the word Gospel ever meant anything so sensational.

Perhaps the drama is played out now, and Jesus is safely dead and buried. Perhaps. It is ironical and entertaining to consider that once at least in the world’s history those words might have been spoken with complete conviction, and that was upon the eve of the Resurrection.

- Dorothy Sayers, “The Greatest Drama”

Leader: Lord, open our lips.
People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

- Leader: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.
- People: *We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. We pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

- Leader: Let us pray:
- People: *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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

(AT THIS TIME PERSONAL PRAYERS MAY BE OFFERED.)

CLOSING PRAYER

- Leader: Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
- People: *Amen.*

HOLY WEEK, APRIL 15 - 20

Leader: Lord, open our lips.
People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Leader: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
People: *Come let us adore him.*

READINGS

Monday	Psalm 69:1-23	Jer 12:1-16
Tuesday	Psalm 94	Phil 3:15-21
Wednesday	Psalm 74	John 12:27-36
Maundy Thursday	Psalm 102	Jer 20:7-11
Good Friday	Psalm 54	John 19:38-42
Holy Saturday	Psalm 27	Heb. 4:1-16

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:
People: *Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.*

-from The Book of Common Prayer

“KYRIE ELEISON” OR “CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART”

MUSIC ON PG. 42 & 43

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us
absolution and remission of all our sins, true
repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and
consolation of His Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

People: *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 debts as we forgive our
debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for
Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

(AT THIS TIME PERSONAL PRAYERS MAY BE OFFERED.)

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for
the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus
Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death
upon the cross, giving us the example of his great
humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way
of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever.

People: *Amen.*

E A S T E R

“What hard travail God does in death!
He strives in sleep, our despair,
And all flesh shudders underneath
The nightmare of his sepulcher.

The earth shakes, grinding its deep stone;
All night the cold wind heaves and pries;
Creation straining sinew and bone
Against the dark door where he lies.

The sky bent, pent in seed, grows straight
And stands. Pain breaks in song. Surprising
The merely dead, graves fill with light
Like opened eyes. He rests in rising.”

-Wendell Berry



Cassie Marino, "Son Rise"

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

EASTER SUNDAY MEDITATION

On the third day the friends of Christ coming at daybreak to the place found the grave empty and the stone rolled away. In varying ways they realized the new wonder; but even they hardly realized that the world had died in the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth and in a semblance of the gardener God walked again in the garden, in the cool not of the evening but the dawn.

- G. K. Chesterton, *The Everlasting Man*

Leader: Lord, open our lips.
People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

- Leader: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.
- People: *We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. We pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

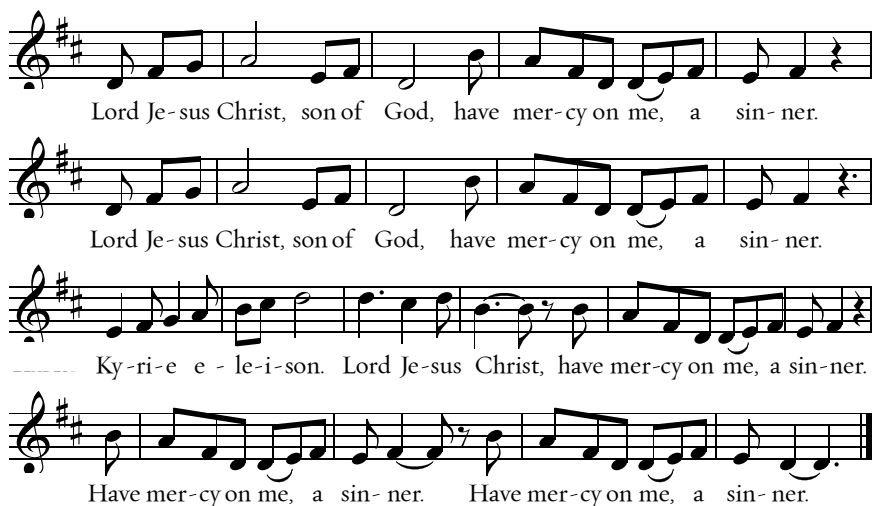
- Leader: Let us pray:
- People: *Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

(AT THIS TIME PERSONAL PRAYERS MAY BE OFFERED.)

CLOSING PRAYER

- Leader: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
- People: *Amen.*

KYRIE ELEISON



Lord Je-sus Christ, son of God, have mer-cy on me, a sin-ner.

Lord Je-sus Christ, son of God, have mer-cy on me, a sin-ner.

----- Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son. Lord Je-sus Christ, have mer-cy on me, a sin-ner.

Have mer-cy on me, a sin- ner. Have mer-cy on me, a sin- ner.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first two staves are identical. The third staff begins with a rest followed by the text 'Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son.' and then continues with the same melody as the previous staves. The fourth staff continues the melody with the text 'Have mer-cy on me, a sin- ner. Have mer-cy on me, a sin- ner.' and ends with a double bar line.

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CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

||: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re - new a right spi - rit with - in me. :|| (REPEAT)

Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, O Lord.

Take not Thy Ho - ly Spi - rit from me.

Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion,

and re - new a right spi - rit with - in me.

||: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re - new a right spi - rit with - in me. :|| (REPEAT)

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