
Pew-sheet for Sunday 8th March

The Third Sunday of Lent

Today's services

Liturgical Colour: Purple

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Meeting ID 833 3035 8290

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10.00am Holy Communion at the
church of Leonard, Yardley Gobion

Collect for today

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to
joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he
was crucified:

mercifully grant that we, walking in
the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way
of life and peace;
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

Post Communion prayer for today

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand
the temptations of the world, the
flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to
follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Romans 5.1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by
faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus
Christ, ² through whom we have
obtained access to this grace in
which we stand; and we boast in our
hope of sharing the glory of
God. ³ And not only that, but we also
boast in our sufferings, knowing that
suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and
endurance produces character, and
character produces hope, ⁵ and hope
does not disappoint us, because
God's love has been poured into our
hearts through the Holy Spirit that
has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the
right time Christ died for the
ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone
die for a righteous person—though
perhaps for a good person someone
might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God
proves his love for us in that while
we still were sinners Christ died for
us. ⁹ Much more surely then, now
that we have been justified by his
blood, will we be saved through him
from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while
we were enemies, we were
reconciled to God through the death
of his Son, much more surely,
having been reconciled, will we be
saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than
that, we even boast in God through
our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom
we have now received reconciliation.

For the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 4.5-42

Hear the Gospel of our Lord,
Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord

⁵ Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³ Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷ The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for

the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵ The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶ Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³² But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³ So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The coming week's services and prayer

Wednesday 11th March

8.00pm, a short service of **Night Prayer** on our South Cleley [Facebook page](#).

Thursday 12th March

5.00pm Meditation Prayer

Contact [Mary McVay](#) so she can send you the details.

Sunday 15th March

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10.00am Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday at Potterspurpy

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Our upcoming social, fundraising and outreach events:

- **Tue 10 Mar – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspurpy
- **Tue 10 Mar – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspurpy
- **Wed 11 Mar – 12.30 – Lent Lunch** – Cosgrove Village Hall

- **Sat 14 Mar – 10.30 – Church Café Plus** - Potterspurpy
- **Tue 17 Mar – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspurpy
- **Tue 17 Mar – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspurpy
- **Wed 18 Mar – 12.30 Lent Lunch** – Cosgrove Village Hall
- **Sat 21 Mar – 10.30 – Coffee, Cake & Chat** – Yardley Gobion
- **Tue 24 Mar – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspurpy
- **Tue 24 Mar – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspurpy
- **Wed 25 Mar – 12.30 – Lent Lunch** – Wicken (The Old Rectory)

Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

Exodus 17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Psalm 95

Come, let us worship and bow down.

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

Come, let us worship and bow down.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Come, let us worship and bow down.

8 O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, on that day at Massah in the wilderness,

9 'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.

10 'Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."

11 'So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest."

Come, let us worship and bow down.

**Lord God, the maker of all,
as we bow down in praise this day,
make us attentive to your voice
and do not test us beyond our
enduring;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Please take this pew-sheet home
with you after today's service.**

**You may wish to use the
readings during the week for
your own prayer and reflection.**