

Living the Word

Isaiah 43: 16 – 21

During Lent we have been working through the story of Israel preparing – or being prepared – for the coming of Christ: Adam, Abraham, Moses, the monarchy, and now the promise of a new beginning. For that is what Easter is. This part of Isaiah was written during the exile of the Jews in Babylon, a traumatic event which seemed to them the end of all their hopes. There is permanent exile and slavery, far from their beloved Jerusalem. ‘There we sat and wept’, says the Psalmist.

But the prophet whose work is attributed to Isaiah set out to re-invigorate the Jews with the promise that they would return to Jerusalem, and that the wonders of the exodus from Egypt would be renewed. There is no need to recall the past, for there would be a road across the desert and miraculous supplies of water for the travellers.

We can learn from this. Disaster can become a source of strength for us.

O Sing Unto the Lord

The Passiontide hymn ‘Drop, drop, slow tears’ brings Christ’s passions back to us, as we are called to stand at the foot of the cross anew as we deepen our Lenten devotions in Passiontide.

The simple melody has a touching simplicity and emotional range.

The third and final version of the hymns is particularly poignant and contains the following words:

‘In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.’

Sunday 6th April 2025 5th Sunday of Lent Passiontide begins Gospel: John 12: 1 – 8



In this Gospel passage we are immediately struck by the extravagance of Mary’s generosity and the meanness of Judas’s response to it.

The intimacy of Mary’s anointing of Jesus’s feet, and its tactile nature, remind us of the nature of the Incarnation – God among us.

Towards the end of the passage there is a foretelling of Jesus’s burial, which builds on the air of menace in Judas’s words earlier in the passage.

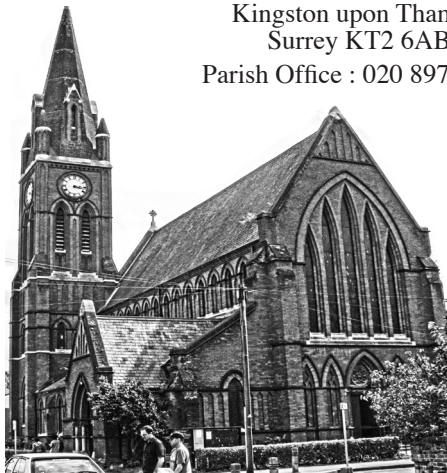
This places us firmly in Passiontide, as we recall Jesus’s suffering and veil the crosses in our churches in penitence and as a preparation for Holy Week.

The final verse of the reading is well known: ‘You will always have the poor among you’. This refers back to a verse in Deuteronomy: ‘For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’

This shapes our Lenten almsgiving.

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We welcome you to St Luke's Kingston, a traditional Forward in Faith parish under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Fulham the Rt Rev'd Jonathan Baker. His website is: <http://www.bishopoffulham.org.uk>.

As a community we are dedicated to making the love of Christ known through excellence in worship and active care and concern for others.

St Luke's Church is kept open most days during the daylight hours for prayer and meditation.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass
5.00pm Evensong

WEEKDAYS

9.00am Mass Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Thursday & Friday

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7th April: Fr Martins' 70th Birthday

Daniel 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3, 3- 6; John 8:12-20

8.30am Mass

TUESDAY 8th April: Feria

Numbers 21:4-9; Ps 102(101):2-3. 16-18. 19-21; John 8:21-30

8.30am Mass

WEDNESDAY 9th April: Feria

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Ps Dan 3:52. 53. 54. 55. 56; John 8:31-42

8.30am Mass

THURSDAY 10th April: Feria

Genesis 17:3-9; Ps Ps 105(104):4-5. 6-7. 8-9; John 8:51-59

8.30am Mass

FRIDAY 11th April: Feria

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Ps 18(17):2-3a. 3b-4. 5-6. 7; John 10:31-42

8.30am Mass

SATURDAY 12th April: Feria

Ezekiel 37:21-28; Ps Jer 31:10. 11-12b. 13 ; John 11:45-56

Please note, morning Mass will be at 8.30am this week

Join Zoom Meeting- Sunday 10.30am

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HEALING PRAYER

We pray for our troubled world. We ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and help others to come to know the love of Christ. We pray for those whose families are shattered by violence and for those who strive for reconciliation, peace and justice.

We pray that the Lord's healing love will comfort and strengthen all those in sickness of mind, body and soul; for Sue Codd, Patricia Davidge, Philip Ransom and Fr Hugh Mead.

Especially we pray for:- Gillian, Susan S, Orien and Patrick Codd.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Janet Balcomb, Maurice Wigham
Editha Hinds, Caroline Dean

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

TODAY: Harriet Doidge, James Brown (Priest), Ida Berryman

MONDAY: Robin Drawwater

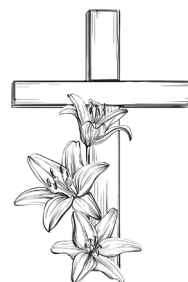
TUESDAY: Laura Huckle, Jean Luxon, Thelma Scott

WEDNESDAY: Paul Flack, Robert Davidge,
HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

THURSDAY: Violet Knight, William Leader, Frederick Drew

FRIDAY: Edward Hill, Kenneth Booth

SATURDAY: George Kerrison, Frank Pickles, Brian Wright,
Margaret McCarron



Our dear parishioner Janet Balcomb's Requiem Mass will take place here at St Luke's on Monday 14th April at 11am with a reception afterwards in Swinnerton Hall.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

The Priest blesses the people, who respond: **Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

FINAL HYMN

359 Fight the good fight (t322)

**Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.**


**Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, upon thy Guide
Lean, and his mercy will provide;
Lean, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**Faint not nor fear, his arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.**

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2025



PALM SUNDAY 13th April
8.00am - Mass
10.30am - Procession of Palms & Sung Mass
procession from St Luke's School Acre Road Entrance
5.00pm - Evening Prayer

Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th
9.00am - Mass

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17th April
8.00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Stripping of the Altars & Watch until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY 18th April
3.00pm - The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 19th April
8.00pm - The Vigil Mass of Easter
Blessing of the New Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle
& Renewal of Baptismal Promises

EASTER SUNDAY 20th April
8.00am - Mass - & Renewal of Baptismal Promises
10.30am - Sung Mass - & Renewal of Baptismal Promises

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

74 O for a heart to praise my God

**O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free;
A heart that always feels thy blood
So freely spilt for me:**

**A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My dear Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone:**

**A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From him that dwells within:**

**A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine;
Perfect and right and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of thine.**

**My heart, thou know'st, can never rest
Till thou create my peace;
Till of mine Eden repossess,
From self, and sin, I cease.**

**Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
Come quickly from above;
Write thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new best name of love.**

ANTIPHON *Psalm 42:1-2*

Priest: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

The celebrant asks the people to acknowledge their sins.

After a pause for silence:

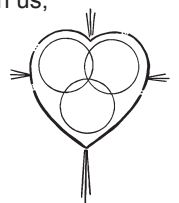
All: **I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

People: **Amen.**



Please note that as next Sunday is Palm Sunday we will start our service outside St Luke's School on Acre Road at 10.30am and then have a procession of palms to the church, those unable to process are welcome to remain in the church.

KYRIE ELEISON

Choir: Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)
 Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)
 Christe eleison. (Christ, have mercy.)
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 Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)
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COLLECT

Priest: : By your help, we beseech you. Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

The people SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING *Isaiah 43:16-21 (ESV)* A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 'Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing 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 beasts 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 that they might declare my praise.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM *125 (126)*

**R. What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
 it seemed like a dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
 on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: "What marvels
 the Lord worked for them!"
 What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
 as streams in dry land.
 Those who are sowing in tears
 will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
 carrying seed for the sowing:
 they come back, they come back, full of song,
 carrying their sheaves. **R.**

THE SECOND READING *Philippians 3:8-14 (ESV)*
 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and Sisters: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count 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 that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith that I may know him and the power of

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 grant us peace.

or

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
 miserere nobis.
 Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
 miserere nobis.
 Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
 dona nobis pacem.*

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy
 that you should enter under my roof,
 but only say the word
 and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *John 12:24*

I tell you solemnly: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit

Holy Communion is now given.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Call to Remembrance, O Lord - *Richard Farrant d 1581*

The People STAND

COMMUNION HYMN

72 My faith looks up to thee

**My faith looks up to thee,
 Thou Lamb of Calvary,
 Saviour divine!
 Now hear me while I pray,
 Take all my guilt away,
 O let me from this day
 Be wholly thine.**

**May thy rich grace impart
 Strength to my fainting heart,
 My zeal inspire;
 As thou hast died for me,
 O may my love to thee
 Pure, warm, and changeless be,
 A living fire.**

**While life's dark maze I tread,
 And griefs around me spread,
 Be thou my guide;
 Bid darkness turn to day,
 Wipe sorrow's tears away,
 Nor let me ever stray
 From thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream,
 When death's cold, sullen stream
 Shall o'er me roll,
 Blest Saviour, then in love
 Fear and distrust remove;
 O bear me safe above,
 A ransomed soul.**

CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

**All: Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Priest: Therefore, holy Father, as we celebrate the memorial of Christ your son, our Saviour, whom you led through his Passion and Death on the Cross to the glory of the Resurrection, and whom you have seated at your right hand, we proclaim the work of your love until he comes again and we offer you the Bread of life and the Chalice of blessing.

Look with favour on the oblation of your Church, in which we show the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to us, and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of your love, we may be counted now until the day of eternity among the members of your Son, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Lord renew your Church by the light of the Gospel. Strengthen the bond of unity between the faithful and the pastors of your people, together with Jonathan our Bishop, the whole Order of Bishops, that in a world torn by strife your people may shine forth as a prophetic sign of unity and concord.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ, and all the dead, whose faith you have known. Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face, and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.

Grant also to us, when our earthly pilgrimage is done, that we may come to an eternal dwelling place and live with you for ever; there, in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the Apostles and Martyrs, with Saint Luke and with all the Saints, we shall praise and exalt you through Jesus Christ, your Son. Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The People STAND



THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command,
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven;
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation:
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of your mercy
we may always be free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you:
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

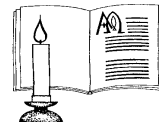


his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But 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 upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



The People STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf Amos 5:14*

V. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
R. **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**
V. Seek good and not evil so that you may live,
And that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.
R. **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

THE GOSPEL *John 8:1-11 (ESV)*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?' This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY *The people SIT*

NICENE CREED *The people STAND*

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:**

All bow: **and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried,**

and rose again on the third day
 in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory
 to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son
 is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic
 and apostolic Church.
 I confess one baptism
 for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward
 to the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The people KNEEL or SIT

At the end of each bidding, silence is kept, followed by:
 Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end of the prayers:

People: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The people STAND

OFFERTORY HYMN

65 Christian, dost thou see them (t A&M 91 (i))

Christian, dost thou see them
 On the holy ground,
 How the hosts of Midian
 Prowl and prowl around?
 Christian, up and smite them,
 Counting gain but loss;
 Smite them by the merit
 Of the Holy Cross.

Christian, dost thou feel them.
 How they work within,
 Striving, tempting, luring,
 Goadng into sin?
 Christian, never tremble;
 Never be down-cast;
 Smite them by the virtue
 Of the Lenten fast.

Christian, dost thou hear them,
 How they speak thee fair?
 'Always fast and vigil?
 Always watch and prayer?'
 Christian, answer boldly,
 'While I breathe, I pray:'
 Peace shall follow battle,
 Night shall end in day.

Well I know thy trouble,
 O my servant true;
 Thou art very weary,
 I was weary too;
 But that toil shall make thee
 Some day all mine own,
 And the end of sorrow
 Shall be near my throne.



INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,
 that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
 the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice
 at your hands
 for the praise and glory of his name,
 for our good,
 and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just.**



Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For by your gracious gift each year your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure, so that, more eagerly intent on prayer and on the works of charity, and participating in the mysteries by which they have been reborn, they may be led to the fullness of grace that you bestow on your sons and daughters. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

or

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
 Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
 Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
 Hosanna in excelsis.
 Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
 Hosanna in excelsis.*

The people KNEEL or SIT

Priest: You are indeed holy, and to be glorified, O God, who love the human race and who always walks with us on the journey of life. Blessed indeed is your son, present in our midst when we are gathered by his love, and when, as once for the disciples, so now for us, he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.

Therefore, Father most merciful, we ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, on the night of the Last Supper, he took bread and said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH IS Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.