

Sunday 6th April 2025

The Fifth Sunday in Lent - Passion Sunday

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you 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.**

A reading from Isaiah (43.16-21)

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 'Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do 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 animals 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 so that they might declare my praise.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 126

1 When the Lord restored the / fortunes of / Zion: then were / we like / those who / dream.

2 Then was our mouth / filled with / laughter: and our / tongue with / songs of / joy.

3 Then said they a/mong the / nations: 'The Lord has / done great / things for / them.'

4 The Lord has indeed done / great things for / us: and / therefore / we re/joyced.

5 Restore again our / fortunes, O / Lord: as the / river beds / of the / desert.

6 Those who / sow in / tears: shall / reap with / songs of / joy.

7 Those who go out weeping / bearing the / seed: will come back with shouts of joy, / bearing their / sheaves / with them.

A reading from Philippians (3.4b-14)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as

to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard 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 one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this 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 heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John 12.1-8
Glory to you, O Lord.

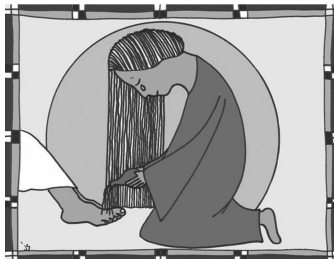
Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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

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.**

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HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 303 , 124 , 159 , 255

TODAY	8.30 am Holy Eucharist (All Saints) 10.00 am Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee 11.30 am Sung Eucharist (Norton)
MONDAY	10.30 am Mumbles History Society Church visit 6.30 pm Mens' Society at BCYC
TUESDAY	10.30 am Chat a Coffee - all welcome 2.00 pm Norton Craft Group - all welcome
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments 12.00 pm Stations of the Cross - all welcome 2.00pm Lent study/prayer group (church rooms) 6.00 pm Joyful Noise Junior Choir Practice 7.00 pm Adult choir practice - all welcome
THURSDAY	10.30 am Coffee & Catch up (Norton) 1.30 pm Church and Grounds working group - all help very welcome
FRIDAY	2.00 pm Easter wreath making craft event. See Anne or Elaine for details
SATURDAY	10.30 am Coffee Morning in Norton Church in aid of Marie Curie
NEXT SUNDAY	13th April - Palm Sunday 8.30 am Holy Eucharist (All Saints) 10.00 am Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee

Weekly Bulletin : Do take this sheet home with you.

**Pastoral Visiting : please let me know of those
in need of visiting at home or in hospital.**

Open Church : it would be good if we can open the church in the daytime as much as we can. If you can help at all please let Anne N. know. Even if it can only open an hour or two at a time - ALL HELP APPRECIATED.

RIP : with sadness we learnt of the passing away of Elizabeth Pass after some weeks in hospital. We pray for Elizabeth and all her family. *May the souls of the departed through the love and mercy of God rest in peace.*

Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity: Rotary Mumbles and local partners, want to exchange your unwanted or broken, gold, silver, or platinum, jewellery, watches and coins for the maximum cash value for the Children's Hospital of Wales. Please see posters for details.

Confirmation : I am putting the resources together in preparation for the confirmation service in June. If there are any other candidates please let me know. Thanks.

Church Mugs : A number of people have asked about buying them for themselves. They are £5 each and can be ordered from Sue who will pass the orders to her granddaughter Poppy.

Chrism Eucharist in Brecon Cathedral Tuesday 15th April – Ministry Area Pilgrimage to the Chrism Eucharist in Brecon Cathedral at noon. Followed by lunch in The White House near Sennybridge. We have booked a coach leaving Mumbles at 10.00am – returning around 5.00pm. Please let Zoe in the office at St Peter's know if you would like to join tel. 369420. The cost will be around £20.

Joseph's smile chats : The local South Wales charity Joseph's Smile is asking for donations of packs of children's vests, to fit children of 18 months to 13 years. These vests are altered to help secure the Hickman lines through which the children receive chemotherapy. Packs from the major supermarkets are ideal and these packs usually can be bought for about £4 or £5. (The more expensive packs from shops like Next and M and S are too thick). Pastel colours are popular Any donations of vests will be collected by Caroline Jones from church and delivered directly to the charity. <https://josephssmile.org/about/>

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Handouts of the service times are available.

Please take copies to share with family and friends. Do try and join the services as we journey through Holy Week to Easter.