

READINGS & PRAYERS

April 5th - April 11th, 2021

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Jesus is Risen! This week begins Eastertide. Easter is about Jesus' *resurrection*. We celebrate his rising from the dead and his triumph over sin, death and hell!

Monday Psalm 55 | Jonah 2.1-10 | Acts 2.14-32 | John 14.1-14

Father, you give your Church constant growth by adding new members to your family. Help us put into action in our lives the baptism we have received with faith.

Tuesday Psalm 56 | Isaiah 30.18-26 | Acts 2.36-47 | John 14.15-31

Father, by this Easter mystery you touch our lives with the healing power of your love. You have given us the freedom of the sons of God. May we who now celebrate your gift find joy in it for heaven.

Wednesday Psalm 57 | Micah 7.7-15 | Acts 3.1-10 | John 15.1-11

God our Father, on this solemn feast you give us the joy of recalling the rising of Christ to new life. May the joy of our annual celebration bring us to the joy of eternal life.

Thursday Psalm 58 | Ezekiel 37.1-14 | Acts 3.11-26 | John 15.12-27

Father, you gather the nations to praise your name. May all who are reborn in baptism be one in faith and love.

Friday Psalm 59 | Daniel 12.1-13 | Acts 4.1-12 | John 16.1-15

Eternal Father, you gave us the Easter mystery as our covenant of reconciliation. May the new birth we celebrate show its effects in the way we live.

Saturday Psalm 60 | Isaiah 25.1-9 | Acts 4.13-31 | John 16.16-33

Father of Love, by the outpouring of your grace you increase the number of those who believe in you. Watch over your chosen family. Give undying life to all who have been born again in baptism.

Sunday Psalm 61 | Isaiah 43.8-13 | 1 Peter 2.2-10 | John 14.1-7

God of Mercy, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth in the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew your gift of life within us.

**These readings and prayers are collected & adapted from [For All the Saints: A Prayer Book For and By the Church](#)*

NEW CITY CATECHISM

Q31: What do we believe by truth faith?

A: Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: **We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**