

---

# Pew-sheet for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

## The Fifth Sunday of Lent

---

### Today's services

#### *Liturgical Colour: Purple*

**8.45am Morning Prayer** on Zoom  
Meeting ID 833 3035 8290  
Passcode 735361  
You can join just the audio by phoning  
0131 460 1196 / 0203 481 5237 / 0203  
481 5240

**10.00am Holy Communion** at the  
church of St Peter & St Paul,  
Cosgrove

---

#### *Collect for today*

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**

#### *Post Communion prayer for today*

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**

### Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

#### *First Reading: Romans 8.6-11*

<sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

For the Word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God**

#### *Gospel: John 11.1-45*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord,  
Jesus Christ, according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so

that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord,

if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' <sup>27</sup> She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' <sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

---

### [The coming week's services and prayer](#)

#### [Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March](#)

**3.00pm Funeral (Dorothy Waller)** at Potterspurry  
**8.00pm**, a short service of **Night Prayer** on our South Cleley [Facebook page](#).

#### [Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March](#)

**5.00pm Meditation Prayer**  
Contact [Mary McVay](#) so she can send you the details.

### [Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March](#)

**8.45am Morning Prayer** on Zoom  
*Meeting ID 833 3035 8290*

*Passcode 735361*

*You can join just the audio by phoning 0131 460 1196 / 0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240*

**10.00am Holy Communion for Palm Sunday** at Yardley Gobion

---

### [Support for you](#)

#### [Ministry Team](#)

**Mary McVay** 01908 542289 /  
mary.mcvay@btinternet.com

**Monty Lynds** 01908 543206 /  
montyrllynds@hotmail.com

#### [Other Benefice Enquiries](#)

##### **Benefice Safeguarding Officer –**

**Jane Lynds** 01908 543206 /  
jane.lynds@hotmail.co.uk

##### **Benefice Administrator – Anne**

**Henson** admin@southcleley-benefice.org.uk / 01908 904428  
(messaging service)

---

### [Our upcoming social, fundraising and outreach events:](#)

- **Tue 24 Mar – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspurry
  - **Tue 24 Mar – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspurry
  - **Wed 25 Mar – 12.30 – Lent Lunch** – Wicken (The Old Rectory)
  - **Thu 2 Apr – 10.30 – Coffee Morning** – Cosgrove (17 Main St)
  - **Mon 6 Apr – 15.30 – Afternoon Tea** – Potterspurry
  - **Sat 11 Apr – 10.30 - Church Café Plus** - Potterspurry
-

## Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

### **Ezekiel 37.1-14**

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

### **Psalm 130**

#### **My soul waits for the Lord.**

1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

3 But there is forgiveness with you, so that you shall be feared.

#### **My soul waits for the Lord.**

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, more than the night watch for the morning.

#### **My soul waits for the Lord.**

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him is plenteous redemption and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

#### **My soul waits for the Lord.**

#### **Father, we commend to your faithful love**

**those who are crying from the depths;  
help them to watch and pray  
through their time of darkness,  
in sure hope of the dawn of your  
forgiveness and redemption;  
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.**