

What a way to start the month of April, to praise the risen Lord and to live for his glory. Amen.

Sunday 1st Easter Day

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let all creation give thanks to the risen Lord. Fill us with praise, for he is our Shepherd and we are his sheep; stepping out boldly, we claim resurrection. Give thanks to the risen Lord. Amen.

Monday 2nd Easter Monday

As they entered the tomb, their grief overwhelming, through tears of sorrow they were alarmed to see that his body had gone. But there a young man sat, dressed in white, calm and serene. "Do not be alarmed," he said, "you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He has risen."

Mark 16 vv. 1 - 8

Tuesday 3rd

Lord of the Emmaus road, like the two disciples on that road, we are often despondent. Our best plans and highest hopes evaporate and we are left weary on the journey back to where we started. Walk with us, Lord, let us hear your story straight from that empty tomb. Amen.

Luke 24 vv. 13 - 35

Wednesday 4th

Thomas doubted because he had not seen the risen Jesus. As Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

John 20 vv. 24 – 29

This week's readings

Psalm 47, verse 1 - 2/ Nahum 1, verse 7 / Matthew 14, verse 31

Thursday 5th

The joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love and grants his name to know.

Friday 6th

The most important journey any of us will take is the one that allows us to meet someone half-way.

Saturday 7th

He that does well for good's sake seeks neither paradise nor reward, but he is sure of both in the end.

William Penn

Sunday 8th

We thank you, Lord Jesus, that springtime reminds us of the first Easter day when you rose again to be with us always and to bring new life and joy every day. Give to us and to all those we love the joy of Easter in our hearts and the living power of your presence in our lives. Amen.

Monday 9th

The story of love isn't important. What is important is that one is capable of love. It is, perhaps, the only glimpse we are permitted of eternity.

Helen

Hayes

Tuesday 10th

If the soul absorbs beauty, then let's give it every opportunity to paint itself a masterpiece.

Wednesday 11th

The embrace of God can soothe the coldest heart, bringing sweet relief to minds and bodies worn down by the frantic pace of life.

This week's readings

Psalm 119, verse 29/ Proverbs 3, verse 5 / 2 Corinthians 4, verses 8 - 9

Thursday 12th

Forgiveness, you'll find, is the best gift of all, for not only will your friend rejoice and be glad, you too will walk tall for you have made good choices.

Margaret Ingall

Friday 13th

Stephanie Mallarme wrote:

"Every soul is a melody that needs renewing." New friends are the instruments that renew the music of our lives.

Saturday 14th

"Keep your mind wide open – it's easy once you start, for even in the cobwebs you'll find a work of art."

Margaret

Ingall

Sunday 15th

And so I ask, Lord, Not necessarily to understand the way things are but just to find the grace to rest in you. Amen.

Monday 16th

Be confident in approaching God, for all who seek God find God and rest therein.

Tuesday 17th

When we love, we always strive to be better than we are; everything around us becomes better too.

Paolo Coello

Wednesday 18th

The impossible is only the untried.

<p>This week's readings</p>

<p>Psalm 27, verse 1 / Ephesians 6 , verse 11 / John 8, verse 36</p>
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Thursday 19th

Don't count the years, count the blessings.

Friday 20th

Help me to grasp the priorities, to understand a little of your purpose for the world and my place in it.

Saturday 21st

Everyday life is full of God, in the pouring of fresh coffee and the stirrings of mornings. For bidden and not bidden, God is present.

Sunday 22nd

Lord of all wisdom, give us your sharpness of mind to see through the confusions of the world and to speak the truth of your kingdom. Amen

Monday 23rd

St. George's Day

Almighty God, as we remember St. George today and his witness to the truth, make us alive to the needs of the whole community and all those we meet today. Amen.

Tuesday 24th

In the comfort of what's familiar and in the faces of those we love, we own all the treasures of life.

Wednesday 25th

St. Mark the Evangelist

Heavenly Father, we think today of St. Mark who wrote down for us the stories of Jesus. May we, Father, be like St. Mark, content to listen to the words of Jesus and to follow in the way of you, our Lord and Master. Amen.

This week's readings

Psalm 119, verses 111 / Zachariah 7, verse 9 / Mark 4, verses 26 - 29

Thursday 26th

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death has won.

Friday 27th

Genuine kindness is no ordinary act, but a gift of rare beauty.

Sylvia Rosetti

Saturday 28th

A home can be a treasury of God wherein purity, beauty and joy are stored for His purpose.

John S Hogland

Sunday 29th

Lord, although we may not think we can do much, help us today to bring colour, kindness and love into your world. Amen.

Monday 30th

Sweet is the work, my God, my King, to praise thy name, give thanks and sing,
To show thy love by morning light, and talk of all thy truth at night.

God of our community, through our diversity, you enable us to enrich one another. Give us wisdom to recognise and rejoice in what is good and true and to walk in your light all our days. Amen.