

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14—23:56 *or* Luke 23:1-49

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



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COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to be born of human flesh, to become your servant, obedient even to death on a cross, and thereby the example of true humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also become partakers in his resurrection; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Optional Supplications for*)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • Luke 23:1-49

Lord Jesus Christ, gracious Redeemer, as we enter Holy Week and the contemplation of your suffering, by which our salvation was procured, free us from the distractions of boredom and busyness, and place in our ears again your gracious Word, that it may awaken a profound gratitude for your accomplished work, and a joyful praise with which to greet you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR DAILY RENEWAL

Almighty God, you sent your only Son to take our nature upon himself and to defeat sin and death not in his own majesty but in our mortality. Grant that we, who have been made alive in him, and have been made your sons and daughters by grace, may daily accept the cross as his disciples and fulfill your holy will. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO DO GOD’S WILL

Almighty God, enable us to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in this mortal life, in which your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility, that on the last day when he comes again in gracious majesty to judge the living and the dead we may be raised to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE UNITY OF THE FAITH

Gracious Father, you restore those who err, and gather those who stray. Preserve your church in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. Pour out upon it your gift of unity that all divisions may be healed, and your flock, united with the true Shepherd, may serve and worship you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

Gracious Father, hear our prayer for your servants who are ill, for whom we implore your help and mercy that, being restored to health, they may give you thanks and praise with your whole church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us to keep your Word in pure hearts, so we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death. **Amen.**
