

Daily Bread

Feria of Week of Beginning of Lent

Monday, 12th February

1 Peter 1: 3-9; Mark 10: 17-27

Tuesday, 13th February

1 Peter 1: 10-16; Mark 10: 28-31

Wednesday, 14th February

Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51: 1-17
2 Corinthians 5: 20b - 6:10;
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

Thursday, 15th February

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Luke 9: 18-25

Friday, 16th February

Isaiah 58: 1-9a; Matthew 9: 14-17

Saturday, 17th February

Isaiah 58: 9b-14; Luke 5: 27-32

Sunday, 18th February

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9: 8-17; Psalm 25: 1-10;
1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 9-15
Eucharist (St John's Church), 11.30am

Intercessions

Please pray for:

Those who are sick or in hospital:

Dorotheea, David, Elizabeth, Valerie,
Ina, Joseph, Liz, Isabel, Harry John,
Danut, Mihaela, Alan, Mick, Irving,
Janet, Bishop Kevin, Linda, Christina,
Robert, John and Ferne.

Faithful departed anniversaries:

Harry Dunlop and May Mole.

Announcements

Ash Wednesday: There will be services on **Ash Wednesday, 14 February** at **St Serf's** at **10am** and **St John's** at **7pm**.

Next Sunday, 18 February: There will be no service at St Serf's Church on Sunday, 18 February. There will be a 1982 Eucharist at St John's Church at 11.30am. All are welcome.

Lent Group: There will be a Lent course starting **Monday 19th Feb** at **St Serf's** at **3pm**. All are welcome. For more details please ask Revd Tess.

Days Off: Revd Tess takes **Thursday** and **Friday** as days off.

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(Incorporating St John's,
Baillieston; St Kentigern's,
Dennistoun and St Serf's,
Shettleston)

Sunday before Lent

11th February 2024

Welcome to our church for this Sunday's service; do stay for tea or coffee afterwards, we look forward to meeting you. If the morning service is the celebration of the Eucharist, all are welcome to make their communion here. Or if you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward to the rail with arms crossed over your chest.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Lectionary

2 Kings 2: 1-12

A reading from the second book of Kings.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell

me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Psalm 50: 1-6

R Our God will come and will not keep silence.

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.

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3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of his people.

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5 'Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.'

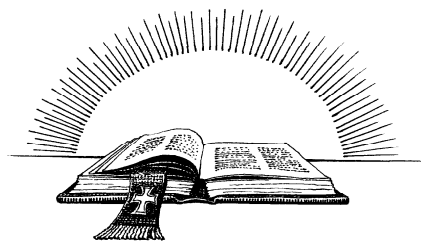
6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.

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2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

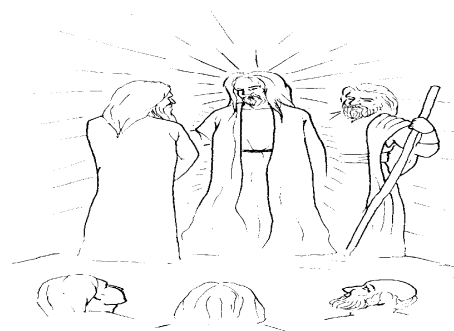


Mark 9: 2-9

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach

them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name.

Reflection

Jesus loved hills and mountains. We read in the gospels how he often went into the hills to pray. He preached his most famous sermon from a hilltop. He was transfigured on Mount Tabor, he died on Mount Calvary, and he ascended from Mount Olivet. He was, after a manner of speaking, a mountain man. Why was this?

Was it, because heights cause the spirit to soar? Down in the valley we often can't see the wood for the trees. We can't see the pattern of our lives. But the hilltop restores our vision, and we find our way again. A problem which down below seems like an elephant, from up here seems no bigger than an ant.

Lord, we all need the view from the hilltop. It is indeed good for us. For then, even though we may have to walk through valleys of darkness, we will fear no evil, for we will know that you are with us there too, to guide us, to give us comfort, and to transfigure our lowly lives.

