

Daily Bread

Feria of 5th Week of Lent

Monday, 18th March

Susanna 1: 41c-62; John 8: 1-11

Tuesday, 19th March

Numbers 21: 4-9; John 8: 21-30

Wednesday, 20th March

Daniel 3: 13-28; John 8: 31-47

Thursday, 21st March

Genesis 17: 3-9; John 8: 51-59

Friday, 22nd March

Jeremiah 20: 7-13; John 10: 31-42

Saturday, 23rd March

Ezekiel 37: 21b-28; John 11: 45-57

Sunday, 24th March

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16;

Philippians 2: 5-11;

Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47

Eucharist (St Serf's Church),

10.30am

Announcements

Next Sunday, 24 March: There will be no service at St John's Church on Sunday, 24 March. There will be a 1982 Eucharist for Palm Sunday at St Serf's Church at **10.30am**. All are welcome.

Lent Group: Our final Lent course meeting will be on **Monday 18th 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. All are welcome.

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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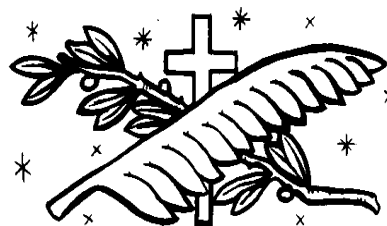
5th Sunday of Lent

17th 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

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Lectionary

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 51

R Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy because we have sinned.

Have mercy on me Lord in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt, Lord,
and cleanse me from my sin.

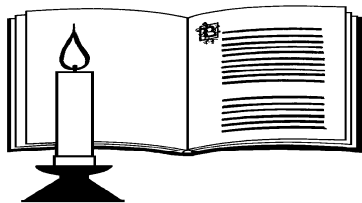
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Create a clean heart in your servant.
Put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not let me persist in my sin, Lord,
nor deprive me of your spirit.

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Restore to me joy of your presence.
With a spirit of fervor support me,
that I may teach to transgressors
your ways, Lord;
so that sinners may return.

**R Have mercy, O Lord, have
mercy, O Lord, have mercy
because we have sinned.**



Hebrews 5: 5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son,

he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

John 12: 20-33

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

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Post Communion

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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, Ferne and Sarah.

Recently departed:
Christopher Warwick.



Reflection

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by the heavenly Father. That grain must die if it is to produce a harvest. This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in very ordinary ways.

Every act of kindness involves dying to meanness.
Every act of love involves dying to selfishness.
Every act of humility involves dying to pride.
Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice.
Every act of forgiveness involves dying to bitterness.

When a person's life is producing a rich harvest of such acts, it means that the grain of wheat has well and truly died. The false self is dying, and the true self, made in God's image, is slowly being born.

It is the true self alone that will inherit life.
For there is no place for what is false in the presence of God.
It would melt like snow before the sun.