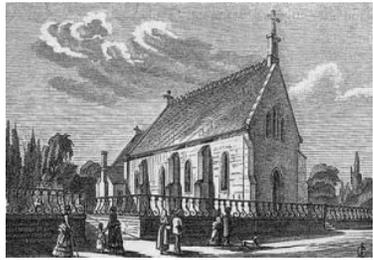


# Fifth Sunday of Lent

## 22 March 2026

St John's Church, Montreux  
Anglican Diocese in Europe



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### HYMNS

Opening	347	Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old
Gospel	108	Glory be to Jesus
Offertory	174 (Tune 248)	Breathe on me, Breath of God
Recessional	438	Go forth for God

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 37.1-14

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God:

Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 130**

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; • let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. <sup>2</sup>If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, • O Lord, who could stand? <sup>3</sup>But there is forgiveness with you, • so that you shall be feared. <sup>4</sup>I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; • in his word is my hope. <sup>5</sup>My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, • more than the night watch for the morning. <sup>6</sup>O Israel, wait for the Lord, • for with the Lord there is mercy; <sup>7</sup>With him is plenteous redemption • and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

### **EPISTLE READING Romans 8.6-11**

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law – indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL READING** John 11.1-45

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

### **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' <sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' <sup>27</sup>She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the

one coming into the world.’<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, ‘The Teacher is here and is calling for you.’<sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.<sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.<sup>34</sup> He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’<sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep.<sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me.<sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**2026 Holy Week Services**  
**St. John's Church**  
**Av. de Chillon 92, 1820 Montreux**

*We warmly invite you to join us  
for these English language services  
as we journey together through Holy Week to Easter.*

**PALM SUNDAY,**  
**29 March, 10:30 a.m.**

Beginning in the Sissi garden (weather permitting) with the blessing of palms and the Gospel of the Entry into Jerusalem, our procession into church draws us into the mystery of the Passion that lies ahead.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**2 April, 7:00 p.m.**

On the night on which Christ gave himself for us, we keep his commandment in the washing of feet, share in the Eucharist he instituted, and watch as the altar is stripped bare.

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**3 April, 12:00 noon**

Standing at the foot of the cross, we hear the Passion according to John, venerate the instrument of our salvation, and receive communion from the reserved sacrament.

**EASTER VIGIL**  
**4 April, 8:00 p.m.**

**at Villars Church, Rte des Hôtels 26, Villars-sur-Ollon**

As darkness falls at Villars Church, we kindle new fire, sing the Exsultet, and keep watch through the Vigil Readings, before renewing our baptismal vows and celebrating the first Eucharist of Easter.

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**5 April, 10:30 a.m.**

We begin in the Sissi garden (weather permitting) with the lighting of the Easter Candle, then enter the church to renew our baptismal promises and share together in the joy of the Easter Eucharist.

# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTREUX NOTICES (22 March 2026)

## **Lent Course**

This Wednesday (**25 March 2026**) our locum priest Matt will be leading the final session of our Lent course on zoom from **8.00-9.30 p.m.**

Further details are on the Fruitful App. To join the group, visit <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85479910526> (meeting ID: 854 7991 0526)

## **Easter Lilies**

We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus by decorating our church with lilies on Easter Day. If you would like to give a gift towards these in memory of a loved one, please see David Murfin or one of the wardens.

## **Piano Recital with Sophie Leacacos 26 April at 5:00 p.m.**

Sophie Leacacos is not only a professional pianist with an international career and a piano teacher in the region, but also our own Secretary of the Association for the Restoration of St John's. We are delighted to welcome her to the keyboard for what promises to be a memorable afternoon of music by Beethoven, Mozart, and Chopin. Proceeds from this recital will go towards the restoration of the St John's organ.

## **“A Church Near You” Webpage**

Warm thanks to Nick Jellicoe who has been updating our online presence on A Church Near You ([www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)) to help visitors find us. He has also created a new St John's Montreux Facebook page. If you use Facebook, do visit and like it!

## **Food Bank**

Thank you for your contributions to the food bank. Your offering of non-perishable items is a practical expression of love and care and helps local organisations provide food to the hungry.

## **Regular Giving**

Our Chaplaincy is completely self-funded locally. Please consider supporting the work of the church through a one-off donation or through regular financial giving via Swiss BVR: 18-4182-2

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