

**READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR SUNDAYS
AND PRINCIPAL FEAST DAYS**
**Bible readings and Collects (Prayer of the
Day)**
during Lent and Easter 2026

Weds 18th February 2026 - Ash Wednesday

Joel 2.1-2,12-17 or Isaiah 58.1-12; Psalm 51.1-18;
2 Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10; Matthew 6.1-6,16-
21
or 8.1-11

Holy God, Our lives are laid open before you:
rescue us from the chaos of sin
and through the death of your Son bring us
healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Sun 22nd February 2026 - 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-
19;
Matthew 4.1-11

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,

and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom
and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sun 1st March 2026 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17;

John 3.1-17

Almighty God,

by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's
sufferings,

and by following in his Way

come to share in his glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sun 8th March 2026 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John
4.5-42

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will
for us,

to give up what harms us, and to seek the

perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

Sun 15th March 2026 - Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2.1-10 or Samuel 1.20-28; Psalm 34.11-
20 or
Psalm 127.1-4; 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or 3.12-17;
Luke 2.33-35 or 19.25-27

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family
to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and
in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen

Sun 22nd March 2026 - 5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11;
John 11.1-45

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son out of love for the
world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sun 29th March 2026 - Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21.1-11;

Psalm 118.1-2,19-29

Passion Gospel: Matthew 26.14 - 27.66 or
27.11-54

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as
Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross, which is the path of
glory. Amen

Thurs 2nd April 2026 - Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12.1-4[5-10], 11-14; Psalm 116.1,10-
17;

I Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17,31b-35

God our Father,
you have invited us to share in the supper
which your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes:
may he nourish us by his presence,
and unite us in his love. Amen

Fri 3rd April 2026 - Good Friday

Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12; Psalm 22; Hebrews
10.16-25 or
Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9; John 18.1-19.42

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus
we see the cost of sin and the depth of your
love:
in humble hope and fear may we place at his
feet
all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sun 12th April 2026 - Easter Sunday

Acts 10.34-43 or Isaiah 65.17-25; Psalm 118.1-
2,14-24;
1 Corinthians 15.19-26 or 10.34-43;
John 20.1-18 or Luke 24.1-12 (*During the season*)

of Easter, the nominated reading from Acts should always be read)

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Sunday 16th April 2026 - 2nd Sunday of Easter
Acts 2.14a,22-32; Psalm 16; I Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen

Sunday 19th April 2026 - 3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 2.14a,36-41; Psalm 116.1-3,10-17; I Peter 1.17-23;
Luke 24.13-35

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to

proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Sunday 26th April 2026 - 4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 2.42-47; Psalm 23; I Peter 2.19-25; John
10.1-10

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's
sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one
flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Sunday 3rd May 2026 - 5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 7.55-60; Psalm 31.1-5,15-16; I Peter 2.2-
10;
John 14.1-14

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,

to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Sunday 10th May 2026 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-18; I Peter 3.13-22;
John 14.15-21

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of
darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to
life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise
us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen

Thursday 14th May 2026 - Ascension Day

Acts 1.1-11 or 7.9-14; Psalm 47 or 93;
Ephesians 1.15-23 or Acts 1.1-11; Luke 24.44-
53

Risen Christ,
you have raised our human nature to the

throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and for ever. Amen

Sunday 17th May 2026 - 7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10,32-35; I Peter 4.12-
14; 5.6-11;
John 17.1-11

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and
compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Sunday 24th May 2026 - Pentecost
Acts 2.1-21 or 11.24-30; Psalm 104.26-36,37b;
I Corinthians 12.3b-13 or 2.1-21; John 20.19-
23 or
John 7.37-39

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Remember, if you need any help finding Bible
readings, or are struggling to pray and worship (as
we all do sometimes), or just want a chat, get in
touch with Revd Andie*

**“Christ has not only spoken to us by his life but has also spoken for us
by his death.”**

Soren Kierkegaard, theologian 1813 - 1855