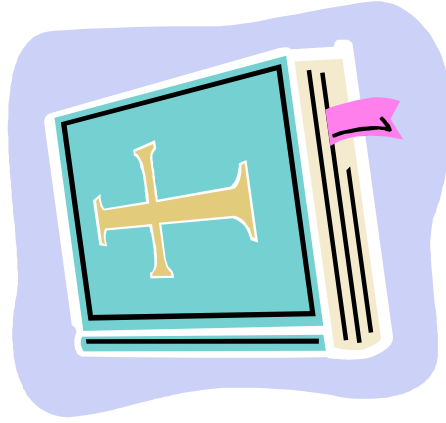


## ACTION

*Prayerful reflection on the Word of God moves us to personal and communal conversion and discernment for action. The "hope" empowers us to bring this discernment to life.*

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Prayer completes the movement of the scriptural reflection. This prayer may be formal or spontaneous and may include petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.*

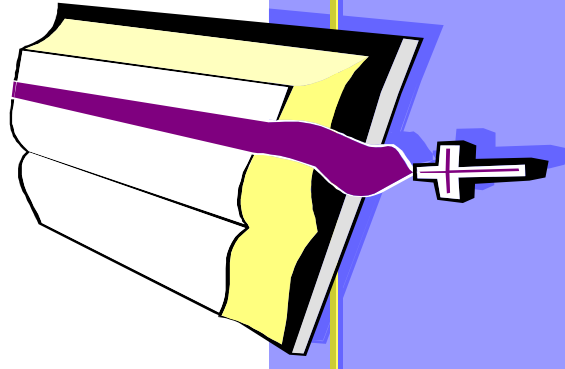


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# Lent Scripture Reflection

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## PRAYER

Begin your reflection with an invocation to the Holy Spirit and with other opening prayers, hymns, and canticles appropriate for the season.

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.*

*Enkindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.*

*And you will renew the face of the earth.*

*O Lord who by the light of the Holy Spirit*

*Did instruct the hearts of your faithful.*

*Grant that by that same Spirit,*

*We may be truly wise*

*And ever enjoy your consolation.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Proclaim the Gospel passage.*

- ✚ First Sunday of Lent Lk 4:1-13
- ✚ Second Sunday of Lent Lk 9:28b-36
- ✚ Third Sunday of Lent Lk 13:1-9
- ✚ Fourth Sunday of Lent Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- ✚ Fifth Sunday of Lent Jn 8:1-11
- ✚ Palm Sunday Lk 22:14-23:56
- ✚ Holy Thursday Jn 13:1-15
- ✚ Good Friday Jn 18:1-19:42
- ✚ Easter Vigil Lk 24:1-12

*Each person is invited to silently reflect upon the scriptural text  
Someone may be inspired to reread the passage for the group.*

## MEDITATION

*In prayer, meditate on the selected passage using the following questions:*

- ✚ *Examine the context of the passage: Who is in the text? Where? When? What is happening?*
- ✚ *What phrase, words, images, or ideas stay with me as I reflect on this passage?*
- ✚ *What thoughts, ideas, or images in this passage make me feel uncomfortable? Why? (The conversion question: "Conversion starts at the edge of our awareness and acceptance and that change usually makes us uneasy" [McKenna 225].)*
- ✚ *What can I do to make this gospel passage come true in my life? In my community? (Start simply, be specific, share insights, and act. [225].)*
- ✚ *What in this passage gives me hope and joy? Why?*

*These questions may be used for personal meditation and/or for small group reflection.*

## CONTEMPLATION and DIALOGUE

*In prayerful contemplation, continue to reflect on the scriptural passage and questions.*

*Open your heart to the powerful presence of God.*

*Within a small group, this personal and private contemplation moves to communal reflection and dialogue.*

