

Daily Bread

Feria of 2nd Week of Lent

Monday, 2nd March

Daniel 9: 3-10;
Luke 6: 36-38

Tuesday, 3rd March

Isaiah 1: 10-20;
Matthew 23: 1-12

Wednesday, 4th March

Jeremiah 18: 18-20;
Matthew 20: 17-28

Thursday, 5th March

Jeremiah 17: 5-10;
Luke 16: 19-31;

Friday, 6th March

Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-28;
Matthew 21: 33-46

Saturday, 7th March

Micah 7: 14-20;
Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Sunday, 8th March

3rd Sunday of Lent
Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42
Eucharist (St Serf's Church), 9am
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Announcements

Next Sunday, 8 March: There will be a 1970 Eucharist at St Serf's Church at 9am and a 1982 Eucharist at St Serf's Church at 10.30am (no service at St John's). All are welcome.

Morning Prayer will be livestreamed at 9am on Facebook on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Discussion Group: Tomorrow, **Monday 2nd March** at 2pm we will continue watching the 5th season of "The Chosen" at the rectory in Cambuslang. Each Monday we will watch one episode together followed by a brief discussion about the episode. If you would like to come but need a lift please speak with Tess. If you would prefer to participate by watching with us on Zoom, that is also possible.

World Day of Prayer Services will take place on **Friday, 6 March** at Mure Memorial Church at 1pm and at Greyfriars Church, Barlanark at 2pm.

Beetle Drive: There will be a Beetle Drive at **St Serf's** on **Wednesday, 11 March** at 7pm Cost will be £3.00.

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)

2nd Sunday of Lent

1st March 2026

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

O God, you see that we lack the strength to help ourselves: protect us both inwardly and outwardly; that our bodies may be guarded from adversity, and our minds may be defended from such thoughts as assault and harm the soul; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Lectionary

Genesis 12: 1-4a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121

R My help comes from the Lord.

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

R

3 He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;

R

5 The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

R

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

R

Romans 4: 1-5 + 13-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God

who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3: 1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have

told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Post Communion

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercessions

Please pray for healing and comfort for:

Dorothea, David, Elizabeth, Valerie, Arthur, Kathryn, George, Ina, Liz, Phil, Harry John, Danut, Mihaela, Janet, John, Christine, Jeremy, Annie, Deirdre, Sheila, Margaret, Ronnie and Donna.

Faithful departed anniversaries:
Mae Baker.

Reflection

'God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

God is constant in his promises. unchanging in his nature. It is only God's love that sets mercy between us and God's judgement.

Dear Lord Jesus, renew me with your life-giving Spirit and open my eyes to see you as the Lord of salvation and not of condemnation.

Grant that I shall never despair because of my sins, never accept them as of no account, but always come to you in the love that seeks to match the infinite love of your coming into the world.

(Taken from 'Following the Gospel Through the Year' by Raymond Chapman.)

