

## READINGS

### The First Reading

[Isaiah 49: 1–7](#)

### The Psalm

[Psalm 71: 1–14](#)

### The Second Reading

[1 Corinthians 1: 18–31](#)

### The Gospel Reading

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## COLLECTS OF THE DAY

### Collect One

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who, of thy tender love towards mankind,  
hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
to take upon him our flesh,  
and to suffer death upon the cross,  
that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility;  
Mercifully grant,  
that we may both follow the example of his patience,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### **Collect Two**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who, in your tender love towards the human race,  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
Grant that we may follow the example  
of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God,  
who by the passion of your blessed Son made  
an instrument of shameful death  
to be for us the means of life:  
Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ,  
that we may gladly suffer pain and loss  
for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Lent Collect**

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who, in your tender love towards the human race,  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
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one God, now and for ever.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **POST COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation.  
Give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
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### **PRAYERS**

Almighty God,  
Your name is glorified  
even in the anguish of your Son's death.  
Grant us the courage  
to receive your anointed servant  
who embodies a wisdom and love  
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that is foolishness to the world.  
empower us in witness  
so that all the world may recognise  
in the scandal of the cross the mystery of reconciliation. Amen.

Faithful Midwife,  
as you delivered the Hebrews safely  
out of the long labor of slavery,  
so, morning by morning,  
you draw us forth into the new day.  
Surround us with a cloud of witnesses,  
and sustain us by your powerful word,  
that, in the night of loneliness and fear,  
we, being weary, may not lost heart  
but push toward the joy that is to come,  
labouring with Christ  
to give birth to your promised kingdom. Amen.

Creator of the universe,  
you made the world in beauty,  
and restore all things in glory  
through the victory of Jesus Christ.  
We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured  
by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war, and greed,  
the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Christ our God,  
your love is poured out in death for our sakes.  
Hold us in your embrace  
as we wait for Easter's dawn.  
Comfort us with the promise that no power on earth, not even death itself,  
can separate us from your love;  
and strengthen us to wait  
until you are revealed to us  
in all your risen glory. Amen.

God, through Christ, has given us as a covenant to the people,  
to heal and to liberate through prayer and work.  
We gather the concerns of the church and the world,  
and hold them in our hearts before our creator and redeemer.

Gracious God, the hope of all in need,  
pour your Spirit upon us,  
that we may be instruments of your justice and compassion,  
a light to the nations,  
and a living promise of your new heaven and new earth. Amen.

God of steadfast love,  
light of the blind and liberator of the oppressed,  
we see your holy purpose in the tender compassion of Jesus,  
who calls us into new and living friendship with you.  
May we, who take shelter in the shadow of your wings,  
be filled with the grace of his tender caring;  
may we, who stumble in selfish darkness,  
see your glory in the light of his self-giving.  
We ask this through him whose suffering is victorious,  
Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

## HYMN SUGGESTIONS

### Suggested Hymns

#### 1st Reading Isaiah 49: 1–7

685\* Blessed be the God of Israel

691\* Faithful vigil ended

481\* God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year

125\* Hail to the Lord's anointed

192 [How brightly beams the morning star]

706\* O bless the God of Israel

595\* Safe in the shadow of the Lord

#### Psalm Psalm 71: 1–14

Ms\* A city strong we claim as ours

643\* Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

459\* For all the saints who from their labours rest (vv. 1–3)

668\* God is our fortress and our rock

620 O Lord, hear my prayer

557\* Rock of ages, cleft for me

595\* Safe in the shadow of the Lord

#### 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 18–31

643\* Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

646\* Glorious things of thee are spoken

225 In the cross of Christ I glory  
698\* Jesus, Saviour of the world  
671 Jesus, thy blood and righteousness  
484\* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
232 Nature with open volume stands  
241\* Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle  
600 The wise may bring their learning  
248\* We sing the praise of him who died  
247\* When I survey the wondrous cross

**The Gospel John 12: 20–36**

348 Father, we love you, we worship and adore you  
668\* God is our fortress and our rock  
43\* [Holy is the seed–time, when the buried grain]  
484\* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
227\* Man of sorrows! What a name  
278 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain (omit v.3)  
237\* O my Saviour, lifted  
241\* Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle  
473 [Síormoladh is glóir duit, a Athair shíorai]  
[(All glory and praise to you, Father, above)]  
490\* The Spirit lives to set us free