

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**  
**The Second Sunday of Lent**

**Opening Hymn**    NEH 238    New every morning is the love

**Collect for The Second Sunday of Lent**

God of patience and humility,  
in your love you gave your Son to be rejected and raised up on a cross.  
Gather us under its shadow and open our eyes to its mystery,  
that we may share even now in the life that is from above;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**First Lesson**    **Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1**    *(Read by Janet Young)*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians, chapter 3, verse 17 to chapter 4 verse 1.

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me [, Paul], and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**Sun 9am**    Here endeth the Epistle.

**Sun 10.45**    This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading            Luke 13: 31-35**

**Sun 9am    Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**Sun 10.45    Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' <sup>32</sup>He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

**Sun 9am    Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy glorious Gospel.**

**Sun 10.45    Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.  
                  Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Prayer List:**

Mitsuo, Michael R., Betty, Emma A., Catriona D., Joseph, Alice, Alison B., Catherine, Bill, Johnny, Joan M., Delia, Nancy, Jane T.; the friends and family of Dick Dunn; Countries suffering war, violence or disaster; the people of Israel, Palestine and the Lebanon, Ukraine, Sudan and Afghanistan.

We remember in our prayers Roddy's stepfather, Dick Dunn, who died recently.

**We also include in our prayers those in our Year's Mind this week; John Stewart-Clark, Winifred Anderson, Alastair Mowat, Pamela Breeze, Rosalinde Balfour-Melville, Jeffrey Robinson, Frank Thomas, Alan Somner, Peter Wilson.**

*The Intercessions are being led by Rev Ruth Green.*

**Sun 9am; Proper Preface for Lent**

(Ash Wed to Saturday before Passion Sunday) (Prayer Book p. 343)

Because thou hast given us the spirit of discipline,  
that we may triumph over the flesh,  
and live no longer unto ourselves  
but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels....

**Offertory Hymn**    NEH 461    There's a wideness in God's mercy

**Anthem**    Civitas Sancti Tui    Byrd

Translation:

Thy holy cities are a wilderness; Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

**Post Communion Prayer for The Second Sunday of Lent**

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.

**Amen**

**Closing Hymn**    (*Sheet*)    A safe stronghold our God is still

**Readings for the day**

Genesis 15: 1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; \*Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1; \*Luke 13: 31-35

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