

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**  
**Lent 5**

**In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for** Robert Stevenson, William McLaren, Betty Honywill, Elizabeth Mizener, Mary Scott, Helen Forteach.

We pray too for Revd Fergus Harris who died this past week, Tony Wills and Pam Breeze.

**We also give special prayers for** Syliva, Masami, Peter, Joan M., Delia, Nancy, Gonzalo, Jane T., Claire A. & family, Faten and Huda as they settle into their new life in Scotland, Ukraine, its people, and the World, and the families and friends of Tony Wills, Pam Breeze and Revd Fergus Harris.

*The Intercessions are being led by Pam Dugan*

**The Collect for Lent 5 is:**

Merciful God,  
look upon your family as we travel to the foot of the cross:  
and, by your great goodness, guide us in body;  
that, by your protection,  
we may also be preserved in heart and mind;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end

**Amen**

**The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 43: 16-21**

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 126**

1. When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
3. Then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
4. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.
5. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.
6. Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.
7. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The New Testament Reading is Philippians 3: 4b-14** (Read by Janet Young)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel Reading is John 12: 1-8**

### **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign,  
now and for ever.

**Amen**

The sung Communion Setting is by MacMillan.

### **The Hymns are from Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New**

552 O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

646 The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

409 Lord for the years, Lord for the years

**The Anthem** is, God so loved the world, by Sir John Stainer. (From the Crucifixion.)