



**Morning Prayer**  
**April 14 to April 20**  
*Matins*

- L: O Lord, open my lips,  
C: and my mouth shall declare your praise
- C: 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
- L: The Lord is near to those who call on him.  
C: Oh, come, let us worship him.
- C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
the heights of the hills are also his,  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Oh, come, let us bow down and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.  
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.
- L: The Lord is near to those who call on him.  
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## Psalms

Apr 14 Monday: 121

Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared a quiet place for us in your Father's eternal home. Watch over our welfare on this perilous journey, shade us from the burning heat of day, and keep our lives free of evil now and forever. Amen.

Apr 16 Tuesday: 25

Lord our God, You show us Your ways of compassion and love, and You spare sinners. Remember not our sins; relieve our misery; satisfy the longing of Your people; and fulfill all our hopes for eternal peace through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Apr 16 Wednesday: 27

Gracious Father, protector of those who hope in You: You heard the cry of Your Son and kept Him safe in Your shelter in the day of evil. Grant that Your servants who seek Your face in times of trouble may see Your goodness in the land of the living, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Apr 17 Thursday: 126

Lord Jesus, our life and our resurrection, the tears You sowed in the sorrow of Your Passion brought the earth to flower on Easter morning. Renew the wonders of Your power in the Church, so that, after the sorrows of our exile, we may come home to You in gladness and praise You now and forever. Amen.

Apr 18 Friday: 105

God our Father, through the death and resurrection of Your Son you have fulfilled the promise to Abraham, Joseph, and Moses to redeem the world from slavery and to lead us into the Promised Land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise You forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Apr 19 Saturday: 31

God of kindness and truth, You saved Your chosen one, Jesus Christ, and You give Your martyrs strength. Watch over Your people who come to You now, and strengthen the hearts of those who hope in You, that they may proclaim your saving acts of kindness in the eternal city; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Apr 20 Sunday: 93

Lord Jesus, king of glory, when You rose from the grave in the power of the Spirit, You firmly established Your kingdom, never to be shaken or destroyed by death. May Your will be done on earth as in heaven until the Church is made holy by Your embrace, our Redeemer and our Lord. Amen.

Lessons:

Apr 14 Monday **of Holy Week**

Jeremiah 11:18-20; 12:1-17

Philippians 3:1-14

John 12:9-19

Apr 15 Tuesday **of Holy Week**

Jeremiah 15:10-21

Philippians 3:15-21

John 12:20-26

Apr 16 Wednesday **of Holy Week**

Jeremiah 17:5-10, 14-18

Philippians 4:1-13

John 12:27-36

Apr 17 Thursday **Maundy Thursday**

Jeremiah 20:7-18

1 Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:27-32

John 17:1-26

Apr 18 Friday **Good Friday**

Wisdom 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Genesis 22:1-14

1 Peter 1:10-20

John 13:36-38

Apr 19 Saturday **of Holy Week**

Job 19:21-27a

Hebrews 4:1-16

Romans 8:1-11

Apr 20 Sunday **Easter Sunday**

Exodus 12:1-14

Isaiah 51:9-11

Luke 24:13-35

- L: In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.
- C: But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.
- C: Glory to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Our salvation, life, and resurrection.
- C: 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.
- L: 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.
- C: 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.
- C: Glory to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Our salvation, life, and resurrection.

Prayer of the day:

Apr 15 Monday **of Holy Week**

All-powerful God, by the suffering and death of Your Son, strengthen and protect us in our weakness. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Apr 16 Tuesday **of Holy Week**

Father, may we receive Your forgiveness and mercy as we celebrate the passion and death of the Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Apr 17 Wednesday **of Holy Week**

Father, in Your plan of salvation Your Son Jesus Christ accepted the cross and freed us from the power of the enemy. May we come to share the glory of His resurrection, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Apr 18 Thursday **Maundy Thursday**

Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit You anointed Your only Son Messiah and Lord of creation; You have given us a share in His consecration of priestly service in Your Church. Help us to be faithful witnesses in the world to the salvation Christ won for all mankind. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Apr 19 Friday **Good Friday**

Lord, by shedding His blood for us Your Son, Jesus Christ, established the paschal mystery. In Your goodness, make us holy and watch over us always. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Apr 20 Saturday **of Holy Week**

Almighty and eternal God, You created all things in wonderful beauty and order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation by which in the fullness of time You redeemed Your people through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

## Apr 21 Sunday **Easter Sunday**

God our Father, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to men who had begun to lose hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold that first He must die, and then He would rise and ascend into His Father's glorious presence. May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know Him in the breaking of bread, and follow Him in His risen life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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.

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord almighty bless us,  
and direct our days and our deeds in his peace.

C: Amen.

Morning Prayer from LBW and *For All the Saints*

*For 200 years St. John's has been a  
bright beacon of Christ's light and life  
for the world.*

***200 years and the work continues:***

*That all might know*

*Christ's Love.*

*AS WE REFLECT ON JESUS'  
DEATH/RESURRECTION AND GOD'S  
UNMATCHED GENEROSITY  
TOWARDS US AND ALL CREATION,  
WE REALIZE IT'S ONLY BY HIS  
GRACE/FORGIVENESS THAT I CAN  
EVEN WRITE OR SPEAK ABOUT  
GENEROSITY—FOR HIS GENEROSITY  
IS BOTH PERFECT AND COMPLETE  
IN EVERY WAY.*

***God Loves you  
so very much!***

*ST. JOHN'S IS A GROUP OF SINNERS  
WHO HAVE BEEN CLAIMED BY GOD  
TO GATHER IN THIS PLACE TO  
WORSHIP HIM,  
TO LEARN ABOUT HIM,  
TO BASK IN HIS LOVE,  
TO SHARE HIS LOVE WITH EACH  
OTHER, AND TO SPREAD THAT LOVE  
WITH THE WORLD.*

**GRACE**  
*happens*



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