

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESOURCES FOR LENT  
ST COLUMBA'S, PONT STREET  
SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022, LENT VI

The most harrowing week in the Christian year. But also an exciting week,  
trusting in the hope of transformation.

The crowds + disciples

Starting the week in  
jubilation at being with  
the winning team.

Then, when not getting  
what they wanted,  
turning to bay for blood  
and spectacle.

BUT, through love  
His mother Mary,  
the beloved disciple,  
John,  
and some other held fast

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The men of power and  
authority, who

closed their ears and  
minds to justice and  
the evidence they had  
witnessed

so that they could  
maintain their privileged  
positions.

BUT, through  
discernment of divinity,  
Joseph of Arimathea,  
Nicodemus and the  
centurion believed.

Prayer: Most loving Father may we, too, stand below your Cross this week, holding up the present pain of your people, who are suffering from oppression, war, injustice, isolation and illness and those living in fear and deprivation;

We trust in and give thanks for your redeeming, creative love, which brings good out of evil.

Forgive us that we are often so absorbed in our own wants and privilege that we close our minds and hearts to your amazing love for each one of us.

Collect:

True and humble King, hailed by the crowd as Messiah;  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.