

OLD to NEW
RUIN to RESTORATION
WORKING to GRACE
TEMPORAL to ETERNAL
MY GLORY to HIS GLORY
DEFEATED to CONQUERED
DEATH to LIFE

ALL
THINGS
NEW



THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE WE SEE GOD TAKING THE OLD, BROKEN AND WORN, AND MAKING THEM WHOLE AGAIN, ALWAYS RESTORING AND BRINGING NEW LIFE.

During this season of Lent, we invite you join us on this journey of understanding how God is making *All Things New*. Over the next 40 days, this reader will serve as a tool for you to do that.

EACH SECTION of this journal is anchored in the message taught on the Sunday that begins the week. In every week, you will find challenges to confess, profess, repent, read Scripture, pray and worship. Some days you'll be led to a blog post and asked to read and reflect upon it, while other days will challenge you to meditate or memorize Scripture. Each day is designed to point our hearts to Christ together.

Throughout this reader, you will also be challenged to journal consistently. There will be questions some days, and other days there won't be. We intentionally left space for you to write your own thoughts and seek what God is teaching you on a personal spiritual level.

LENT IS MORE THAN A SEASON OF SELF-DENIAL; IT IS A WAKE UP CALL FROM OUR DAY-TO-DAY LIVES TO THE LIFE WE HAVE IN CHRIST.

Lent breaks us from the every day pattern and refocuses us on Christ and His sacrifice. Our hope is that this reader will break you from your patterns and draw you into a journey with Christ. Dig deep into these scriptures. Be actively present in the practices of worship, confession, meditation, fasting and journaling.

**SEEK TO KNOW CHRIST AND
THE POWER OF HIS SACRIFICE.**

**HE IS MAKING
ALL THINGS
NEW** 

ASH WEDNESDAY

CONFESS:

Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *-Book of Common Prayer*

CONFESS YOUR SIN: _____

PROFESS:

Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by Your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Only in You do we find hope. Only in You do we find joy. Only in You do we find life. Amen. *-Book of Common Prayer*

PROFESS HIS GLORY: _____

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GOOD FRIDAY

JOIN US FOR OUR GOOD FRIDAY EXPERIENCE TONIGHT.

See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at him -his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness—so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces, he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

ISAIAH 52:13-53:12 THE SUFFERING AND GLORY OF THE SERVANT

READ AT SUNRISE:

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance. She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, breathlessly panting, “They took the Master from the tomb. We don’t know where they’ve put him.”

Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn’t go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the kerchief used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself. Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. The disciples then went back home.

But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she knelt to look into the tomb and saw two angels sitting there, dressed in white, one at the head, the other at the foot of where Jesus’ body had been laid. They said to her, “Woman, why do you weep?”

“They took my Master,” she said, “and I don’t know where they put him.” After she said this, she turned away and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn’t recognize him.

Jesus spoke to her, “Woman, why do you weep? Who are you looking for?” She, thinking that he was the gardener, said, “Mister, if you took him, tell me where you put him so I can care for him.”

Jesus said, “Mary.” Turning to face him, she said in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” meaning “Teacher!”

Jesus said, “Don’t cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene went, telling the news to the disciples: “I saw the Master!” And she told them everything he said to her.

