

CHRIST CHURCH PARBOLD

Prayertime for the Day (week commencing 5th April)

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. So take some time this week to think and pray to our wonderful Saviour Jesus who gave up His life to save and bring us back to God.



1) Prayers for protection

- a. For all whose day starts with anxiety as they leave the security of home worrying about the risk of infection; particularly those whose health or age classifies them as vulnerable. Loving God, be close, keep them safe, along with all whose tasks today includes the care of frail and elderly.
And for all of us, grant wisdom to make sensible choices, not just for ourselves, but for everybody. (from Faith & Worship.com)
- b. Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
(from St. Patrick's breastplate)

2) Prayers for Holy week

- a. Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as prophet, priest and king
and yet humbled himself
to take our place upon the cross
For God so loved the world
That all might have eternal life
- b. Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as servant
and revealed to us the extent of his Father's love
for human kind
For God so loved the world
That all might have eternal life

3) Lift to God anyone you know that need a healing touch from His Holy Spirit

Two songs for this week the wonderful hymn "And can it be" & "The Power of the Cross":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tu2uA6U4Fyg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uS7fc7VTJZs>

Grace:

**Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**



BIBLE PASSAGE

Instead of one bible passage this week, here are some verses to meditate on about the events of Holy week. Perhaps you could read the entire passage each day.

PALM SUNDAY: They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Matt. 21 v1-11)

MONDAY: Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'" (Matt 21 v12-17)

TUESDAY: Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matt 22 v34-40)

WEDNESDAY: While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. (Matt 26 6-13)

THURSDAY: And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. (Luke 22 v10-20) He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." (Luke 22 v39-46)

GOOD FRIDAY: So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. (John 19 v1-18). When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished". With that he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19 v28-30)

EASTER SATURDAY: So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid. (Mark 15 v42-47)

