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**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.

**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.

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy,  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of his cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Lent collect**

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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### Prayers

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Meditations

God whose word cannot be broken:  
with Jerusalem we are stunned this Holy Week.  
Like a city overcome with sudden devastation,  
we are swept up in the confusion and desolation,  
wondering what is happening.

Liturgy, Scripture, and song immerse us in the river that flows to betrayal and the cross.

The gospel we have tried to make manageable has overturned our tables of control.

The sufferings of Jesus that we try to avoid engulf us.

The fruitless fig tree withers

before the majesty of one whose mission is relentless and uncompromised.

Help us with all of your church to watch and pray,

to behold anew the unfolding scandal

and the ragged good news of salvation.

Behold with mercy the agonies of the world

where the suffering of Jesus is being completed, both then and now.

Let the *Via Dolorosa* for us be both acts of devotion and worship

and of compassion and justice,

so that Christ's abundant sufferings become the world's abundant consolations.

Lord God,

Six days before his death, your son sat with Lazarus,

Whom he had raised from the dead,

And ate dinner with his friends.

Once again, your gospel tells us, Martha served,  
And Mary knelt at Jesus' feet  
To anoint them with costly perfume.  
The disciple who was about to betray him  
Said that it was a waste.  
He didn't care about the poor, really –  
He just wanted to fill his own pockets  
And make Mary feel ashamed.  
Lord God,  
Often we cannot discern what is best:  
When to pour out costly perfume for your sake,  
Even if the world thinks it a waste.  
When to be busy serving,  
Or when to rest at your Son's feet and learn.  
Give us ears to hear you and eyes to see.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

### Evening

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,  
and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ;  
give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted,  
shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

### Suggested Hymns

#### 1st Reading Isaiah 42: 1–9

643\* Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
691\* Faithful vigil ended  
353\* Give to our God immortal praise  
330\* God is here! As we his people  
124\* [Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes]  
357 I'll praise my maker while I've breath  
97\* Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
99\* Jesus, the name high over all  
134\* Make way, make way for Christ the King  
305 O Breath of life, come sweeping through us  
104\* O for a thousand tongues to sing  
605 Will you come and follow me

#### Psalm 36: 5–11

6\* Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
553\* Jesu, lover of my soul

**2nd Reading Hebrews 9: 11–15**

411\* Draw near and take the body of the Lord  
220\* Glory be to Jesus  
417 He gave his life in endless love  
418\* Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face  
94\* In the name of Jesus  
671 Jesus, thy blood and righteousness  
439\* Once, only once, and once for all  
528\* The Church's one foundation  
9 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
291 Where high the heavenly temple stands

**The Gospel John 12: 1–11**

517\* Brother, sister, let me serve you  
548 Drop, drop, slow tears  
523\* Help us to help each other, Lord  
495\* Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love  
101\* Jesus, the very thought of thee  
587\* Just as I am without one plea  
7\* My God, how wonderful thou art  
597\* Take my life, and let it be  
499\* When I needed a neighbour, were you there