

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 3rd April 2022



Please pray

- For refugees, and all those displaced from their homes by war or natural disasters
- For Mthr Alice, as she prepares to resume her ministry here

Welcome to St John's! This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the grey italics gives instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type.

Please stand when the bell rings and the altar party enters.

Opening Hymn

O Christ, who art the Light and Day,
Thou drivest darksome night away!
We know thee as the Light of light
Illuminating mortal sight.

All-holy Lord, we pray to thee,
Keep us to-night from danger free;
Grant us, dear Lord, in thee to rest,
So be our sleep in quiet blest.

And while the eyes soft slumber take,
Still be the heart to thee awake;
Be thy right hand upheld above
Thy servants resting in thy love.

O strong defender, be thou nigh
To bid the powers of darkness fly;
Keep us from sin, and guide for

good
Thy servants purchased by thy blood.

Remember us, dear Lord, we pray
While in this mortal flesh we stay:
'Tis Thou who dost the soul defend--
Be present with us to the end.

Blest Three in One and One in Three,
Almighty God, we pray to thee
That thou wouldst now vouchsafe to bless
Our fast with fruits of righteousness. Amen.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Confession

We are invited to call to mind our sins.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought, word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry

and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Absolution

The celebrant prays for the forgiveness of our sins, to which we respond:
Amen.

The Collect

We remain standing for the Collect, to which we respond:
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21
Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,

the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

We say the Response:

What marvels the Lord worked for us,
indeed we were glad, indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. R

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. R

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who were sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back full of song,
carrying their sheaves. R

Second Reading *Philippians 3:4-14*
I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.
If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but

this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

We stand for the Gospel reading.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 12:1-8

And the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the sermon.

The Creed

Please stand for the Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus**

**Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the
Father,
God from God, Light from
Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were
made.
For us and for our salvation, he
came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy
Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was
buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the
Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no
end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the
Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the**

**Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of
the dead,
and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

The Intercessions

In the intercessions, we make this, or another response:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Peace

Please remain standing as the celebrant introduces the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remember not to share the peace with one another!

Offertory Hymn

**There's a wideness in God's
mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's
sorrows
Are more felt than up in
heaven;
There is no place where earth's
failings
Have such kindly judgement
given.**

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's
mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too
narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been
shed;
There is joy for all the
members
In the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for
thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh
creations
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more
simple,
We should take him at his
word;
And our lives would be all
gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Invitation to Prayer is said:
Pray, brothers and sisters, that my

sacrifice and yours may be
acceptable to God, the almighty
Father.

May the Lord accept the
sacrifice at your hands, for the
praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of
all his holy Church. Amen.

*The priest then prays the Prayer over
the Gifts to which we respond:*
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.
It is right to give thanks and
praise.

*The priest praises God for his mighty
acts, and we say the Sanctus and
Benedictus:*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of
your glory.
Hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.

*The priest prays the prayer of
consecration, and this acclamation is
said:*

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,

Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

*The Prayer continues, leading into the
doxology, which ends*

... for ever and ever.

Amen.

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be
done; on earth as it is in
heaven.

Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those
who

trespass against us.
And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us
from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory, for ever
and ever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

*The priest breaks the consecrated
host:*

We break this bread, to share in
the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are
one body, because we all share
in one bread.

We say the Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away

the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Behold Lamb of God, who takes
away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to
his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to
receive you,
but only say the word, and I
shall be healed.

*Communion is offered in two kinds.
If you would like to receive both the
bread and the chalice then please
come to the left of the altar. If you
would prefer to receive only the bread,
please come to the right.*

Communion Hymn

Drop, drop, slow tears, and
bathe those beautiful feet,
which brought from heaven
the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his
mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth
never cease.

In your deep floods drown all
my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but
through my tears.

Post Communion

We stand as the celebrant prays, to which we respond.

Amen.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

...and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live':**

**I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my
soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall
rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.**

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary:
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus:
**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and at
the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
**that we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.**

Notices

Mthr Alice will be returning next week, so let's all be here to give her a warm welcome back. Our heartfelt thanks to Pauline and Caroline for all their support over this period.

Next week is Palm Sunday, and there will be an eccumencial act of worship at the Manor House entrance to Finsbury Park, starting at 10.00, with a procession back to St John's in time for our usual service at 11.00. There will be a donkey in the procession, so do bring any small children who might enjoy a ride.

Holy week services are as follows:

Monday: 19:30 Mass at St John's

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Maundy Thursday: 20:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper with Foot Washing and Watch of the Passion at St Thomas'

Good Friday: 14:00 Liturgy of Good Friday at St John's

Holy Saturday: 20:00 Easter Vigil at St Thomas'

Easter Sunday: Mass at both churches at the usual time.

Mthr Alice's licensing at St Thomas' will be at 15:00 on Sunday 1st May

Also on the 1st May will be our ACPM. If you are not already on the electoral roll and would like to be, there are forms available in the foyer.

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