



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(Passiontide begins)
Sunday, March 21st 2021

Dear Friends

In today's first reading Jeremiah looks forward to a time, which God promised would come. He said "I will forgive their wickedness and remember their sins no more."

We now live in "that" time of privilege when our sins can be forgiven freely. Not now through the sacrifice of animals as in Old Testament times but because Jesus, in dying for us, made the last final sacrifice for sin. However, there are two conditions before we receive forgiveness.

Firstly, we have to truly repent of our sins. Repent means turning away from them and moving in a new direction.

Secondly, The Lord's Prayer says "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us".

Today, we begin the last two weeks of Lent in which we follow the events of the Passion more closely - hence "Passion Sunday". Today is when Jesus begins to unveil what his passion is to mean for him. In today's Gospel he says "I tell you the truth, when a grain of wheat falls into the ground it remains a single grain, but if it dies it brings forth much fruit. Jesus is revealing the cost of his passion and the certainty of his death.

As we follow his destiny of self-sacrifice, we are brought face to face with the fact that Jesus said "If you can't to be a follower of mine you must take up your cross and follow me". This will mean different things for each of us but it speaks of sacrifice, following not our own way, but his way, which he will reveal to us when we are ready to listen and follow.

Now read the hymn below slowly and hum the tune if you can remember it.

Fr Bernard

Hymn For Today

1. Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin.
From earth-born passions set me free,
And make me pure within.

2. Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe oppressed;
Let me thy loving servant be,
And taste thy promised rest.

3. Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the battle's strife.
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.

4. Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray.
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.

5. Lord Jesus, think on me
When flows the tempest high;
When on doth rush the enemy,
O Savior, be Thou nigh!

6. Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
And share Thy joy at last.

The New English Hymnal

Let Us Pray

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
If I surrender to His Will;
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with Him Forever and ever in the next.

Amen

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Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *Jeremiah 31. 31-34*

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.

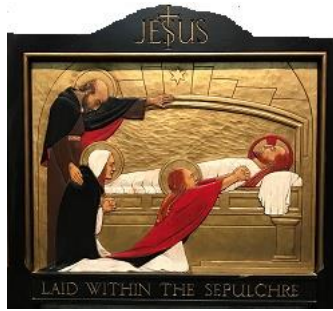
Second Reading *John 12. 20-33*

Now 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.

Psalm 119. 9 – 16 (CW version) In quo corrigit

Listen [here](#)

Sung by Christopher and Isobel Rathbone



Stations of the Cross
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

13: Jesus gives up the ghost

“Father into your hands I commend my spirit” Mary and St John looked upon their dead friend. Nicodemus who had come to Jesus “by night”, suddenly received the courage to help Joseph of Arimathea to take away the Lord’s body John 19: 38-39. Jesus was once more surrounded by a few friends

PRAY Dear Jesus give us faith to remain faithful to You and Your Body, the Church, even when everything seems dead, lifeless and helpless - for You are the source of all new life. **Amen**

14: The Lord is laid to rest in a borrowed tomb

He had been born in someone else’s stable. Now the Saviour rests in a borrowed tomb. He was born with nothing of this world’s goods and died detached from everything. When He came, men slept and angels sang. Now creation is silent and only a few weep. Will our hope be trusting enough to rely on His providence even when we have nowhere to lay our head?

PRAY O merciful Saviour, let me be well prepared when I come to my end in this life that, though my body may rest in sleep, I may rise to life eternal with you. **Amen**

15: The Resurrection; Christ is risen and holds out to us all the New Life

PRAY Praise God in His holy place, praise Him in the highest heavens, praise Him for His powerful deeds, praise Him for His excellent greatness. Let everything that lives and breathes praise the Lord. **Amen**

A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in

our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

Stations of the Cross, Fr Godfrey

Photograph taken by Catherine Gibson

In our Prayers

Years' Mind

Monday	Peggy Bainbridge
Tuesday	Barbara Collins, Tony Klepper, John Schofield
Wednesday	Malgwyn Powell, Peter Edward West
Thursday	David John Buckley, Peter Barker
Friday	Beryl Wrench
Saturday	Thomas William Nightingale

Please pray for the sick: Trevor Allen, Christine Atkinson, Val Banks, Ann Bruun, Joan Gelder, Lauren Green, Ramone (Ray) Guha, May Hughes, Fr Garth Kellett, Charlotte Lockhart, Peter Kuchartschuk, Peter Waterhouse.

Please contact the churchwardens or Vickie if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.

Sunday "Coffee Time"

Please join us on Sunday, March 21st at 11.30am for our virtual "coffee time". The meeting details are below.

[Click here](#) to join Zoom Coffee Time

You are also welcome to join **Coffee Time at St Matthew's, Northampton** following their live-streamed service each Sunday. Coffee Time begins just after 11.15am. Please use your name and "Ilkley" when logging on to zoom meeting. Click on the link below, no password needed, or if using the zoom app enter meeting id: 890 759 8916

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8907598916>



Links to live-streamed worship

St Matthews, Northampton St Matthews is an Anglican Parish Church, in the catholic tradition. You are welcome to join Fr Nicholas Setterfield and the congregation of St Matthews for their live-streamed Parish Mass at 10.15am. Service booklets can also be downloaded. Go to <http://www.stmatthewsnorthampton.org.uk/> and then click on the link to join the live-streamed Sunday service which is posted on the home page. You can also "like" St Matthew's facebook page to receive live notifications of streamed services. The link to the facebook page is below. Don't forget you are welcome to join coffee time at St Matthews after the service.

<https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewschurchnorthampton/>

Links to to live-streamed services in churches within Leeds Diocese

Click [here](#) to reach live worship in churches across the Diocese.

Private Prayer at St. Margaret's

Monday to Friday

9.30am - 11.30am

St Margaret's is open each weekday morning between 9.30am and 11.30am.

Please use hand sanitizer when you enter and leave church and take responsibility for your own social distancing. Please also pick up one of the "Please clean me" notices on entering church. We kindly ask you to leave this notice on your seat when you leave church.

We wish to keep the church as a place of quiet. Any social conversations should take place away from the Church and its grounds. There will be no hymn books or prayer books or other cards available, so if you would like any prayer resources please bring those with you and take them away similarly.

Morning Prayer on Zoom
Wednesday, March 24th

The Readers will be holding a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom on Wednesday, March 24th at 10.00am. We will use the words from Common Worship. These will be shown on the screen or can be downloaded [here](#). Click the link scroll down and click on Morning Prayer for the order of service.

Click the Zoom link to join morning prayer [here](#). The link will be open from 9.50am. All are welcome.

Ubi Caritas by Duruflé
St. Margaret's Virtual Choir

Listen [here](#)

I have tracked down our Virtual Choir version of Ubi Caritas by Duruflé. This is a lovely motet by Maurice Duruflé 1902 - 86. We have sung it on Maundy Thursday every year until last year when we were already in lockdown. The Latin words are:

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.

Translation:

Where charity and love are, there is God.
Christ's love joins us together.
Let us rejoice in it.
Let us fear and love the living God.
From our sincere hearts let us love.
Where charity and love are, there is God. Amen.

The music is appropriately loving, with antiphonal effects where each line is repeated by a second group of singers: I think Geoff's 'mix' captures this well from our disparate recorded voices. Unusually the tune is carried by the altos, with sopranos only joining in for the middle section, 'Exsulemus...' (Incidentally, there's another setting of these words by Ola Gjielo on the 'God is gone up' CD which we recorded in Autumn 2019. There are a few left if anyone would like one...)

This was our 15th Virtual Choir project, recorded and edited back in October. Next week we'll hopefully bring you no 24, an extract from Victoria's Tenebrae Responsories, in time for Holy Week Christopher

Church Spring Clean, 10 am to 12 noon, Saturday, March 27th

In preparation for Easter, we would like to do as much of our traditional spring clean as is possible. Government guidance does allow for volunteering and rules regarding social distancing, the wearing of masks and hand sanitising will be observed. We will concentrate on the lower level parts of the nave and sanctuary and materials will be provided. If you can offer an hour of your time, please contact Helen or Alison [via stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com). We hope that, as government restrictions ease, a fuller clean will be possible in the summer.



Read the latest news [here](#) from **JJ Community Transformation**. The Christian charity, run by Bethan and Horace Muhabuzi, provides free education to children and young people in South West Uganda, and is supported regularly by St. Margaret's Outward Giving Group.

Exploring the Natural World

Ilkley Literature Festival has announced a spring digital programme of Digital Events Exploring the Natural World which will begin later this month. Nine specially curated talks exploring the relationship between words and the natural world will be broadcast free online on Saturday and Sunday, March 27th and 28th, and then will be available to view on catch up until April 30th. Read all about the programme of events and register to join [here](#).

Electoral Roll Revision

The 2021 **Electoral Roll Revision** will take place from March 28th to April 10th 2021. If you were added to the roll in 2019 or 2020, you do not need to do anything. If you are not on the current electoral roll please consider adding your name this year. Joining the electoral roll means that you can vote at the APCM and it makes you eligible to stand for PCC and other church committees. It is also a way of demonstrating your ongoing commitment to the life and work of St Margaret's. In order to reduce the risk of infection forms will not be left at the back of church this year. If you would like to apply please contact Catherine Beaumont [via stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com) and I will post a form to you. Forms can be returned by post or can be left in the safe at the back of church.

Annual Parish Church Meeting

Tuesday, April 20th

We are back on track with the usual time of year for the Annual Meetings, as recommended by the Diocese, and so this year's APCM will be held on Tuesday, April 20th at 7.30pm by Zoom. As usual, I will publish reports prior to that date so that people have a chance to read them beforehand. I realise there may not be much activity to report (if any) from certain groups, but for those who wish to submit a report, please email them to me via stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com by no later than Friday, March 26th. It will not be possible to publish reports received after this date. Many thanks.

Catherine Webster, PCC Secretary.

Practical Support and Help

Ilkley and District Good Neighbours provides a range of support and practical help to include shopping, a regular phone call, collecting prescriptions and other help needed. For more information go to <http://info@goodneighboursilkley.org.uk>

Ilkley Corona Response Group (ICRG) can be contacted via the Bradford Hub on 01274 431000, or use the online form at <https://bit.ly/ilkeleycorona>

Ilkley Library. To reserve books from the online catalogue and for the Home Library Service – ilkley.library@bradford.gov.uk 01943 4362254.

Ilkley Chat provides the latest news affecting Ilkley as a result of COVID-19 <https://www.ilkeleychat.co.uk/coronavirus>

**Daily Hope, is a 24 hour free phone line for Christian worship and prayer.
Call 0800 804 8044**