

The Second Sunday of Lent



Holy Eucharist

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*A very warm welcome to you all as we worship
the Lord together*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit **Amen**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ be with you

The Lord bless you

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree, so that, free
from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have
been healed.

Let us confess our sins.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:

fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:

fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:

fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution.

The Lord enrich you with his grace and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from evil; the Lord
accept your prayers ✠ and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your
truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all
those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that
they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and
follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord
Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

**The first reading is taken from the letter to the Romans
chapter 4 verses 13-25**

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. ¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why 'it was credited to him as righteousness.' ²³ The words 'it was credited to him' were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

I heard the voice of Jesus say
sung by St Martin's Voices

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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

Hear the ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.' ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Who is Who is Jesus?

Just for fun I typed into Google who is Jesus? Most historians believe that Jesus was a real person who was born between 2 B.C. and 7 B.C. Much of what scholars know about Jesus comes from the New Testament of the Christian Bible.

Wikipedia defines him as a first century Jewish preacher and a religious leader. He is the central figure of Christianity. Bible.org claims him as the most influential person to have lived on our planet. (Taylor Clark, What did Jesus Look Like, 2018) wrote in her book "Jesus was a man who was physical in terms of the labour that he came from," Taylor told Live Science. "He shouldn't be presented as [in] any way someone who was living a soft life, and sometimes that's the kind of image we get."

I wonder what kind of answers I would get if I went around Loughborough today and asked people 'Who do you think Jesus is?' In our multi-cultural society, many would recognise him as a prophet as he is mentioned in the Quran. School children would certainly have heard about him. Many will have been in or watched a nativity play. Most adults will have been in a church at some point in their life for a baptism, wedding or funeral.

The passage we are looking at today deals with the issue of what it means to be the Son of God. A few moments earlier in verse 30 Peter says to Jesus "You are Christ". Peter recognises Jesus is the king the Israelites have been expecting whose coming is prophesied in Old Testament. From this point onwards in Mark's Gospel, the question becomes:

“What does it mean for Jesus to be King?” The Jewish people were disappointed because they wanted Jesus to be another King David, strong in the physical sense, Jesus strength was not worldly strength but spiritual strength, inner strength much greater than any of the Old Testament kings.

The very first thing Jesus teaches right at the beginning of our gospel reading this morning is that “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected... and that he must be killed.” This is Jesus teaching them what it means to be King. It is his mission to suffer, to die on the cross and to rise again.

If someone got up on a soap box in Loughborough or Leicester shopping centres teaching the word of God I’m quite sure the person would in many respects be rejected. If he shouted, I am the Son of God, people would soon be asking, what is he on? But without God in our lives, we are dead; with Jesus we are born again.

Jesus life was not one of chance; he did not end up being killed just because he managed to annoy the wrong people. That is not at all how the bible sees it, Jesus death is part and parcel of his mission.

When Peter takes Jesus aside to take him to task in verse 33, Jesus rebukes him because he does not “Have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” Jesus says that it is the plan of God himself that Peter is opposing. All this raises a question: Why was it so necessary for Jesus to die? One of the clearest answers to that question comes in the Old Testament, from Isaiah 53: This prophecy is written 700 years before Jesus is born. It is clearly about what Jesus would come to do.

But he wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

The Bible says we have all gone astray like sheep. We have rejected the God who made us, but in his mercy God provided a sacrifice of himself: Jesus the Son of God took all the punishment and the penalty of our sin upon the cross, so that through his death all who believe in him may obtain forgiveness and salvation.

This necessity for Jesus death puts Peter’s rebuke into sharp relief and provokes the question why does Peter who knew Jesus well, who only a few verses before declared him to be Christ, reject what Jesus says about having to die?

One probability is that the Jewish people were living under Roman authority. They had been conquered by the Roman Empire, and they absolutely hated it. They had heard the Old Testament prophecies and were expecting a warrior king like David to rise up and set them free. When Peter declared Jesus was the Christ he had in mind someone who would fulfil that image of a warrior king. Peter is an example for us: he had spent a lot of time with Jesus. He was one of the disciples; he knew Jesus personally and yet he still got it all wrong when it came to Jesus telling him that he was going to die. He didn’t realise what Jesus’ mission was all about. He didn’t realise what it meant to be a follower of Jesus.

It is like that with us. In verse 34 Jesus says “if any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” What does that mean? Jesus did not intend for all his disciples to go out and be crucified with Him! What does it mean follow Him to His death?

Jesus, the Lamb of God, was sacrificed for us. For God we must cleanse ourselves from evil ways, we like Jesus must rise from the death of sin.

The apostle Paul says in Galatians 2: 20 “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Jesus acknowledges this. If we look at the parallel passage in Luke's gospel Luke 9:23, Jesus says that taking up our cross is something that his followers need to do daily. He is saying that if we are his followers we will make mistakes, we will fall down. But keep persevering and he will help you. This is why as Christians we need to worship together, to take communion regularly, and to pray together as a community. It is to remind each other that we need to keep coming back to the cross; it reminds us of the forgiveness we find there. This is the way of salvation. This is the way of life. The son of man must suffer; all initially must suffer with the son of man; St Paul was a prime example. At times we all have our cross to bear; so at this Lenten time will we make the supreme sacrifice and give our lives to the service of God?

Claire Zanker



Let us declare our faith together.

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen





With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church

Lord of compassion

In your mercy hear us.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth

Lord of compassion

In your mercy hear us.

For peace in the world that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples

Lord of compassion,

In your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer that they may be relieved and protected. We pray for Klaus Kaiser, Ann Temperley, Joyce Lane, Jean Bowley, Michael Gray, Vincent Nash, June Shilton, Sue & John Thorne, Stan Michalski,

Lord of compassion,

In your mercy hear us.

For those whom we have injured or offended

Lord of compassion,

In your mercy hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God

Lord of compassion,

In your mercy hear us.

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness

Lord of compassion,

In your mercy hear us.

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you. In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster. Do it again, we pray. Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders, Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers. Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve. Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, turn your face towards us, have mercy upon us, and heal our land, we pray.

Amen.

We remember before God those who have died and we pray that God's love will surround all who mourn them, now and always. We give you thanks for all those whom we have loved but who have gone ahead of us. We pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Chambers & George Carpenter



From St Mary's Book of Remembrance

Merle Enid Taylor

From St Paul's Book of Remembrance

Frank Roger Corah, Alan Booth, Dennis Belton, Jozef Michalski, Howard James Carter, Madeline Rosemary Edith Tebbutt

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. ✠ May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in peace

And rise in glory.

A Prayer for St Paul's Primary School

Heavenly Father, we pray for all the families of children who attend St Paul's Primary school. Strengthen & uphold parents juggling working at home with their children home learning. Bless & protect the children growing up in such strange times.

We give thanks for the hard work of all the teaching & support staff involved in face to face & online learning. We pray especially for Mrs Gilchrist as she leads the school through difficult times. Guide & encourage her. Help her to find rest & refreshment. **Amen**

Introduction to the Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love. **Amen.**

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father Almighty and eternal God. through Jesus Christ our Lord

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and singing

**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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit that broken bread and wine outpoured may become unto us the most precious body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends, and taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, he gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took a cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, as we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Mary the mother of God, blessed Peter and blessed Paul blessed Francis and all the saints and Holy Apostles to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever **Amen**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever Amen**

We pray for the coming of the Kingdom in the words our Lord and Saviour has taught us,

**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.**

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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

Jesus is the 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 my soul shall be healed.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. In Jesus' name Amen

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Blessing

Christ give you the grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, to keep a Holy Lent and to take up your cross, and follow him who is the way the truth and the life and the blessing of God ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon each one of you now and always **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ
Amen

Praise to the Holiest in the height
sung by St Martin's Voices

- 1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.
- 2 O loving wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.
- 3 O generous love! that he, who smote
in man for man the foe,
the double agony in man
for man should undergo;
- 4 And in the garden secretly,
and on the Cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.
- 5 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

*'For just as the body is one and has many
members, and all the members of the body, though
many, are one body, so it is with Christ.'*
1 Corinthians 12:12

Every Church is a family and is made up of the Body of Christ where
God bestows upon us the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
These gifts are to be used for building up the Church and in mission
to the wider community.

There are many gifts: preaching, administrative, prayer, pastoral,
safe guarding, music, finance and so on.

As Hilja steps down this year, having been our PCC secretary for the
last nine years, for which I have been extremely thankful, I wonder if
there is anyone who would like to take up Hilja's mantle please?
Hilja will, of course, have everything organised for a smooth handover
after this year's APCM and is happy to have a chat with anyone who
may be interested and let them know that being Secretary is not
difficult.

If you would be interested in this role please do prayerfully reflect and
then do contact Hilja or myself.

Only together can we achieve great things for the glory of God.

Revd Lisa



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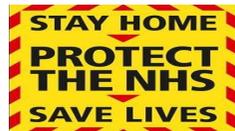
Exploring the Stations of the Cross
Through the eyes of Mary
Tuesday: February 23rd at 7.30pm
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Tuesday: March 9th at 7.30pm
Tuesday: March 16th at 7.30pm
All are welcome. See you there...

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Public services for Worship at both St Paul's and Mary's churches continue to be suspended until further notice. This has been a heart breaking decision but I do believe that we have to protect and keep everyone safe. The Church is still here to offer comfort and spiritual support to the parish and to care for each other, particularly those who are vulnerable or who may be most at risk. Let us remember that we do have hope, hope in the vaccine and hope for a brighter future for all. There is God's light shining at the end, of what has become a long and dark tunnel. Let us hang in there and put our faith and trust in the Lord who loves us unconditionally and continue to pray for each other, our community and the NHS.

Please do get in touch if you want to talk or need support of any kind.
Blessings *Revd Lisa*

Mission & Outreach

A huge thank you to all those who left water, food donations and baby provisions during last year for John's Storehouse. They have made an urgent request for their supplies to be replenished after Christmas. Your continued support for homeless, families living with poverty and unemployment and those in need is much appreciated.

Please leave your donations at the Rectory front door on WEDNESDAYS only.

Once again a massive thank you. *Revd Lisa*



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FYI : Revd Lisa & Michèle will be having their day off on Tuesdays each week

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Keeping in Touch

As we continue to post a Holy Eucharist service online, we are aware that not everyone can access this worship material.

There are more conventional ways to join in worship at home.

BBC Radio 4 92.4-94.6 FM Sunday 8.10 am Sunday Worship

BBC Radio 3 90.2-92.4 FM Sunday 3.00pm Choral Evensong

 Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The free phone line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

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