

# DAILY FAMILY READINGS

*for Lent*





# INTRODUCTION

Lent is a season that happens in preparation for Easter and lasts for 40 days. During Lent, people often do things to help them grow closer to God and think about the important things in life. It lasts for 40 days as a reflection of Christ's fasting during His temptations and testing in the wilderness.

The Christian faith is made up of a series of Spiritual Disciplines. As we walk through these 40 days together, we will take a look at 4 of them and prayerfully begin incorporating them into our daily, weekly, and monthly rhythms of life. You may choose to begin these rhythms as a family, but eventually, they should become individual rhythms as each member finds their own journey with Jesus.

Lent is a special time to be a little more thoughtful, to give up something as a way of remembering what's important, and to do extra nice things for others. It helps people get ready for the joyful celebration of Easter! We at The Church of the Cross are excited to take this journey with you.

Each week will have a different focus and daily readings through the Book of Common Prayer for families. You can choose to take Sundays off or use Sundays as a preparation day for the rest of the week. There is no right or wrong way. Choose what fits the rhythm of your family best. The goal: perseverance and completion.

So, if you're ready to go, turn the page, and let's get started!

# Fasting

## Week 1

Because Christ gave up food and drink for 40 days, one common thing people do during Lent is to give up something they really like, like chocolate or video games. It's not because these things are bad, but it's a way of reminding ourselves to focus on what's really important and to appreciate what we have. You may choose something individually or as a family. (Idea: No technology Sundays) It is a Spiritual Discipline that allows you to focus more on your relationship with God and less on some of the things that might distract you.

### **Weekly Challenge**

As your family prepares for the 40 days, choose what to give up, either as a family, as individuals, or both.

# Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the starting point for Lent. On this day, people go to a service, and the priest puts a small cross of ashes on their foreheads. These ashes are a reminder that Lent has started and Easter is on the way.

The ashes usually come from burning the palms used in the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration. It's a way of reusing those palm branches to symbolize deeper meanings.

People get marked with ashes to kick off a time of thinking about important things, being kind, and getting ready for Easter. It's a simple way of saying, "Hey, something special is happening, and we're on a journey together!"

Ash Wednesday services are at Cross Schools for our school family. You can also check The Church of the Cross website for more times and locations.

Forty days of readings, Scripture, and prayer begins today.

*(Liturgy provided by Family Prayer from the Daily Office.*

[www.dailyoffice2019.com](http://www.dailyoffice2019.com))

# Readings

*The following order is for every morning and/or evening for 40 days. The only thing that changes day to day is the Scripture reading, which is listed after the readings.*

*(The Reading and the Collect may be read by one person, and the other parts said in unison or in some other convenient manner. Choose a time that best suits your family's schedule and commit to that time for 40 days.)*

## Morning Readings

### OPENING SENTENCE

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PSALM 51:15

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## ~A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

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### **1 PETER 1:3**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

To be read: Ash Wednesday, Saturday after Ash Wednesday, Tuesday after the First Sunday In Lent, Friday after the First Sunday In Lent

### **COLOSSIANS 1:12-14**

Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

To be read: Thursday after Ash Wednesday, First Sunday In Lent, Wednesday after the First Sunday In Lent, Saturday after the First Sunday In Lent,

### **COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**

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To be read: Friday after Ash Wednesday, Monday after the First Sunday In Lent, Thursday after the First Sunday In Lent

~PRAISE (A hymn or canticle may be used.)

~INTERCESSIONS (Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.)

~THE LORD'S PRAYER

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~THE COLLECT

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**Amen.**



# Almsgiving

## Week 2

Almsgiving is like spreading kindness and helping others. It's a bit like sharing your toys or giving a friend a helping hand when they need it. But almsgiving is a special way of doing that with people you might not know; who might need a little extra support.

Imagine if you have some extra snacks, and you share them with a friend who doesn't have any. That's a bit like almsgiving! It's about sharing what you have, whether it's time, money, or things, to make someone else's day a bit brighter.

It's not about how much you give but about the care and love you put into making someone else smile. Unlike fasting, which is within ourselves, almsgiving is in regard to our neighbor. Whether it's helping a neighbor, giving to a charity, or doing something nice for someone, almsgiving is all about making the world a better place, one kind act at a time!

### **Weekly Challenge**

This week, decide as a family how you can give to others. Maybe set out an almsgiving jar and collect extra change throughout the next few weeks, or volunteer at the food bank together. Get creative and do the thing that will affect your family most and will help make a difference in the community.

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### **1 PETER 1:3**

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To be read: Monday after the Second Sunday In Lent, Thursday after the Second Sunday In Lent

### **COLOSSIANS 1:12-14**

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### **COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**

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# Bible Reading

## Week 3

We've been enjoying our daily Bible verse during our Morning Readings, haven't we? But perhaps we can enrich our spiritual journey even further. It's not just about reading a verse each day; it's about letting the Word sink deep into our hearts and minds.

You may have noticed that the same Scriptures come up repeatedly throughout the weeks. That's intentional. It's so that these words become more than just words; they become a part of who we are.

### **Weekly Challenge**

So, this week, let's take a step beyond just reading. Let's read the Scripture and then take time to discuss what it means to each of us. Let's pick out keywords and explore how they fit into the larger context of what we're reading. And if a verse or passage leaves us wanting more, let's grab our Bibles and dive into the whole chapter surrounding it.

As we engage with the text, let's ask ourselves questions like: Who is the main character? What are they trying to communicate? Is there a conflict, and if so, how is it resolved? And perhaps most importantly, how does all of this relate to our lives?

Remember, Bible reading and meditation are like any other discipline; they take time to develop. Let's be patient and forgiving with ourselves as we grow in this practice together. The important thing is to keep pressing on, knowing that each moment spent in God's Word brings us closer to Him and to each other as a family.

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### **1 PETER 1:3**

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### **COLOSSIANS 1:12-14**

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# Prayer

## Week 4

Prayer is like having a conversation with our best friend. We can pray quietly by ourselves or join our voices with others in our family or church. We can speak from our hearts or use words that have been written down for us.

Have you ever heard of the Psalms? They're like a big book of prayers that we can read and learn from. And Jesus taught us a really important prayer called The Lord's Prayer. It's like a template for how we can talk to God.

In the Anglican tradition, there's this special book called the Book of Common Prayer. It's a treasure chest full of prayers for every day of the year. From that book, there's something called the Daily Office, which is a fancy way of saying a daily prayer routine. It's been around for a really long time, and it helps people like us connect with God throughout the day.

Now, here's something cool: There are different times of the day when we can pray. Morning, when we wake up; midday, when the sun is high in the sky; early evening, as the day winds down; and close of day, before we go to sleep. And you know what? Each of these times has its own special prayers and readings. It's like a menu where we can pick what we want to talk to God about, depending on the time of day.

### **Weekly Challenge**

Go to [www.dailyoffice2019.com](http://www.dailyoffice2019.com) and click on the link "Switch to Family Prayer". Look through the different daily options and become familiar with them. Add one of the other rhythms to your week. Maybe close of day as you're putting everyone to bed.

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# Continuation...

## Week 5

### Weekly Challenge

As we begin to prepare to go into Holy Week, keep practicing your disciplines. Do a check-in with the family by asking the following questions:

- A. How is your fasting going? Have you had a moment of lapse? If so, did you go right back to it or give up?
- B. Take a look at your almsgiving. Are you saving money to give away? Is there somewhere or someone you can serve?
- C. What do you feel you have learned most from the Bible reading over the past month? Are you beginning to feel a rhythm of Bible reading in your life?
- D. Continue in your prayer journey with the Daily Office Readings.

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### **1 PETER 1:3**

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### **COLOSSIANS 1:12-14**

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### **COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**

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# Holy Week

Holy Week extends from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. It is set aside to help us remember Jesus's final week and understand what it means to follow Him.

This week, the devotional will look a little different. Each day, a different Scripture and a different Collect will be featured. You can read these at any time that is best for your family.

## **Weekly Challenge**

Make an effort to attend at least one non-Sunday service this week. There will be many opportunities, so check out the events on The Church of the Cross website and decide which would mean the most to your family. Then we hope to see you all at 4:00 Saturday in the Cross Schools gym for our family Easter service. Immediately following the service will be a picnic and egg hunt!

# Daily Readings

## Palm Sunday

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Matthew 11:7-10

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and he sat on it. Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. 9Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting,

“Praise God!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David!

Praise God in highest heaven!”

~PRAISE (A hymn or canticle may be used.)

~INTERCESSIONS (Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.)

~THE LORD'S PRAYER

### Collect for Passion Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### Monday of Holy Week

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ISAIAH 42:1-3

“Look at my servant, whom I strengthen.

He is my chosen one, who pleases me.

I have put my Spirit upon him.

He will bring justice to the nations.

He will not shout or raise his voice in public.

He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle.

He will bring justice to all who have been wronged.

~PRAISE (A hymn or canticle may be used.)

~INTERCESSIONS (Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.)

~THE LORD'S PRAYER

Collect for Holy Monday

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 our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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## Tuesday of Holy Week

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1 CORINTHIANS 1:18

The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for  
destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.

~PRAISE (A hymn or canticle may be used.)

~INTERCESSIONS (Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.)

~THE LORD'S PRAYER

## Collect for Holy Tuesday

O Lord our God, whose blessed Son gave his back to be whipped and did not hide his face from shame and spitting: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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## Wednesday of Holy Week

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JOHN 13:33-35

Dear children, I will be with you only a little longer. And as I told the Jewish leaders, you will search for me, but you can't come where I am going. So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

~PRAISE (A hymn or canticle may be used.)

~INTERCESSIONS (Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.)

~THE LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT FOR HOLY WEDNESDAY

Assist us mercifully with your grace, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts by which you have promised us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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## Maundy Thursday

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1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-27

For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.



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~THE LORD'S PRAYER

### COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

Almighty Father, whose most dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it in thankful remembrance of Jesus Christ our Savior, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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### Good Friday

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12 O give me the comfort of your help again, \*  
and sustain me with your willing Spirit.

PSALM 51:10-12

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

## ~A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 52:13-15

See, my servant will prosper; he will be highly exalted.

But many were amazed when they saw him.

His face was so disfigured he seemed hardly human, and from his appearance, one would scarcely know he was a man.

And he will startle many nations.

Kings will stand speechless in his presence.

For they will see what they had not been told; they will understand what they had not heard about.

~PRAISE (A hymn or canticle may be used.)

~INTERCESSIONS (Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.)

~THE LORD'S PRAYER

### COLLECT FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Almighty God, we beseech you graciously to behold 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, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## Holy Saturday - Easter Eve

### OPENING SENTENCE

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

PSALM 51:15

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**11 Cast me not away from your presence, \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

12 O give me the comfort of your help again, \*  
and sustain me with your willing Spirit.

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
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Amen.**

### ~A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 PETER 4:1-2

So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. For if you have suffered physically for Christ, you have finished with sin. 2You won't spend the rest of your lives chasing your own desires, but you will be anxious to do the will of God.

~PRAISE (A hymn or canticle may be used.)

~INTERCESSIONS (Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.)

~THE LORD'S PRAYER

## COLLECT FOR HOLY SATURDAY

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Easter Day

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

### Collect for Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

