

## Living the Word

*Genesis 15: 5-12,17-18*

There are different stories of exactly how God's pact with Abraham was made. There is no doubt that it was a promise of lasting protection for Abraham and his descendants. This version takes the form of an ancient sacral covenant, of a kind known from other ancient Near Eastern sources. The offerings are cut in half, and the parties making the pact pass between the halves, as a symbol that they will observe the pact faithfully until the two halves come together again. Such covenants were frequent between equals, or between overlord and vassal, but no such covenant is known between a deity and a human being. It perhaps marks the inequality that only the awesome symbols of God here pass between the halves of the offering: Abraham cannot impose conditions on God! Nor can Abraham do anything to earn or justify this promise: he can only trust in God. Only his descendants will inherit the land and become as the stars of heaven. The awesome mystery of the scene is increased by the deep sleep (the same sleep as fell on Adam for the creation of Eve) and by Abraham's terror.

## Collect for St Joseph

*Wednesday 19th March*

O God, who from the house of thy servant David didst raise up Saint Joseph to be the guardian of thine incarnate Son, and spouse of his Virgin Mother: give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to thy commands; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Gospel: Luke 13: 31 – end



## Jesus laments over Jerusalem

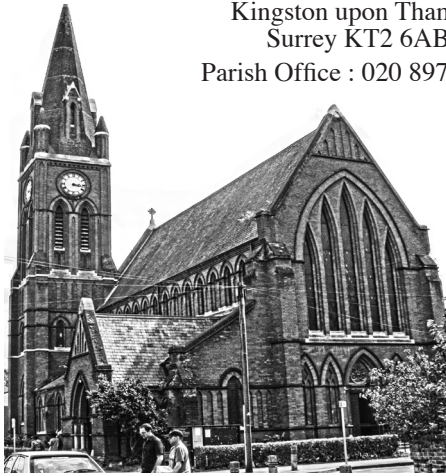
This passage begins with a warning about Herod's plan to kill Jesus and becomes a reflection on the nature of Jesus's life and mission, particularly on the tragic role played by Jerusalem. During the Lenten season we are invited to reflect on the events of Holy Week, and most especially the crucifixion of Christ, as a means of uniting our lives more closely with His. We know the centrality of Jerusalem to the events of Holy Week and so St Luke is emphasising the prophetic nature of Jesus's ministry on earth. The lament for Jerusalem also acts as a lament for our rejection of Him.

## St Joseph of Nazareth

St Joseph was a carpenter; he accepted the will of God; he supported Mary and brought up Jesus. From the human character of his son we can see that he was a good and responsible father. He is widely venerated as a patron of artisans and of workers in general. To those who are adoptive parents, he is a source of great inspiration.

# St Luke's Parish Church Kingston upon Thames

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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 17<sup>th</sup> March: St Patrick  
*Daniel 9:4-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Luke 6:36-38*

TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> March: Feria  
*Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8,9, 16,17, 21 & 23; Matthew 23:1-12*  
9.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> March: St Joseph  
*2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89(88):2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a*  
9.00am Mass

THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> March: Feria  
*Jeremiah 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Luke 16:19-31*  
9.00am Mass

FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> March: Feria  
*Genesis 37:3,4,12,13,17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46*  
9.00am Mass

SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Feria  
*Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps103:1-4, 9-10-12; Luke 15:1-3,11-32*

### Join Zoom Meeting- Sunday 10.30am

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Meeting ID: 824 6111 3281

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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

Manuel Turnes, Fr Graham Lyall

## ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

TODAY: Jean Norman

WEDNESDAY: Frank Wright, Elizabeth Lindsey

FRIDAY: Monica Maslen

SATURDAY: David Yaldon-Clarke



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April Fr Martin turns 70 and should be his retirement but the Bishop of Southwark has graciously offered an extension to St Luke's Day 2026.

On 7th April there will be a Parish Reception to celebrate Fr Martin's 70th. This will be at Wych Elm Pub from 6pm till 8.30pm. If you would like to attend please add your name to the sheet on the table at the Church entrance.

As a gift from the Parish to Fr Martin, with his agreement we are going to commission a portrait of him and Harley (as he has a lovely one of him and Eddie). If anyone would like to contribute to this gift please hand or speak to Judith or Heather.

on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

All: Amen

### 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

63 All ye who seek a comfort sure

All ye who seek a comfort sure  
In trouble and distress,  
Whatever sorrow vex the mind,  
Or guilt the soul oppress,

Jesus, who gave himself for you  
Upon the cross to die,  
Opens to you his sacred heart;  
O to that heart draw nigh.

Ye hear how kindly he invites;  
Ye hear his words so blest  
'All ye that labour come to me,  
And I will give you rest.'

O Jesus, joy of saints on high,  
Thou hope of sinners here,  
Attracted by those loving words  
To thee I lift my prayer.

Wash thou my wounds in that dear blood  
Which forth from thee doth flow;  
New grace, new hope inspire, a new  
And better heart bestow.

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



As we enter the penitential season of Lent our liturgy ceases to include The Gloria or any Alleliuas and the organ is used minimally only to support the singing.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE HYMN

73 My God, I love thee; not because (tune ii)

My God, I love thee; not because  
I hope for heaven thereby,  
Nor yet because who love thee not  
Are lost eternally.

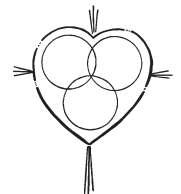
Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me  
Upon the Cross embrace;  
For me didst bear the nails and spear,  
And manifold disgrace,

And griefs and torments numberless,  
And sweat of agony;  
E'en death itself; and all for one  
Who was thine enemy.

Then why, O blessèd Jesu Christ,  
Should I not love thee well,  
Not for the sake of winning heaven,  
Or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught,  
Not seeking a reward;  
But as thyself hast lovèd me,  
O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love thee, and will love,  
And in thy praise will sing,  
Solely because thou art my God,  
And my eternal King.



### ANTIPHON

Priest: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

### 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,



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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.

**KYRIE ELEISON**

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

**COLLECT**

*Priest:* : O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your Word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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** *Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (ESV)*  
A reading from the book Genesis.

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

The Word of the Lord.

*All:* Thanks be to God

**THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**R. The Lord is my light and my help.**

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
"Seek his face." **R.**



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.

**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**

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

*Holy Communion is now given.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

Drop Drop Slow Tears - Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625

*The People STAND*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

61 O Christ who art the Light and Day

O Christ, who art the Light and Day,  
Thou drivest darksome night away!  
We know thee as the Light of light  
Illuminating mortal sight.

All-holy Lord, we pray to thee,  
Keep us to-night from danger free;  
Grant us, dear Lord, in thee to rest,  
So be our sleep in quiet blest.

And while the eyes soft slumber take,  
Still be the heart to thee awake;  
Be thy right hand upheld above  
Thy servants resting in thy love.

O strong defender, be thou nigh  
To bid the powers of darkness fly;  
Keep us from sin, and guide for good  
Thy servants purchased by thy blood.

Remember us, dear Lord, we pray  
While in this mortal flesh we stay:  
'Tis Thou who dost the soul defend  
Be present with us to the end.

Blest Three in One and One in Three,  
Almighty God, we pray to thee  
That thou wouldst now vouchsafe to bless  
Our fast with fruits of righteousness. Amen.



**CONCLUDING RITE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Priest:*  
As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make  
thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still

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.

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:

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord ! **R.**

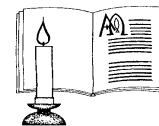
**THE SECOND READING** *Philippians 3:17-4:1 (ESV)* from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

The People STAND



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Matthew 17:5*

v. Glory and praise to you, O Christ

R. **Glory and praise to you, O Christ**

v. From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.

.R. **Glory and praise to you, O Christ**

**THE GOSPEL** *Luke 9:28-36 (ESV)*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

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

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen

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**

68 Jesu, Lord of life and glory

Jesu, Lord of life and glory,  
 Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;  
 While our waiting souls adore thee,  
 Friend of helpless sinners, hear:  
 By thy mercy,  
 O deliver us, good Lord.

From the depth of nature's blindness,  
 From the hardening power of sin,  
 From all malice and unkindness,  
 From the pride that lurks within:  
 By thy mercy,  
 O deliver us, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses,  
 In the day of Satan's power,  
 In our times of deep distresses,  
 In each dark and trying hour:  
 By thy mercy,  
 O deliver us, good Lord.

In the weary hours of sickness,  
 In the times of grief and pain,  
 When we feel our mortal weakness,  
 When the creature's help is vain:  
 By thy mercy,  
 O deliver us, good Lord.



In the solemn hour of dying,  
 In the face of judgement day,  
 May our souls, on thee relying,  
 Find thee still our rock and stay:  
 By thy mercy,  
 O deliver us, good Lord.

Jesu, may thy promised blessing  
 Comfort to our souls afford;  
 May we now, thy love possessing,  
 And at length our full reward,  
 Ever praise thee,  
 Good and ever-glorious Lord.



**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:* May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of  
 our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for  
 the celebration of the paschal festivities. 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. By abstaining forty long days from earthly food,  
 he consecrated through his fast the pattern of our  
 Lenten observance and, by overturning all the snares  
 of the ancient serpent, taught us to cast out the leaven  
 of malice, so that, celebrating worthily the Paschal  
 Mystery, we might pass over at last to the eternal  
 paschal feast And so, with the company of Angels and  
 Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, 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: