

Intercessions for Maundy Thursday – Year A – 2nd April 2026

At the Passover Feast Jesus was acutely aware that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father.

We pray for all who are approaching death and ask you to welcome them into paradise reunited with all who have left this world before them.

(add names of those requesting prayer)

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Judas Iscariot, taken over by the devil, took the opportunity to betray Jesus for money. We pray for all who turn to crime and violence rather than taking up honest and worthwhile work and we remember before God those who have been imprisoned for their crime praying that they will turn away from a sinful life upon release.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

During supper Jesus took water and a towel and acting as a servant washed his disciple's feet. We pray for all who serve, especially those who have to do menial and unsavoury tasks. Help us never to take those who serve us in the world for granted.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

During the meal Jesus inaugurated the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We pray that every time we celebrate the Eucharist we remember his passion and the sacred mysteries of his body and blood. Help us never through familiarity to allow the words and actions of our Communion make us apathetic to the true cost of his love and always to surprise us afresh each time we meet him at the Holy Table.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

At the end of the meal Jesus gave to us the new commandment to love one another as he loved us. We give thanks for the love that we share with our families and friends and all of our neighbour's in Christ and that through such love we can be clearly seen as friends disciples of Jesus.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

After the supper was ended Jesus sang hymns and prayed with his disciples. We give you thanks for all who lead our worship; or our bishops, priests, deacons and readers; for choirs and organists and music groups; for all who write and lead intercessions and for those who do all of the other things that make our worship meaningful and God centred.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

As we leave this service on the eve of Jesus' Crucifixion mindful of the death that he was about to undergo help us to be aware that it was for us that he hung and suffered there. May we prove our love for him by giving ourselves to him and serving him every day of our lives.

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Intercessions for Good Friday - Year A – 3rd April 2026

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On the cross Jesus paid the price of the human beings stumbling ignorance in his generation to see the light of the world when it was before their eyes. And we continue to crucify people and rape God's creation as a result of our faithlessness.

The brokenness of our world is more evident than ever before, from the violence and conflict of human beings to the destruction of the natural world, from the widespread abuse of power to our sense of powerlessness to bring about peace and renewal.

Creator God, as we repent of our failure to follow the light, drive away despair from our politics, revive our dreams of justice and truth. Establish your just and gentle rule throughout the world.

(Short silence)

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who bear the cost of our failure to ensure an equal distribution of the earth's resources.

(Short silence)

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who are victims of our continuing refusal to take climate change seriously, the occupiers of those disappearing Pacific islands, victims of water shortages, drought and flooding, wild fires and extreme weather.

(Short silence)

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those caught in in the conflicts and wars which are the result of mineral or land grabs by the powerful and rich.

(Short silence)

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those in our own community who are unwell especially those who have received a recent devastating diagnosis. At the same time we give thanks for the astonishing advances in medicine, and express sorrow and regret that these are not shared across our world, often as a result of the destruction of war.

(Short silence)

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who bear the cost of other's imposition of rigid political, religious or ideological beliefs.

(Short silence)

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer

Let us pray for the humanitarian agencies who work ceaselessly to bring support across the world to alleviate the cost of our corporate failure.

(Short silence)

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer

Let us pray for the rich and powerful that they may use their wealth and power for the good of the whole society, alleviating the burden of the cost of our broken world falling on those who can least afford to pay.

(Short silence)

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer

Finally, let us pray for those in positions of authority in government, business and church, that they may with greater boldness help us to see, understand and engage with the issues which confront us and speak truth to power.

Merciful father accept these prayers in the name of your son Jesus Christ who bore the ultimate cost on the Cross

Intercessions for Easter Sunday Year A – 5th April 2026

Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose! (Robert Lowry.)

As the hymns we sing echo the joy we feel today as together we celebrate the glorious resurrection, may our Easter exhilaration continue throughout the rest of our lives and show in the way that we live it out.

(Short Silence)

He arose! He arose! **Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to thee by both be given: (Charles Wesley Love's redeeming work is done.)

We pray for a world that recognises Jesus as Lord and imagine how changed it would be; free from hatred, violence, poverty and injustice; a place where all would live together in love and harmony. That would be heaven here on earth.

(Short Silence)

He arose! He arose! **Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Dying once, he all doth save; where thy victory, O grave?

We pray for families, friends and neighbours who have not yet recognised that Jesus died and rose again for everyone. Help them to see and realise the possibilities that accepting him into their life will bring, not least the promise of life beyond the grave.

(Short Silence)

He arose! He arose! **Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal! Christ has burst the gates of hell.

Just as the stone of Christ's tomb was rolled away so roll away the stones of illness, despair, worry and fear and pour the light and joy of his resurrection into their lives.

(add names of those requesting prayer)

(Short Silence)

He arose! He arose! **Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Lives again our victorious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?

Lord, your love reaches beyond the grave to raise your son to a triumphant resurrection. When we fear our death and the death of those we love: strengthen us in the knowledge that Christ has gone before us to reign with you, crowned with glory and honour. We pray for those departed this life that they too may be raised with Christ

(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)

(Short Silence)

He arose! He arose! **Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won. Death in vain forbids him rise; Christ has opened paradise.

May we go from this Easter Day service rejoicing. Determined to live a resurrection life and show the world that we are your disciples.

Merciful father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

Amen