



DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE
The Season of Lent 2018

ALL SAINTS SERVICES
FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING LENT

12:00 - 12:45 PM Eucharist service in the Chapel
with anointing of the sick

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

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

6:30 PM	Sanctuary Service
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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

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

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“The Paschal Mystery is above all the mystery of life, in which the church, by celebrating the death and resurrection of Christ, enters in the Kingdom of Life which he has established once and for all by his definitive victory over sin and death...”

Lent is then not a season of punishment so much as one of healing. There is joy in the salutary fasting and abstinence of the Christian who eats and drinks less in order that his mind may be more clear and receptive to receive the sacred nourishment of God’s word, which the whole church announces and meditates upon in each day’s liturgy throughout Lent. The whole life and teaching of Christ pass before us, and Lent is a season of special reflection and prayer, a forty-day retreat in which each Christian, to the extent that he is able, tries to follow Christ into the desert by prayer and fasting.”

-Thomas Merton, “Spiritual Medicine”

FEBRUARY 14 - 17

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	Psalm 130	Luke 18:9-14
Thursday	Psalm 37	Habbakuk. 3:1-18
Friday	Psalm 31	Philippians 4:1-9
Saturday	Psalms 42 & 43	John 17:20-26

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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

“As through a long-abandoned half-standing house
only someone lost could find,

which, with its paneless windows and sagging crossbeams,
its hundred crevices in which a hundred creatures hoard and nest,
seems both ghost of the life that happened there
and living spirit of this wasted place,

wind seeks and sings every wound in the wood
that is open enough to receive it,

shatter me God into my thousand sounds . . .”

-Christian Wiman, “Small Prayer in a Hard Wind”



Tanja Butler, "Bitter Herbs"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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LENTEN MEDITATION

“To be baptized “into Christ” and “in the name of Christ” means to be incorporated into the way of life which characterized his life, and life of the empty one, the servant, the humble one, the obedient one, obedient even unto death.

That day at the Jordan, knee deep in cold water, with old John drenching him, the Anointed One began his journey down the via crucis. His baptism intimated where he would finally end. His whole life was caught up in this single sign. Our baptism does the same.

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*

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.*

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FEBRUARY 19-24

Leader: Lord, open our lips.
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READINGS

Monday	Psalms 44	Gen. 37:1-11
Tuesday	Psalms 47 & 48	1 Cor. 1:20-31
Wednesday	Psalms 119:49-72	Mark 1:29-45
Thursday	Psalms 19 & 46	Gen. 39:1-23
Friday	Psalms 51	1 Cor. 3:16-23
Saturday	Psalms 138 & 139	Mark 2:23--3:6

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II

“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”



Kreg Yingst, "Psalm 30"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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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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READINGS

Monday	Psalms 64 & 65	Gen. 41:46-57
Tuesday	Psalms 61 & 62	1 Cor. 5:1-8
Wednesday	Psalms 72	Mark 4:1-20
Thursday	Psalms 74	Gen. 42:29-38
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I I I

“What stood will stand, though all be fallen,
The good return that time has stolen.
Though creatures groan in misery,
Their flesh prefigures liberty
To end travail and bring to birth
Their new perfection in new earth.
At word of that enlivening
Let the trees of the woods all sing
And every field rejoice, let praise
Rise up out of the ground like grass.
What stood, whole in every piecemeal
Thing that stood, will stand though all
Fall — field and woods and all in them
Rejoin the primal Sabbath’s hymn.”

-Wendell Berry, “Sabbath Poems 1979, VI”



David Johnson, "Blessing/Sacrifice/Restoration"

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

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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.*

MARCH 5 - 10

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READINGS

Monday	Psalms 80	Gen. 44:18-34
Tuesday	Psalms 78	I Cor. 7:32-40
Wednesday	Psalms 119:97-120	Mark 6:13-29
Thursday	Psalms 85 & 86	Gen. 46:1-7, 28-34
Friday	Psalms 91 & 92	I Cor. 9:16-27
Saturday	Psalms 136	Mark 7:1-23

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IV

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,

Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack

From my first entrance in,

Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning

If I lacked anything.

“A guest,” I answered, “worthy to be here”:

Love said, “You shall be he.”

“I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,

I cannot look on thee.”

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,

“Who made the eyes but I?”

“Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame

Go where it doth deserve.”

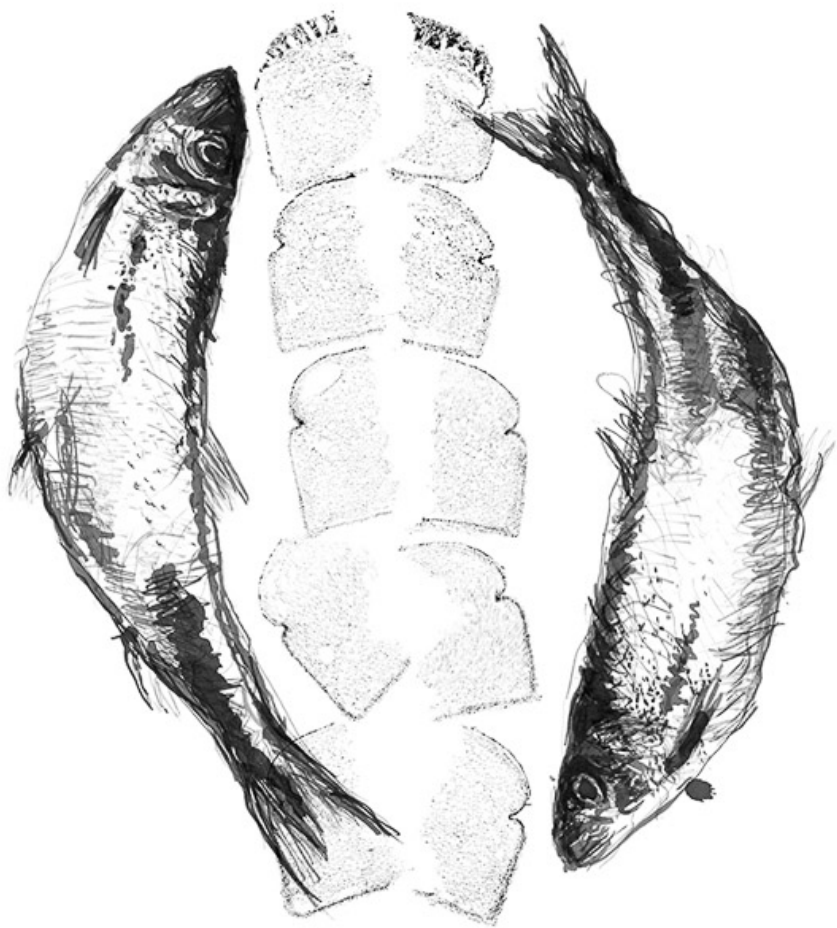
“And know you not,” says Love, “who bore the blame?”

“My dear, then I will serve.”

“You must sit down,” says Love, “and taste my meat.”

So I did sit and eat.

- George Herbert, “Love (III)”



Craig Hawkins, "Miracle No. 4 (Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand)"

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

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LENTEN MEDITATION

All Man-made Religion stands in opposition to the gospel. It is an ascent toward the eternal, perfect God. Up, up—that is its call. God is high above, we are down below; and now we shall soar by means of our moral, spiritual and religious endeavors out of the earthly, human depths into the divine heights. God is too high and the evil in us too deep for us to reach the goal this way. Our souls become crippled and cramped by trying to rise to the highest height. The end is despair, or a self-righteousness that leaves room neither for love of God nor for love of others.

So if we are honest, we have to say that we cannot reach the goal. We cannot become what we ought to become, true men and women. Many let the matter rest there; they confess it, but take no action. They make themselves satisfied with half because they cannot have the whole. God demands all, not just half. And this “all” we are not capable of giving. What is impossible for us is what God wants—all love to him and to our fellow humans. If this is true, it would seem that we can have no good conscience, no trusting relationship with God, no inner peace, and no freedom of the soul.

But God has in his mercy shown us a different way. “You cannot come up to me, so I will come down to you.” And God descends to us human beings. This act of becoming one of us begins at Christmas and ends on Good Friday. God goes to the end. He reaches the goal. To be sure, this end is exactly the opposite of what we fix as our goal. We wish to climb up to heaven; God, however, descends—down to where? To death on the cross. This is why Jesus Christ had to descend into hell. He had to go the way to its very end. Our rightful end is hell, that is, banishment from God—godforsakenness. Only there has God completely come to us, there where he has taken upon himself everything, even the cursed end of our way.

Jesus Christ has gone into hell in order to get us out of there. For with everything he does, that is his goal, that he may get us out, reconcile us with God, and fill us with God’s Spirit. He had to despair of God for us (“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”) so that we do not have to despair of God.

- Emil Brunner, *The Divine Scandal*

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Wednesday	Psalm 101	Mark 8:11-26
Thursday	Psalm 73	Exod. 1:6-22
Friday	Psalm 107:1-32	1 Cor. 12:27-13:3
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Amen.*

(AT THIS TIME PERSONAL PRAYERS MAY BE OFFERED.)

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

“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”



Diego Jourdan Pereira, "Woman at the Well"

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

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

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*

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.*

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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.*

MARCH 19 - 24

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	Exod. 4:13-31
Tuesday	Psalms 121 - 123	1 Cor. 14:20-33a, 39-40
Wednesday	Psalms 128 - 130	Mark 10:1-16
Thursday	Psalms 140 and 142	Exod. 7:25-8:19
Friday	Psalms 141 and 143	2 Cor. 4:1-12
Saturday	Psalms 42 and 43	Mark 10:46-52

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor:
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VI

“When fishes flew and forests walked,
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood,
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry,
And ears like errant wings,
The devil’s walking parody
Of all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient, crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hours and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.”

-G.K. Chesterton, “The Donkey”



5th c. Byzantine floor mosaic from palace of Constantine the Great; "Child and Donkey"

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 - PALM SUNDAY

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

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

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"

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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, MARCH 26 - 31

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	Lam. 1:1-2, 6-12
Tuesday	Psalm 94	2 Cor. 1:8-22
Wednesday	Psalm 74	Mark 12:1-11
Maundy Thursday	Psalm 102	Lam. 2:10-18
Good Friday	Psalm 54	John 19:38-42
Holy Saturday	Psalm 27	Heb. 4:1-16

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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

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EASTER SUNDAY MEDITATION

“The resurrection of Jesus is a sign of God’s purpose and power to restore his creation to its full stature and integrity. Just as death could be seen as the culmination of all that is wrong with the world, so the resurrection can be seen as a pledge of God’s ultimate victory over the disorder which plagues his creation on account of the fall. Death is the greatest enemy and yet death has been defeated by God through Christ. And so we are given hope that the remainder of the powers and forces that confront us are similarly being defeated and their power broken.

The cross spells freedom. It brings liberation from false understandings of God. It shows that God is there—despite all the suggestions that he is not. Good Friday seemed to confirm the idea that God was dead, asleep or indifferent. Easter Day showed that God was alive, well and caring. The cross frees us from the idea that human nature is somehow too sinful, or the human dilemma too complex, for God to do anything about it. The surly bonds which tie us to these deeply pessimistic and oppressive views of God are torn apart by the cross. The creator becomes a creature within his own creation, in order to recreate it. In the aftermath of Gethsemane, we catch the fragrance of Eden. Jesus was betrayed within the garden of Gethsemane, in order to undo the disobedience of human nature within the garden of Eden. The resurrection is like the first day of a new creation.”

- Alister E. McGrath, *In the Light of Victory*

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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.



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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.

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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.

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