

# Sunday 17 March 2024

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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### Today's services

8am Said Eucharist		9.15am Joyful Noise	
Celebrant	Fr Daniel Sandham	Celebrant	Fr Pete Hopkins
Preacher	Fr Daniel Sandham	Preacher	Sarah Elkins
<i>Texts for this service are on the screen</i>			

10.30am Sung Eucharist	
Celebrant	Fr Daniel Sandham
Preacher	The Revd Charlotte Bradbury
Entrance hymn	156 We sing the praise of him who died
Offertory hymn	145 It is a thing most wonderful
Anthem	Cristobal de Morales— <i>Vigilate et orate</i> (Watch and pray)
Communion hymns	140 All ye who seek for sure relief 489 From heaven you came
Recessional hymn	707 Lift high the cross (omit*)
Organ voluntary	Alexandre Guilmant—Grand Choeur in the form of a march, Opus 52/2

**6pm Music at the Cross *Singing the Lord's Song: Lent through music***

# Today's readings

## Joyful Noise

**John 12.1-8** Six days before the Passover Feast, Jesus went to Bethany, where Lazarus lived. (Lazarus is the man Jesus raised from death.) There they had a dinner for Jesus. Martha served the food. Lazarus was one of the people eating with Jesus. Mary brought in a pint of very expensive perfume made from pure nard. She poured the perfume on Jesus' feet, and then she wiped his feet with her hair. And the sweet smell from the perfume filled the whole house.

Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' followers, was there. (He was the one who would later turn against Jesus.) Judas said, "This perfume was worth an entire year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor." But Judas did not really care about the poor. He said this because he was a thief. He was the one who kept the money box, and he often stole money from it.

Jesus answered, "Let her alone. It was right for her to save this perfume for today—the day for me to be prepared for burial. The poor will always be with you, but you will not always have me."

## Said and Sung Eucharists

**Hebrews 5.5-10** Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

### Psalm 51:1-13



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Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.

#### **The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit**

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement. I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me. Behold, you desire truth deep within me and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.

#### **The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit**

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice. Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

#### **The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit**

**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.

## Notices

We welcome as our preacher at 10.30am the Revd Charlotte Bradley. She is no stranger to St Paul's, having preached Holy Week for us back in 2019. Prayer ministry will also be available at the end of this Eucharist.

**THIS EVENING** Our Lent series 'Singing the Lord's Song' concludes this evening. Fr Daniel will lead a meditation on the Passion of Christ using recordings of choral music written for these days of Passiontide, and stunning works of art.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER** This is the most important week of the Christian year, when we celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - the mystery of salvation. Our guest preacher for Holy Week will be Prebendary Irena Edgcumbe. Please try to come to as much as you can during this week so that you can unite yourself as fully as possible with Jesus in his suffering and in his glory.

**PALM SUNDAY** Don't forget that on Palm Sunday (24 March) we have an All-Together Eucharist which starts at 10am on The Green.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** The Watch of the Passion takes place in silence from the end of the Maundy Thursday liturgy until midnight. Please sign up for a 30 minute slot using the sheet at the back of church.

**HOLY SATURDAY CLEAN** We give the church a massive spring clean on the morning of Holy Saturday (30 March), from 10am to midday. Just turn up, and bring dusters, Brasso, etc with you if you can. We'll supply tea and coffee!

**LENT APPEAL** This year's Lent appeal is for ALMA, which is the link between our diocese and the Anglican church in Angola and Mozambique, including our own link parish of St Michael and All Angels, Negage. Thank you to all those who gave generously last week. We will be taking cash collections again this Sunday after all services.

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**GET INVOLVED** Over the course of this term we're going to be showcasing some of our opportunities to get involved in life at St Paul's. Each Sunday we're focussing on a different team, with a short interview during the notices, and some information on social media. This Sunday we're focussing on **welcomers**. Email Fr Pete at [curate@spwh.org](mailto:curate@spwh.org) to get involved.

**MAY FAIR** Please note that there will not be a May Fair this year, as there aren't enough organisers available on the proposed date. Maybe, with your help, it could come back bigger and better next year? Look out for details of other fundraising events coming up next term.

## This week's diary

Morning and Evening Prayer are usually said publicly Monday-Thursday at 9am and 5pm. The church is open for private prayer Monday-Thursday from 9am to 5.15pm.

Day		Observance	Time	Services/Events	Prayer Intention
Sunday	17	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8am 9.15am 10.30am 6pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist Music at the Cross	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
Monday	18				<i>The sick</i>
Tuesday	19	<b>St Joseph of Nazareth</b>	12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>Fathers</i>
Wednesday	20	St Cuthbert	12.30pm 1.30pm	Eucharist Toddler Group	<i>Missionaries</i>
Thursday	21		6pm 8pm	Junior Confirmation class Adult Confirmation class	<i>Our MP and councillors</i>
Friday	22				<i>The media</i>
Saturday	23				<i>Peace in Israel and Palestine</i>
Sunday	24	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	8am <b>10am</b>	Said Eucharist Liturgy of Palms, Procession and All- Together Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>

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