

## Daily Bread

Feria of 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

### Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March

2 Kings 5: 1-15a; Luke 4: 24-30

### Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

Song of the Three 1: 2, 11-20;  
Matthew 18: 21-35

### Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March

Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-10;  
Matthew 5: 17-20

### Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March

Jeremiah 7: 21-28; Luke 11: 14-23

### Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March

Hosea 14: 1-9; Mark 12: 28-34

### Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March

Hosea 5: 13 - 6: 6; Luke 18: 9-14

### Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March

*Mothering Sunday*

Exodus 2: 1-10; Psalm 127: 1-4;  
Colossians 3: 12-17;  
John 19: 25-27

Eucharist (St Serf's Church), 9am  
Eucharist (St Serf's Church), 10am

## Announcements

**Next Sunday, 10 March:** There will be no service at St John's Church on Sunday, 10 March. There will be a 1970 Eucharist at St Serf's Church at 9am and a 1982 Eucharist at St Serf's Church at 10am. All are welcome.

**Lent Group:** The Lent course will continue on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at St Serf's at 3pm.** All are welcome. For more details please ask Revd Tess.

A Zoom link is available for those unable to attend in person - please ask Tess.

**Funeral:** The funeral for Christopher Warwick will take place on Monday, 18 March at St Serf's at 10.30am.

**Bishop's Lent Appeal:** This year's Lent Appeal is for Friends of the Holy Land, who work to support the lives and witness of Christians living in the Holy Land through prayer and practical project, recognizing that their presence in the land where Jesus once walked in an important witness to all Christians. You can find more about the work and mission of Friends of the Holy Land on their website. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for your donation.

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

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## GLASGOW EAST END EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

3<sup>rd</sup> March 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

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Lectionary

#### Exodus 20: 1-17

*A reading from the book of Exodus.*

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have

no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

## Psalm 19:7-10

**R Lord, you have the message of eternal love.**

1 The law of the lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

**R**  
The precepts of the Lord are right; they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear; it gives light to the blind.

**R**  
The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth, and all of them just.

**R**  
They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold. Sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.

**R**

## 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who

believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## John 2: 13-22

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples

remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

## Post Communion

God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

## 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.

**Recently departed:**  
Christopher Warwick.

**Faithful departed anniversaries:**  
Ruth Glover



## Reflection

This is the house of our heavenly Father.

Here we draw close to him in whom we live and move and have our being.

It is above all a house of prayer.

We can pray in many ways and at many different levels.

We pray first of all by being here. Then we pray with our lips.

But most of all we pray with our heart.

Unless our heart is behind what we say, then our words are no better than a gong booming or a cymbal clashing.

Here we also draw close to one another.

Therefore we pray together as members of a family should.

The quality of our prayer depends on the bond that exists between us.

If we are united in heart and mind our prayer will ascend to heaven like fragrant incense.

But if we are not reconciled with one another our prayer will be like the singing of a choir in which some members are out of tune.

Lord Jesus, help us to make this house a true house of prayer.