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My Jesus, My Savior,
Lord there is no one like you,
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing,
Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar,
At the sound of your name!
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in
You.

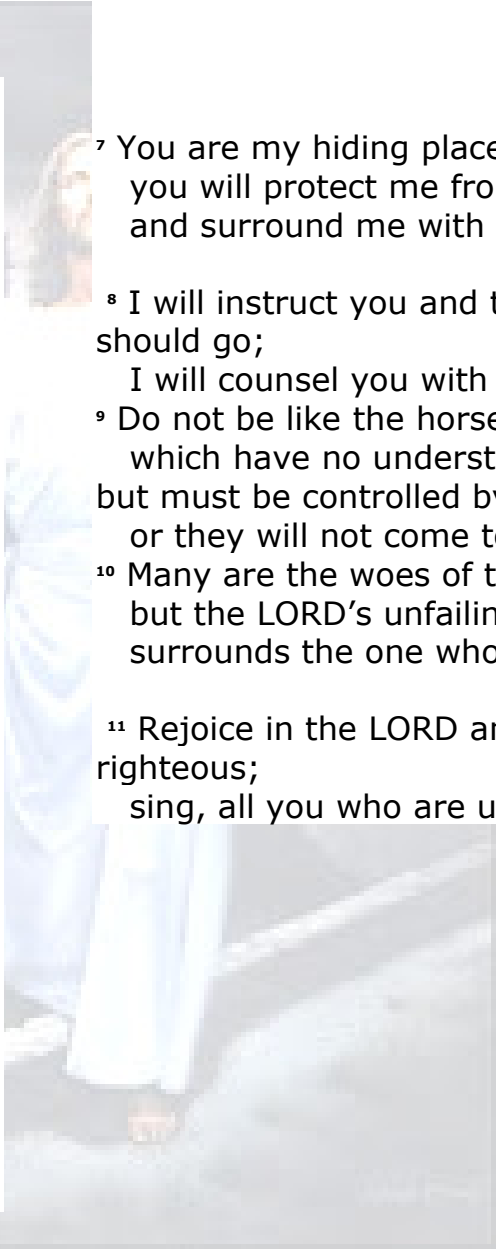
Psalm 32

¹ Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.
² Blessed is the one
whose sin the LORD does not count against
them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

³ When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
⁴ For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess
my transgressions to the LORD."
And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.

⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters
will not reach them.



⁷ You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you
should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.

¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the LORD's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.

¹¹ Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you
righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

We are at the halfway point of our Lenten journey. There is so much yet to learn, to examine, to heal, and to renew. We have a sense of the patterns we are naming and a sense of the graces we are asking for, as well as the ways God is working in us.

We want to be ready and our Lord wants us to be confident. So we keep asking and we keep giving thanks.

Friday, 1 April

Christ our Lord came among us as the light of the world, that we might walk in his light, and not in the darkness of death: Let your word be a lamp to guide us.

Let us pray: God of mercy, help us today to grow in your likeness, that we who sinned in Adam may rise again in Christ. Let your word be a lamp to guide us, that we may live the truth and grow always in your love. Teach us to be faithful in seeking the common good of your sake, that your light may shine on your whole human family by means of your Church. Touch our hearts to seek your friendship more and more, and to make amends for our sins against your wisdom and goodness. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Muhabura in Uganda.
- We pray for the Diocese of Angola.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Bring us to the full joy of Easter.

Saturday, 2 April

Our lesson today reminds us again of God's love and Jesus' desire that we love one another as we are loved.

Thanks be to Christ the Lord, who brought us life by his death on the cross: By your death, raise us to life.

Let us pray: Teacher and Savior, you have shown us your fidelity and made us a new creation by your passion, keep us from falling again into sin. Help us to deny ourselves today and not deny those in need. May we receive this day of penance as your gift, and give it back to you through works of mercy. Master our rebellious hearts, and teach us generosity.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Mukona in Uganda and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Elia Paul Luzinda Kizito.
- We pray for the Diocese of Christ the King and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Peter Lee.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Fill our hearts with your love.

Sunday, 3 April

This Sunday has a joyful tone. We enter into our second part of Lent with a spirit of eagerness. Our celebration of the mercy and life given to us in Jesus is near.

Let us give glory to God, whose kindness knows no limit. Through Jesus Christ who lives forever and ever to intercede us; kindle our hearts the fire of your love.

Let us pray: God of mercy, let today be a day rich in good works, a day of generosity to all we meet. From the waters of flood you saved Noah through the ark, from the waters of baptism raise up to new life those under instruction. May we live not by bread alone but by every word falling from your lips. Help us to do away with all dissension so that we may rejoice in your gifts of peace and joy.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Multan in Pakistan.
- We pray for the Diocese of False Bay and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Merwyn Castle.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Be joyful.

Monday, 4 April

In the Gospel according to John, we have a wonderful story of healing. The acts of power that Jesus works are the signs that help us see who he is. We are reminded that he is the one who will give us new life.

Blessed be God the Father for his gift of this sacrifice of praise. In the spirit of this Lenten season: Instruct us, Lord, in the ways of your kingdom.

Let us pray: God of power and mercy, give us the spirit of prayer and repentance, with burning love for you and all mankind. Help us to work with you in making all things new in Christ, and in spreading justice and peace throughout the world. Teach us the meaning and value of creation, so that we may join its voice to ours as we sing your praise. Forgive us for failing to see Christ in the poor, the distressed and the troublesome, and for our failure to reverence your Son in their persons. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Mumbai in North India and for the Bishop the Rt Revd Prakash Dinkar Patole.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

You give us new life.

Tuesday, 5 April

As we grow in love and compassion for what Jesus is facing for us, we ask to be prepared to embrace his way, his path, the pattern of his dying and rising. We ask that we would be prepared to proclaim this gift to others, with great joy.

God the Father has given us his only Son, the Word made man, to be our food and our life: May the word of Christ dwell among us in all its richness.

Let us pray: Help us in this Lenten season to listen frequently to your word, that we may celebrate the solemnity of Easter with greater love for Christ, our paschal teacher, that we may encourage those in doubt and error to follow what is true and good. Enable us to enter more deeply into the mystery of the Anointed One, that our lives may reveal him more effectively. Purify and renew your Church in this time of salvation, that it may give an even greater witness to you.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Mumias in Kenya and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Beneas Salalah Okuma.
- We pray for the Diocese of the Free State and their Bishop the Rt Revd Patrick Glover.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Our embrace leads to praise.

Wednesday, 6 April

We know that this whole journey is about our reconciliation. We know that God wants to forgive us. We know we are preparing to renew our Baptismal promises and refuse to be mastered by sin. Today we hear the invitation and ask more earnestly.

Let us thanks to God, our Father: through the power of the Spirit he purifies our heart and strengthen us in love. Lord, give us your Holy Spirit.

Let us pray: Help us to receive good things from your bounty with a deep sense of gratitude; and to keep with patience the evil that comes to us. Teach us to be loving not only in great and exceptional moments, but above all in the ordinary events of daily life. May we abstain from what we do not really need, and help our brothers and sisters in distress. May we bear the wounds of your Son, for through his body he gave us life. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Mundri in Sudan, and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Bismark Monday.
- We pray for the Diocese of George and their Bishop Elect the Revd Canon Brain Marajh.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Grant us your forgiveness.

Thursday, 7 April

We are still aware of our patterns. We are still realigning our priorities. We are still trying to simplify and trying to eat in solidarity with others. Most of all, we are still asking for a change of heart.

God has revealed himself in Christ. Let us praise his goodness: Remember us, Lord, for we are your children.

Let us pray: Teach us to enter more deeply into the mystery of the Church, that it may be more effective for ourselves and for the world as the sacrament of salvation. Lover of mankind, inspire us to work for human progress, seeking to spread your kingdom in all we do. May our hearts thirst for Christ, the fountain of living water. Forgive us our sins, and direct our steps into the ways of justice and sincerity. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Anglican Health Network that through utilizing the strengths of a common Anglican identity, resources and expertise will be mobilized and provision for healthcare improved, particularly among those who are poor.
- We pray for the Diocese of Grahamstown and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Ebenezer Ntlali.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Lead us to the joy of Easter.

Friday, 8 April

We acknowledge that God is the source of our life. We realize that we have been seeking other sources of life. We recognize our weakness and turn to God for help. Though our hearts are being opened up to their depths, though we cry out to God for help, we are not discouraged.

Let us pray to Christ our Savior, who redeemed us by his death and resurrection: Lord have mercy upon us.

Let us pray: You went up to Jerusalem to suffer so enter into your glory, bring your Church to the Passover feast in heaven. You were lifted high on the cross and pierced by the soldier's lance, heal our wounds. You made the cross the tree of life, give its fruit to those reborn in baptism. On the cross you forgave the repentant thief, through which we are cleansed of our sins.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Muyinga in Burundi and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Eraste Bigirimana.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

May we reach out with joy to grasp your hand.

Saturday, 9 April

The conflict around Jesus grows. And all the while, we are turning to God for mercy. What Jesus went through is for me, that I might have mercy and the gift of everlasting life. We call upon the Lord for help, strength and trust.

Let us always and everywhere give thanks to Christ our Savior, and ask him with confidence: Lord help us with your grace.

Let us pray: Lord may we keep our bodies pure, as temples of the Holy Spirit. May we offer ourselves this morning to the services of others, and do your will in all things throughout the day. Teach us to seek the bread of everlasting life, the bread that is your gift. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Mytikiya in Myanmar and their Bishop the Rt Revd David Than Lwin and also for their Assistant Bishop the Rt Revd Wagyt Kamdi.
- We pray for Diocese of Highveld and for their Bishop the Rt Revd David Bannerman.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Apart from you, we can do nothing.

Sunday, 10

The more we see Jesus, the more he inspires us. Simply being focused on how he acts, risks, love, speaks draws us into him in admiration and attraction. The more we let ourselves fall in love with Jesus and his ways, the more we'll be drawn to want more to imitate his self-giving, dying to self love.

Let us pray to our loving Redeemer, who gained for us this season of grace: Lord create a new spirit within me.

Let us pray: Christ, our life, through baptism we were buried with you and rose to life with you, may we walk today in newness of life. Lord, you have brought blessings to all mankind, bring us to share your concern for the good of all. May we work together to build up the earthly city, with our eyes fixed on the city that lasts forever. Healer of body and soul, cure the sickness of our spirit, so that we may grow in the holiness through your constant care. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Nagpur in North India and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Paul Dupare.
- We pray for the Diocese of Kimberley & Kuruman and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Dinis Sengulane.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

***Inspired by his love, guided by his example,
change our selfishness to self-giving.***

Monday, 11 April

This week we let the powerful light of God's love shine into the deepest, darkest corners of our soul, revealing the most unloving parts of our hearts, and we ask for forgiveness and healing.

Praise to Jesus, our Savior; by his death he has opened for us the way of salvation: Lord, guide your people to walk in your ways.

Let us pray: God of mercy, you gave us new life through baptism, make us grow day by day in your likeness. May your generosity today bring joy to those in need, in helping them may we find you. Help us to do what is good, right and true in your sight, and to seek you always with undivided hearts. Forgive our sins against the unity of your family, make us one in heart and spirit. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Nairobi in Kenya and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Peter Njoka.
- We pray for the Diocese of Natal and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Rubin Phillip.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Help us to pass from our old life of sin to our new life of grace.

Tuesday, 12 April

When we look at the crucifix, we look at the image of the one who is lifted up in Glory. He is lifted up for our liberation from sin and death. Let us give thanks, from the bottom of our hearts. Our celebration of our glorious salvation is near.

Praise to Christ, who has given us himself as the bread from heaven: Jesus, you feed and heal our souls; come to strengthen us.

Let us pray: Lord, feed us at the banquet of the Eucharist, with all the gifts of your paschal sacrifice. Give us a perfect heart to receive your word, that we may bring forth fruit in patience. Make us eager to work with you in building a better world, so that it may listen to your Church and its gospel of peace. We confess, Lord that we have sinned, wash us clean by your gift of salvation. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Nakuru in Kenya and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Stephen Njihia Mwangi.
- We continue to pray for the Diocese of Natal and for the Bishop Suffragan the Rt Revd Nkosinathi Ndwandwe.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

May we be lifted up with you.

Wednesday, 13 April

In our reflection, Jesus is about to face a fiery furnace, which represents the full rejection of all our sins, and the crushing defeat of death itself. We pray that he might help us grow in a sense that this is all for me and for my freedom.

Blessed be God, the giver of salvation, who decreed that mankind should become a new creation in himself when all would be made new: Lord, renew us in your Spirit.

Let us pray: Lord, you promised a new look heaven and a new earth, renew us daily through your Spirit, that we may enjoy your presence for ever in the heavenly Jerusalem. Help us to work with you to make this world alive with your Spirit, and to build on earth a city of justice, love and peace. Free us from all negligence and sloth, and give us joys in your gifts of grace. Deliver us from evil, and from slavery to the senses, which blinds us to goodness. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Nambale in Kenya and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Josiah Makhandia Were.
- We pray for the Diocese of Lebombo and for their Bishop Dinis Sengulane.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Enlighten our minds and sanctify our hearts.

Thursday, 14 April

We pray more intensely now. We desire more and more that we might be free. Sorrow leads to profound gratitude, when we experience the depth of unconditional love offered us. The gratitude of a loved sinner leads to great generosity.

Christ our Lord came among us as the light of the world, that we might walk in his light, and not in the darkness of death: Let your word be a lamp to guide us.

Let us pray: God of mercy, help us today to grow in your likeness, that we who sinned in Adam may rise again in Christ. Let your word be a lamp to guide us, that we may live the truth and grow always in your love. Teach us to be faithful in seeking the common good of your sake, that your light may shine on your whole human family by means of your Church. Touch our hearts to seek your friendship more and more, and to make amends for our sins against your wisdom and goodness. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Diocese of Namibia in Southern Africa and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Nathaniel Ndxuma Nakwatumbah. We also pray for their Suffragan Bishop the Rt Revd Petrus Hidulika Hilukiluah.
- We pray for the Diocese of Lesotho and their Bishop the Rt Revd Taaso.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Come to us, free us, help us and guide us.

Friday, 15 April

On this Friday before Good Friday, our desire is becoming more focused and more intense. After our weeks of reflection, we know that our selfishness has placed us in ruts, has made us slaves to some very unhappy and sometimes death-dealing patterns. The celebration of our freedom and healing is close at hand.

Thanks be to Christ the Lord, who brought us life by his death on the cross: By your death, raise us to life.

Let us pray: Teacher and Savior, you have shown us your fidelity and made us a new creation by your passion, keep us from falling again into sin. Help us to deny ourselves today and not deny those in need. May we receive this day of penance as your gift, and give it back to you through works of mercy. Master our rebellious hearts, and teach us generosity.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Namirembe in Uganda and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Wilberforce Kityo Luwalira.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Set us free.

Saturday, 16 April

Our journey has brought us here. It is as though we, too, are gathering in Jerusalem to celebrate our Passover week. We are ready to enter into the Passion drama, and to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, with mind and heart renewed.

We are ready to rejoice that the death of Jesus is for me and that it is the ultimate victory over sin and death – my sin and death.

To make us a new creation, Christ the Lord gave us the waters of rebirth and spread the table of his body and his word: Lord, renew us in your grace.

Let us pray: Jesus, meek and humble of heart, clothe us with compassion, kindness and humanity, make us want to be patient with everyone. Teach us to be true neighbours to all in trouble and distress, and so imitate you, the Good Samaritan. May those vowed to a life of virginity deepen their dedication in you and to the Church. Grant us the gift of mercy, forgive our sins and remit their punishment.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Nandyal in South India and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Dr. P J Lawrence.
- We pray for the Diocese of Matlosane and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Molopi Stephen Diseko.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Now we rejoice in your great love.

Holy Week

We enter into a week made holy forever by the self surrendering love of Jesus – for us all.

All week, we remember how he loved us. Whatever we do, no matter how busy or distracted we might be, we can let the power of this week be in the background of our daily reflections. He entered into our life – with its profound joys and its punishing evil – that we might never experience those struggles alone. So no matter what we experience this week, we can let it become a holy week, letting it all be touched by the graces of this week. From the humble, yet triumphant, entry into Jerusalem, to our standing together at the foot of his cross, this can be a week which helps us bring all of the elements of our lives, all our experiences of sin and death, into the font of his redeeming, liberating death and resurrection.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Sunday, 17 April PALM SUNDAY

This Sunday we hold palm branches in our hands, and wave them to greet our Lord's entry into the city of our salvation. Each day this week they can represent our celebration of his love for me. That symbol can say so many words- all that I am about to celebrate and accept as love for me, and all the entry into Jerusalem experiences in my life.

As Christ entered Jerusalem he was greeted as King and Messiah, Let us adore him, and joyfully praise him: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Let us pray: Hosanna to you, Son of David, King of the ages, hosanna to you, victor over death and the powers of darkness. You went up to Jerusalem to suffer and so enter into your glory, lead your Church into the paschal feast of heaven. You made your cross the tree of life, give its fruits to those reborn in baptism. Savior of mankind, you came to save sinners, bring into your kingdom all who have faith, hope and love. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Jerusalem in the Middle East and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Suheil Dawani.
- We pray for the Diocese of Mpumalanga.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

For a closer union with Jesus in his humanity, in his suffering.

Monday, 18 April MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Today, we imagine the powerful scene at Lazarus' home – Jesus had wept as he peered into Lazarus' tomb; now his sister Mary anoints Jesus' feet for the journey to his own tomb. We ask for the strength we need, the protection we depend upon, for our journey ahead.

Let us pray to Christ our Savior, who redeemed us by his death and resurrection: Lord have mercy upon us.

Let us pray: You went up to Jerusalem to suffer so enter into your glory, bring your Church to the Passover feast in heaven. You were lifted high on the cross and pierced by the soldier's lance, heal our wounds. You made the cross the tree of life, give its fruit to those reborn in baptism. On the cross you forgave the repentant thief, through which we are cleansed of our sins. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Nasik in North India and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Kamble Lemuel Pradip.
- We pray for the Diocese of Mithatha and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Sitembele mzamane.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Strengthen and protect me in my weakness.

Tuesday, 19 April TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

We experience the pain of his knowing that he will be betrayed and denied. Yet, the hour he is about to face is the hour of his Glory. And the promises that where he is going, we will surely follow. Our desire is to celebrate the gift being offered us.

Let us pray to Christ our Savior, who redeemed us by his death and resurrection: Lord have mercy upon us.

Let us pray: You went up to Jerusalem to suffer so enter into your glory, bring your Church to the Passover feast in heaven. You were lifted high on the cross and pierced by the soldier's lance, heal our wounds. You made the cross the tree of life, give its fruit to those reborn in baptism. On the cross you forgave the repentant thief, through which we are cleansed of our sins. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Nassau and the Bahamas in the West Indies and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Laish Zane Boyd.
- We pray for the Diocese of Namibia and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Nathaniel Ndaxuma.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being.

Let me receive your forgiveness and mercy.

Wednesday, 20 April WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Today, is 'Spy Wednesday,' remembering the day Judas asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" As you go through the real life drama of your day, begin to feel the joy of the liberation being offered to you.

Blessed be God, the giver of salvation, who decreed that mankind should become a new creation in himself when all would be made new: Lord, renew us in your Spirit.

Let us pray: Lord, you promised a new look heaven and a new earth, renew us daily through your Spirit, that we may enjoy your presence for ever in the heavenly Jerusalem. Help us to work with you to make this world alive with your Spirit, and to build on earth a city of justice, love and peace. Free us from all negligence and sloth, and give us joys in your gifts of grace. Deliver us from evil, and from slavery to the senses, which blinds us to goodness. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray the Diocese of Natal in South Africa and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Rubin Phillip. We also pray for their Suffragan Bishops the Rt Revd Funginkosi Niclaus Mbhele and the Rt Revd Hummingfield Charles Ndwandwe.
- We pray for the Diocese of Niassa and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Mark van Koevering.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

He freed us from the power of the enemy.

Thursday, 21 April MAUNDY THURSDAY

Today we celebrate the gift of the love of Jesus, given to us for our nourishment – given to us as an example of self-less love. In our prayer today, we let our Lord wash our feet – love us unconditionally – and we let Jesus be broken and given for us. We pray that we might be faithful to the one commandment of Jesus – that we might love others in the same way that we have been loved.

The Father anointed Christ with the Holy Spirit to proclaim forgiveness to those in bondage. Let us humbly call upon the eternal priest: Lord have mercy upon us.

Let us pray: You went up to Jerusalem to suffer and so enter into your glory, bring your Church to the Passover feast in heaven. You were lifted high on the cross and pierced by the soldier's lance, heal our wounds. You made the cross the tree of life, give its fruit to those reborn in baptism. On the cross you forgave the repentant thief, through which we are cleansed of our sins. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray Anslem, Abbot of Le Bec, the Archbishop of Canterbury 1109.
- We pray for the Diocese of Pretoria and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Johannes Seoka.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

You gave us example to imitate.

Friday, 22 April GOOD FRIDAY

This is a very special day of intimacy with our Lord; a day of fasting and abstinence, in order to sharpen our awareness and openness; a day to stand at the foot of the cross as a forgiven sinner – to stand there side-by-side with everyone else who is given. It is a day of profound gratitude.

For our sake our Redeemer suffered death and was buried, and rose again. With heartfelt love, let us adore him and pray: Lord have mercy on us.

Let us pray: Christ our teacher, for our sake you were obedient even to accepting death, teach us to obey the Father's will in all things. Christ our life, by your death on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death, may we die with you, to rise with you in glory. Christ our King, you became an outcast among us, a worm and no man, teach us the humility by which you saved the world. Christ our salvation, you gave yourself up to death out of love for us, help us to show your love to one another. Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms, unite God's scattered children in your kingdom of salvation. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for National Indigenous Bishops in Ruperts Land in Canada and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Mark Lawrence MacDonald.
- We pray for the Diocese of Port Elizabeth and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Nceba Bathlehem Nopece
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Come, let us worship.

Saturday, 23 April HOLY SATURDAY

Today we spend the day reflecting upon the powerful reality of Jesus' death. What is important is that we keep this day holy, and let our "sense" of the mystery of death shape our reflection, and our longing to celebrate the Easter gift of Jesus' alive, for us and with us.

Let us thank to God, our Father: through the power of the Spirit he purifies our heart and strengthens us in love. Lord, give us your Holy Spirit.

Let us pray: Help us to receive good things from your bounty with a deep sense of gratitude; and to keep with patience the evil that comes to us. Teach us to be loving not only in great and exceptional moments, but above all in the ordinary events of daily life. May we abstain from what we do not really need, and help our brothers and sisters in distress. May we bear the wounds of your Son, for through his body he gave us life. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Navajoland Area Mission in the Province VIII, USA.
- We pray for the Diocese of Saldanha Bay and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Raphael Bernard Viburt Hess.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Sunday, 24 April RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER DAY

“This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia!” Everything, with which we struggle, and every hope and every desire we have, come together in this day. The tomb is empty! New Life, everlasting life is ours.

Christ is the Lord of our life, raised up by the Father; in his turn he will raise us up by his power. Let us pray: Christ our life, save us.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, light shining in the darkness, you lead your people into life, and give our mortal nature the gift of holiness, may we spend this day in praise of your glory. Lord, you walked the way of suffering and crucifixion, may we suffer and die with you, and rise again to share your glory. Son of the Father, our master and our brother, you have made us a kingdom of priests for our God, may we offer you our joyful sacrifice of praise. King of glory, we look forward to the great day of your coming in splendor, that we may see you face to face, and be transformed in your likeness. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Communion. A hymn of glory let us sing New songs throughout the world shall ring Christ, by a road before untrod Ascendeth to the throne of God. Alleluia!
- We pray for our Archbishop the Most Revd Thabo Makgoba.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

May our celebration raise us up and renew our lives.

Monday, 25 April

Sometimes we hardly believe that the tomb is empty. We allow ourselves to feel comfortable in our grieves so much that we don't realize the happiness that awaits us. This week, we let the reality of the resurrection of Jesus penetrate our hearts.

The Father glorified Jesus and appointed him heir to all nations: Save us Lord, through your victory.

Let us pray: Lord, by your victory you broke the power of evil and destroyed sin and death, make us victorious over sin today. You laid death low, and brought us new life, grant that we may walk today in this new life. You gave life to the dead, and led mankind from death to life, give eternal life to all those we shall meet today. You brought confusion on the guards at your tomb, but joy to your disciples; grant the fullness of joy to all who serve you. Amen

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Ndokwa in Province of Bendel in igeria and for their Bishop the Rt Revd David Obiosa.
- We pray for the Diocese of St Helena and for their Bishop Elect Dean Richard Fenwick.
- We also pray for the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Martin Breytenbach.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Lord open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise

Tuesday, 26 April

The opportunity to recognize the healing power of love that has been offered us really does fill these days with power. It is about recognizing Jesus alive and Jesus with me now. It is about freedom from fear, freedom for courageous love and service.

By his own power Christ raised up the temple of his body when it had been destroyed in death: Lord, share with us the fruits of your victory.

Let us pray: Christ our Savior, when you rose again you brought to the holy women and the apostles the joyful news of a world redeemed, make us witnesses to your risen life. You promised to all people that we would rise up again to newness of life, make us heralds of your Gospel. You showed yourself to your apostles and breathed the Holy Spirit on them, renew in us the presence of the same creator Spirit. You promised to be with your disciples to the end of the world, stay with us today, and remain with us always. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Nebbi in Uganda and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Alphonse Watho-kudi.
- We pray for the Diocese of Swaziland and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Meshack Mabuza.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

You give us the freedom of the children of God.

Wednesday, 27 April

*'One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessings which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.'*

Christ was given up for our sins and rose again to make us righteous. Save us Lord, by your victory.

Let us pray: Christ our Savior, in conquering death you brought us joy, in rising again you raised us up and filled us with the abundance of your gifts, stir up our hearts, and sanctify this day through the gift of your Holy Spirit. You are glorified by the angels in heaven and adored by mankind on earth; as we celebrate your resurrection, accept our worship in spirit and in truth. Lord Jesus, save us; show your great mercy to your people, as we look forward to our own resurrection, have mercy on us, and protect us today from every evil. King of glory, source of our life, grant that, when you come again, we may be one with you in glory.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Nebraska in the Province VI, USA and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Dr. Joe Goodwin Burnett.
- We pray for the Diocese of Table Bay and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Garth Quinton Counsel.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Give us the joy of this feast.

Thursday, 28 April

The apostles' acts continue the work of Jesus, through the ways they bring his liberating message and his healing. And Jesus is very much with us this week, offering us his peace. We ask to be able to share our faith and our love with others.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, remember your holy Church, built on the apostles and reaching to the ends of the earth, and let your blessing rest on all who believe in you. You are the healer of soul and body, come to our aid, and save us in your love. Raise up the sick and give them strength, free them from their infirmities. Help those in distress of mind or body, and in your compassion lift up those in need. Through your cross and resurrection you opened for all the way to immortality, grant to our deceased brothers and sisters the joys of your kingdom. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Nelson in New Zealand and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Victor Richard Ellena.
- We pray for the Diocese of Umzimvubu and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Mlibo Mteteleli Ngewu.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

May we be one in faith and love.

Friday, 29 April

We keep acknowledging the gift of new life that has been given us, and we realize that we desire to gratefully respond so that the effects of these graces might be seen in the way we live – in greater loving service of others.

Let us pray to god the Father, who gave us new life through the risen Christ: Give us the glory of your Son.

Let us pray: Lord our God, your might works have revealed your eternal plan; you created the earth and you are faithful in every generation, hear us Father of mercy. Purify our hearts with your truth, and guide them in the way of holiness, so that we may do what is pleasing in your sight. Let your face shine upon us, that we may be freed from sin and filled with your plenty. You gave the apostles the peace of Christ, grant peace to your people, and the whole world. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Nevada in the Province VIII, USA and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Dan Edwards.
- We also pray for the Diocese of Zululand and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Dino Gabriel.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Thank you for this covenant of reconciliation.

Saturday, 30 April

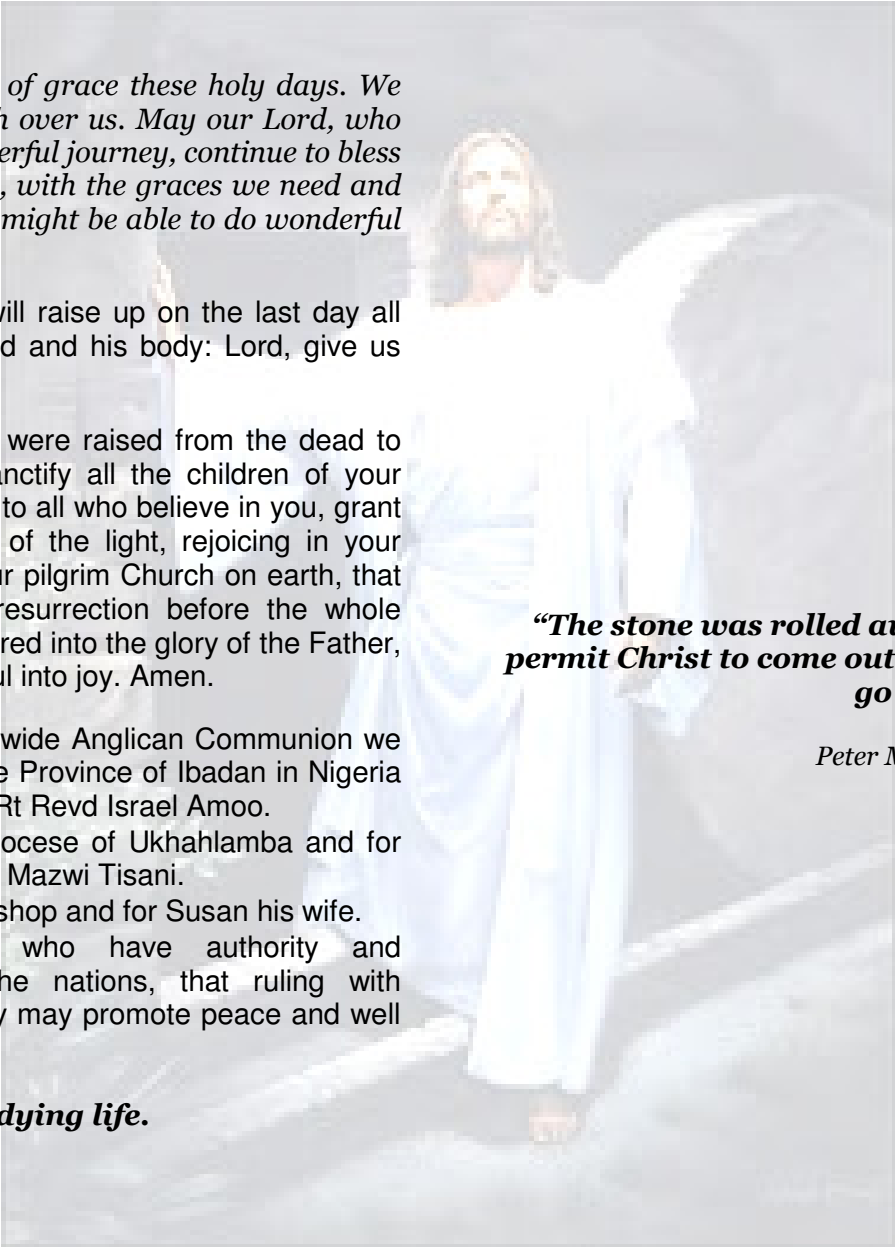
There has been an outpouring of grace these holy days. We ask that God continue to watch over us. May our Lord, who gave us the grace for this wonderful journey, continue to bless us in our everyday life journey, with the graces we need and desires along the way, that we might be able to do wonderful thing.

Christ is the bread of life; he will raise up on the last day all who share the table of his word and his body: Lord, give us peace and joy.

Let us pray: Son of God, you were raised from the dead to lead us into life, bless and sanctify all the children of your Father. You give peace and joy to all who believe in you, grant that we may walk as children of the light, rejoicing in your victory. Build up the faith of your pilgrim Church on earth, that it may bear witness to your resurrection before the whole world. You suffered and so entered into the glory of the Father, change the tears of the sorrowful into joy. Amen.

- Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for New Busa in the Province of Ibadan in Nigeria and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Israel Amoo.
- We also pray for the Diocese of Ukhahlamba and for their Bishop the Rt Revd Mazwi Tisani.
- We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.
- We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations, that ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

Give us undying life.



“The stone was rolled away from the door, not to permit Christ to come out, but to enable the world to go in.”

Peter Marshall