

Daily Bread

Feria of 4th Week of Lent

Monday, 11th March

Isaiah 65: 17-21; John 4: 43-54

Tuesday, 12th March

Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12; John 5: 1-18

Wednesday, 13th March

Isaiah 49: 8-15; John 5: 19-30

Thursday, 14th March

Exodus 32: 7-14; John 5: 31-47

Friday, 15th March

Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22;
John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, 16th March

Jeremiah 11: 18-20; John 7: 40-53

Sunday, 17th March

5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 1-12;
Hebrews 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-33
Eucharist (St John's Church),
11.30am

Announcements

Next Sunday, 17 March: There will be no service at St Serf's Church on Sunday, 17 March. There will be a 1982 Eucharist at St John's Church at 11.30am. All are welcome.

Lent Group: The Lent course will continue on **Monday 11th 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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**(Incorporating St John's,
Baillieston; St Kentigern's,
Dennistoun and St Serf's,
Shettleston)**

Mothering Sunday

10th 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 by your sides.

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living, that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lectionary:

Exodus 2: 1-10

A reading from the book of Exodus.

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Psalm 127: 1-4

R It is the Lord who builds the house. 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, their labour is in vain who build it.

2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the guard keeps vigil.

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3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.

4 Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

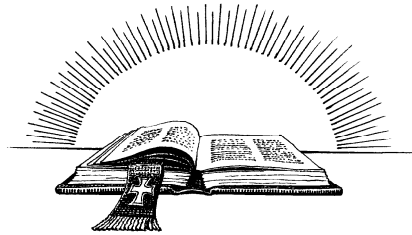
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Colossians 3: 12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or

deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



John 19: 25-27

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

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.



Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions

Please pray for:

Those who are sick or in hospital:
Dorothea, 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:
Pat Phillips, George McGreevy, Agnes McDonald and James Johnston.

7 Day Votive Candles

St John's

This candle burns in memory of Pat Phillips.

Reflection

A Prayer of St Anselm:

And you, Jesus, sweet Lord, are you not also a mother! Truly, you are a mother, the mother of all mothers, who tasted death in your desire to give life to your children.

Prayers for Families

God, father and mother of us all, we pray for families in their joy. Where parents are loving and children are lively; where home is comfortable and jobs are secure, we pray that our joy may be hallowed by thanksgiving and our happiness increased by sharing it. Amid the blessings you send, keep us mindful of you, the one who sends them.

Son of God, Saviour of all, joy and sword for Mary's heart, we pray for families in their sorrow. Where grief has come for a loved one, or where love is no more; where jobs or home are lost or health has failed; where neighbours or relatives make trouble and children are wayward; where one or another is left coping with more than they bargained for, and nobody laughs, or sings. Lord Jesus, in our desert and our Gethsemane, give us your grace of strength and peace.

Taken from 'Gathering for Worship'
The Baptist Union of Great Britain..