



Holy Week

CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Daily Prayer Guide

*A Devotional from
Palm Sunday to Easter 2024*

Palm Sunday—March 24

The Call to Prayer—Psalm 22:4-5, 27

In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.

To You they cried and were rescued;

in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

The Refrain—Colossians 1:19-20

For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

and through him to reconcile to himself all things,

whether on earth or in heaven,

making peace by the blood of his cross.

The Request for Presence—Psalm 123:1, 51:15

To You I lift up my eyes,

O You who are enthroned in the heavens!

Open my lips, O Lord,

And my mouth will declare Your praise.

Confession—from Psalm 38

O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath!

There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;

there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

For my iniquities have gone over my head;

like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

I am feeble and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart.

For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me.

I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

A time of silent confession

Assurance of Pardon—Psalm 38:21-22

Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from me!

Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Lent Reading—Matthew 21:1-17

The Triumphal Entry & Jesus Cleanses the Temple.

The Refrain—Colossians 1:19-20

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and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.

Prayers

Blessing—Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

Monday, March 25

The Call to Prayer—Psalm 105:1-2

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;
make known His deeds among the peoples!
Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
tell of all His wondrous works!

The Refrain—Colossians 1:19-20

For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.

The Request for Presence—Psalm 51:10-11

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Confession—Psalm 51:1-2

Let us confess our sins with honest hearts:

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

A time of silent confession

Assurance of Pardon—Romans 5:10

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. **Amen.**

Lent Reading—John 16:16-33; Psalm 22

The Refrain—Colossians 1:19-20

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and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.

Prayers

Blessing—Ephesians 6:23-24

Peace be to you, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; grace be with you all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible. **Amen.**

Tuesday, March 26

The Call to Prayer—based on Philippians 2:5-9; Isaiah 61:1-2

This is the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord: though He was in the form of God,
He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant.

**Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

**He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
and to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.**

The Refrain—Colossians 1:19-20

For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.

The Request for Presence—Psalm 46:1-2

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.

Confession—Psalm 139:1-3

O Lord, You have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You discern my thoughts from afar.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

A time of silent confession

Assurance of Pardon—Psalm 103:2-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Lent Reading—John 17:1-26; Psalm 23

The Refrain—Colossians 1:19-20

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and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.

Prayers

Blessing—Revelation 1:5-6

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom,
priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Wednesday, March 27

The Call to Prayer—based on Isaiah 25:1; 2 Peter 1:3-5

O Lord, You are my God;

I will exalt You and praise Your name,

for You have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

Your divine power has granted to us all things

that pertain to life and godliness,

through the knowledge of Him

who called us to His own glory and excellence,

by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises,

so that through them we may become partakers of the divine nature,

having escaped from the corruption that is in the world

because of sinful desire.

The Refrain—Colossians 1:19-20

For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

and through him to reconcile to himself all things,

whether on earth or in heaven,

making peace by the blood of his cross.

The Request for Presence—Psalm 36:5

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Glory be 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.

Confession—Based on James 3:14-16

Let us confess our sins with honest hearts:

O God, You see our hearts, nothing can be hidden from You. Please forgive us all our sins. Reveal to us where we have envied others or coveted things that are not ours. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

A time of silent confession

Assurance of Pardon—Based on Timothy 6:6-7

Holy Father, we thank You that we are made pure and blameless in Your sight through the death of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Grant that we may grow content in the joy of the Holy Spirit. There is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. Amen.

Lent Reading—John 18:1-24; Psalm 24

The Refrain—Colossians 1:19-20

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and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.

Prayers

Blessing—from Isaiah 40:6-8

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord will stand forever. **Amen.**

Maundy Thursday—Thursday, March 28

The Call to Prayer—Psalm 86:3-5, 15

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry all the day.

Gladden the soul of Your servant,

for to You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.

The Refrain—Colossians 1:19-20

For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.

The Request for Presence—Psalm 22:27

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

Confession

Let us confess our sins with honest hearts:

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against You

**in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved You with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

(Taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662)

A time of silent confession

Assurance of Pardon

And together we pray:

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways,

to the glory of Your name. Amen.

(Taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662)

Lent Reading—John 18:25-40; Psalm 25

The Refrain—Colossians 1:19-20

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and through him to reconcile to himself all things,

whether on earth or in heaven,

making peace by the blood of his cross.

Prayers

Blessing—1 Corinthians 1:9

Our God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Good Friday—Friday, March 29

The Call to Prayer—Psalm 17:6; 19:14

I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God;

incline Your ear to me; hear my words.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

The Refrain—Colossians 1:19-20

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and through him to reconcile to himself all things,

whether on earth or in heaven,

making peace by the blood of his cross.

The Request for Presence—2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,

so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Confession—Based on Psalm 51:15, 17, Isaiah 53:4-6

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Surely Christ has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

and with his wounds we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

A time of silent confession

Assurance of Pardon—Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,

And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Lent Reading—John 19:1-30; Psalm 26

The Refrain—Colossians 1:19-20

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and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.

Prayers

Blessing—Galatians 1:3-5

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

Holy Saturday—Saturday, March 30

The Call to Prayer—Revelation 4:11; 1 Corinthians 1:18

Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,
for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.
The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Refrain—Colossians 1:19-20

For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.

The Request for Presence—Psalm 46:10-11

“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Confession of Sin—Based on Psalm 130:1-6

Let us confess our sins with honest hearts:
Out of the depths we cry to you, O LORD! O LORD, hear our voices.
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our pleas for mercy!
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
We wait for you, O LORD, our souls wait, and in your word do we hope;
**Our souls wait for the LORD more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.**

A time of silent confession

Assurance of Pardon—Based on Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
And with him is plentiful redemption.
He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Amen.

The Refrain—Colossians 1:19-20

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and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.

Prayers

Blessing

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **Amen.**

Resurrection Sunday—Sunday, March 31

The Call to Prayer—1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Psalm 55:22

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

Let us therefore celebrate the festival,
not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;

He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

The Refrain—Colossians 1:15, 17-18

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church, the beginning and the firstborn from the dead,

So that in everything he might be preeminent.

The Request for Presence—Psalm 123:1, 51:15

To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!

Open my lips, O Lord,

And my mouth will declare Your praise.

Confession of Sin—Based on Philippians 2:1-8

Lord, You tell us that if we are in Christ, there is great encouragement,
comfort in love, and participation in the Spirit.

But we often lack the affection and sympathy that should be a sign of this.

We are not of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Instead, we are anxious about our own ideas

and sometimes we use love to exclude instead of binding together.

We operate from a position of selfish ambition and conceit

and do not have the humility to count others as more significant than ourselves.

We look only to our own interests and not to the interests of others.

O Lord, give us the mind of Christ—

to serve one another without thought of status or position.

May we know what it is to be truly humble and emptied of self and to wholly love.

A time of silent confession

Assurance of Pardon—based on Galatians 2:19-20

For through the law we have died to the law, so that we might live to God.

We have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.

And the lives we now live in the flesh we live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved us and gave himself for us.

Lent Reading—Matthew 28:1-10

The resurrection of Jesus.

The Refrain—Colossians 1:15, 17-18

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He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church, the beginning and the firstborn from the dead,

So that in everything he might be preeminent.

Prayers

Blessing—Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

Amen.



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