

Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Maundy Thursday

Christ loved those who were his, and showed them how deep was his love for them.

Christ humbled himself for us, and in obedience accepted death.

Amen.

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Good Friday

Over his head, they put the charge against him:
this is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

Christ humbled himself for us, and in obedience
accepted death, even death on a cross.

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your
family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content
to be betrayed and given up into the hands of
sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is
alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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Easter Eve

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptised into the
death of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
may continually put to death our evil desires
and be buried with him; and that through the
grave and gate of death we may pass to our
joyful resurrection; through his merits, who
died and was buried and rose again for us,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Amen.

8 April

**Annunciation of Our Lord
to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Holy Spirit will come upon you, Mary,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow
you. [Alleluia.]

The Word of God, begotten of the Father before
time began, humbled himself for us and was
incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin
Mary. [Alleluia.]

Mary received the word of the Lord and conceived
the Word of life. [Alleluia.]

We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our
hearts that as we have known the incarnation of your
Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by
his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory
of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

8 April

The Annunciation of Our Lord

The story of the announcement of the coming of God
made flesh in the person of his Son, Jesus the Christ, the
Anointed One, is heard in today's proclamation of the
good news from the gospel of Luke. The feast marks the
conception of Christ in the womb of Mary and has been
celebrated in the Church since at least the late fourth
century. The perfect humanity and the complete divinity
of Jesus is affirmed, following the controversies around
those orthodox assertions, which themselves led to the
acknowledgement of Mary as *Theotokos*, God-bearer,
which in the West became translated as Mother of God.
The celebration thus took on strong associations with the
person of Mary, and became known in England as Lady
Day. In recent years, the Church has re-affirmed the day
as a Feast of our Lord, on which his virgin-mother still
has a unique place of honour.

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10 April

William Law

Priest, Spiritual Writer. 1761

Almighty God, who called your servant William Law to a devout and holy life: grant that by your spirit of love and through faithfulness in prayer, we may find the way to divine knowledge and so come to see the hidden things of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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10 April

William Law

Priest, Spiritual Writer

Born at Kings Cliffe in Northamptonshire in 1686, William Law was educated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and after ordination as a deacon, became a Fellow of the College in 1711. When George I came to the throne in 1714, William declined to take the Oath of Allegiance, being a member of the non – or party who believed the anointed but deposed monarch James II and his heirs should occupy the throne, He lost his Fellowship, but in 1728 was ordained priest, and in the same year published, '*A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*', which much influenced such people as Samuel Johnson and John and Charles Wesley. In it he stresses the moral virtues, a personal prayer life and asceticism. He returned to Kings Cliffe in 1740, where he led a life of devotion and simplicity and caring for the poor. He remained there for the rest of his life and died on this day in the year 1761.

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