

St John's Episcopal Church, Aberdeen
Morning Prayer (Passion Sunday to Easter Eve)
THE SUFFERING CHRIST

O Lord, open our lips:
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever.**
Amen.

PSALMODY

Antiphon: I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name for evermore. (Psalm 86.12)

Opening (from Ps 86)

- 1 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,* nor anything like your works.
- 2 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,*and glorify your name.
- 3 For you are great; you do wondrous things;* and you alone are God.
- 4 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;* knit my heart to you that I may fear your name.

Glory to the Father...

Variable Psalm

Palm Sunday	103	Maundy Thursday	116;117
Monday	11;12	Good Friday	129;130
Tuesday	69.19-38	Holy Saturday	139
Wednesday	10		

Conclusion from Lamentations 3

Remember my affliction and bitterness*the wormwood and the gall!
My soul continually thinks of it* and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind* and therefore I have hope -

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases* his mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning* great is his faithfulness.

'The Lord is my portion.' says my soul:* 'therefore I will hope in him.'

Glory to the Father...

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READING(S) (1 or 2 of these may be used)

Palm Sunday	Zechariah 9:9–12, 1 Timothy 6:12–16
Monday	Lamentations 1:1–2, 6–12, 2 Corinthians 1:1–7, Mark 11:12–25
Tuesday	Lam 1:17–22, 2 Cor 1:8–22, Mark 11:27–33
Wednesday	Lam 2:1–9, 2 Cor 1:23 – 2:11, Mark 12:1–11
Maundy Thursday	Lam 2:10–18, 1 Cor 10:14–17; 11:27–32, Mark 14:12–25
Good Friday	Lam 3:1–9, 19–33 1 Peter 1:10–20 John 13:36–38
Holy Saturday	Job 19:21–27a, Hebrews 4:1–16

Silence

Response (Psalm 119.123)

My eyes have failed from watching for your salvation.

My eyes have failed from watching for your salvation.

And for your righteous promise.

For your salvation.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

My eyes have failed from watching for your salvation.

Benedictus

Antiphons

Palm Sunday	Hosanna to the Son of David! (Matthew 21.9)
Monday	Deliver me O Lord from evil, preserve me from the wicked. (Psalm 140.1)
Tuesday	False witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. (Psalm 27.12)
Wednesday	Christ Jesus humbled himself even to death. (Phil 2.8)
Thursday	A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, says the Lord. (John 13.34)
Friday	We proclaim Christ, nailed to the cross. (cf 1 Cor 1.23)
Saturday	Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up, says the Lord. (John 2.19)

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,*
for he 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 he promised of old*
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us.

4 He promised to show mercy to our forebears,*
and to remember his holy covenant.
5 This was the oath he 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 You my 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.

Glory to the Father... (may be said by all)

(Antiphon after Benedictus may be said by all)

Prayers

Intercessions – we pray for the world, the nation, the church, those who have died, those who are ill and suffering, for ourselves.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Do not bring us to the time of trial, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Amen.

Collect of the Day (backpage of booklet)

God most holy, we give you thanks for bringing us out of the shadow of night into the light of morning; and we ask you for the joy of spending this day in your service, so that when evening comes, we may once more give you thanks, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil; **and bring us to life eternal. Amen.**

Morning Prayer (Easter Sunday to Ascension)
NEW LIFE - THE LORD

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and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever.
Amen.

PSALMODY

Antiphon: Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep. (1 Corinthians 15-20)

Opening - Easter Anthems

- 1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us;*
so let us celebrate the feast.
- 2 Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness,*
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more;*
death has no more dominion over him.
- 4 In dying, he died to sin once for all;*
in living, he lives to God.
- 5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin,*
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 6 Christ has been raised from the dead,*
the first fruits of those who sleep.
- 7 For as by man came death,*
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
- 8 For as in Adam all die,*
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory to the Father...

Variable Psalms

Sundays	118	Thursdays	92 (93)
Mondays	9	Fridays	96 (97)
Tuesdays	18.1-20	Saturdays	148 (149)
Wednesdays	126		

Conclusion (from Wisdom 10)

- 1 Wisdom freed a holy people and a blameless race,*
from a nation of oppressors.
- 2 She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord,*
and withstood fearsome rulers with wonders and signs.
- 3 To the saints she gave the reward of their labours,*
and led them by a marvellous road.
- 4 She was their shelter by day,*
and a blaze of stars by night.
- 5 She brought them across the Red Sea;*
she led them through mighty waters.
- 6 She swallowed their enemies in the waves,*
and spat them out from the depths of the sea.
- 7 Then, Lord, the righteous sang the glories of your name,*
and praised together your protecting hand.
- 8 For wisdom opened the mouths of the silent.*
and gave speech to the tongues of her children.

Glory to the Father...

**Antiphon: Christ has been raised from the dead: the first fruits
of those who sleep.**

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Easter Sunday	Ezekiel 37:1–14, 1 Cor 15:1–11, Luke 24:13–35
Easter Monday	Exodus 12:1–20, 1 Cor 15:1–11, Mark 16:1–8
Tuesday	Exodus 12:21–39, 1 Cor 15:12–28, Mark 16:9–20
Wednesday	Exodus 12:40–51, 1 Cor 15:30–41, Matthew 28:1–16
Thursday	Exodus 13:1–16, 1 Cor 15:41–50, Matthew 28:16–20
Friday	Exodus 13:17 – 14:4, 1 Cor 15:51–58, Luke 24:1–12
Saturday	Exodus 14:5–22, 2 Cor 4:16 – 5:10, Mark 12:18–27
Easter 1	Isaiah 26:1–9, 19, Romans 4:13–25, Luke 24:1–12
Monday 20 th	Exodus 14:21–31, 1 Peter 1:1–12, John 14:1–17
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Wednesday	Exodus 15:22 – 16:10, 1 Peter 2:1–10, John 15:1–11
Thursday	Exodus 16:10–22, 1 Peter 2:11–25, John 15:12–27
Friday	Exodus 16:23–36, 1 Peter 3:13 – 4:6, John 16:1–15

Silence

Response (Psalm 96.4)

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, alleluia, alleluia.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, alleluia, alleluia.

He is more to be feared than all gods. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, alleluia, alleluia.

BENEDICTUS

Antiphons:

Week 1 The Lord is risen indeed, **alleluia!**

Week 2 Peace be with you, **says the Lord; alleluia!**

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for he has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,*
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Collects for Holy Week and Easter

Monday of Holy Week Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it to be for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Tuesday of Holy Week O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. May our lives be so transformed by his passion that we may witness to his grace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Wednesday of Holy Week Lord God, your Son our Saviour gave his body to be whipped and turned his face for men to spit upon. Give your servants grace to accept suffering for his sake, confident of the glory that will be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Maundy Thursday O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Good Friday Almighty God, look graciously, we pray, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Holy Saturday O God, creator of heaven and earth, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so may we await with him the coming of the third day and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Easter Sunday Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

Collects for the other Sundays in April can be found in the Collects, Hymns and Readings booklet, The Collect from Sunday is used through the rest of the week following in Morning and Evening Prayer.