



**Morning Prayer**  
**March 17 – March 23**  
*Matins*

- L: O Lord, open my lips,  
C: and my mouth shall declare your praise
- C: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen
- L: The Lord is near to those who call on him.  
C: Oh, come, let us worship him.
- C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
the heights of the hills are also his,  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Oh, come, let us bow down and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- L: The Lord is near to those who call on him.  
C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

Psalms

Mar 17 Monday: 121

Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared a quiet place for us in your Father's eternal home. Watch over our welfare on this perilous journey, shade us from the burning heat of day, and keep our lives free of evil now and forever. Amen.

Mar 18 Tuesday: 25

Lord our God, You show us Your ways of compassion and love, and You spare sinners. Remember not our sins; relieve our misery; satisfy the longing of Your people; and fulfill all our hopes for eternal peace through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mar 19 Wednesday: 27 **St Joseph, Guardian of Our Lord**

O God, who from the family of Your Servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of Your incarnate Son and the spouse of His virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate His uprightness of life and His obedience to Your Commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mar 20 Thursday: 126

Lord Jesus, our life and our resurrection, the tears You sowed in the sorrow of Your Passion brought the earth to flower on Easter morning. Renew the wonders of Your power in the Church, so that, after the sorrows of our exile, we may come home to You in gladness and praise You now and forever. Amen.

Mar 21 Friday: 105

God our Father, through the death and resurrection of Your Son you have fulfilled the promise to Abraham, Joseph, and Moses to redeem the world from slavery and to lead us into the Promised Land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise You forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mar 22 Saturday: 31

God of kindness and truth, You saved Your chosen one, Jesus Christ, and You give Your martyrs strength. Watch over Your people who come to You now, and strengthen the hearts of those who hope in You, that they may proclaim your saving acts of kindness in the eternal city; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mar 23 Sunday: 42

Lord God, never-failing fountain of life, through the saving waters of baptism You called us from the depth of sin to the depths of mercy. Do not forget the trials of our exile, but from the wellspring of the Word satisfy our thirst for You, so that we may come rejoicing to Your holy mountain, where You live and reign now and forever. Amen.

Lessons:

Mar 17 Monday

Jeremiah 1:11-19

Romans 1:1-15

John 4:27-42

Mar 18 Tuesday

Jeremiah 2:1-13, 29-32

Romans 1:16-25

John 4:43-54

Mar 19 Wednesday **St Joseph, Guardian of Our Lord**

Isaiah 63:7-16

Ephesians 3:14-21

Matthew 1:18-25

Mar 20 Thursday

Jeremiah 4:9-10, 19-28

Romans 2:12-24

John 5:19-29

Mar 21 Friday

Jeremiah 5:1-9

Romans 2:25-3:18

John 5:30-47

Mar 22 Saturday

Jeremiah 5:20-31

Romans 3:19-31

John 7:1-13

Mar 23 Sunday **Lent 3**

Jeremiah 6:9-15

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Mark 5:1-20

L: In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

C: But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

C: Let justice roll down like water,  
And righteousness like an overflowing stream.

C: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old that  
he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

L: You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of  
death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

C:       Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
          As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

C:       Let justice roll down like water,  
          And righteousness like an overflowing stream.

Prayer of the day:

Mar 17 Monday

God our Father, teach us to find new life through penance. Keep us from sin, and help us live by Your commandment of love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mar 18 Tuesday

Lord, watch over Your Church, and guide it with Your unfailing love. Protect us from what could harm us and lead us to what will save us. Help us always, for without You we are bound to fail. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mar 19 Wednesday

Father, teach us to live good lives, encourage us with Your support and bring us to eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mar 20 Thursday

God of love bring us back to You. Send Your Spirit to make us strong in faith and active in good works. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mar 21 Friday

Merciful Father, may our acts of penance bring us Your forgiveness, open our hearts to Your Love, and prepare us for the coming feast of the resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Mar 22 Saturday

God our Father, by Your gifts to us on earth we already share in Your life. In all we do, guide us to the light of Your kingdom. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mar 23 Sunday **Lent 3**

Father, You have taught us to overcome our sins by prayer, fasting and works of mercy. When we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence in Your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

L: O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have brought us in safety to this new day; preserve us with You mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of Your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord almighty bless us,  
and direct our days and our deeds in his peace.

C: Amen.

Morning Prayer from LBW and *For All the Saints*

*For 200 years St. John's has been a  
bright beacon of Christ's light and life  
for the world.*

*200 years and the work continues:  
That all might know  
Christ's Love.*

*AS WE REFLECT ON JESUS'  
DEATH/RESURRECTION AND GOD'S  
UNMATCHED GENEROSITY  
TOWARDS US AND ALL CREATION,  
WE REALIZE IT'S ONLY BY HIS  
GRACE/FORGIVENESS THAT I CAN  
EVEN WRITE OR SPEAK ABOUT  
GENEROSITY—FOR HIS GENEROSITY  
IS BOTH PERFECT AND COMPLETE  
IN EVERY WAY.*

**God Loves you  
so very much!**

*ST. JOHN'S IS A GROUP OF SINNERS  
WHO HAVE BEEN CLAIMED BY GOD  
TO GATHER IN THIS PLACE TO  
WORSHIP HIM,  
TO LEARN ABOUT HIM,  
TO BASK IN HIS LOVE,  
TO SHARE HIS LOVE WITH EACH  
OTHER, AND TO SPREAD THAT LOVE  
WITH THE WORLD.*

**GRACE**  
*happens*



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