



3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022  
 Fifth Sunday of Lent  
 Passion Sunday

St James' Church  
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For sheet music or for a large-print copy of the bulletin, service card or hymns, please ask the sidespeople. A loop system is available for those who use a hearing aid.

**This Week**

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am  
 Online: Mon, Wed  
 In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> April** John 8 vv. 1 – 11  
 10.00 am Holy Communion at The Lilacs  
 7.00 pm Singers' rehearsal

**Tue 5<sup>th</sup> April** John 8 vv. 21 – 30  
 2.00 pm Lent group meets  
 6.00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> April** John 8 vv. 31 – 42  
 12.00 noon Holy Communion

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup> April** John 8 vv. 51 – 59

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April** John 10 vv. 31 – 42  
 12.00 noon Funeral of John Fry  
 3.30 pm Baptism rehearsal

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> April** John 11 vv. 45 – 57

**Next Sunday: 10<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Palm Sunday** Luke 22 v. 14 – 23 v. 56  
 8.00 am Holy Communion  
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist beginning with blessing of palms  
 11.30 am Messy Church helpers meet

**TODAY**

**6.00 pm Evening Prayer with Benediction**

10.00 am Music

**Entrance hymn 486**

**Offertory hymn 708**

**Recessional hymn 554**

Organ Voluntary

**O Happy Band of Pilgrims**

**We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died**

**Praise to the Holiest in the Height**

*Herzliebster Jesu (by Johannes Brahms)*

**Notices**

**Easter Treasure**

For a JAM treasure hunt on Easter Sunday, please bring your (washed) blue, green and red plastic milk bottle tops and leave them in the box at back of church by Palm Sunday.

**Maundy Thursday**

To have a foot washed or to take part in The Watch on Maundy Thursday, please add your name on the list at the back of the church.

**Church Decorating**

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April, all are welcome to help with decorating the church for Easter between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. For further details, see Pat Snell or Liz Holland.

**Real Easter Egg**

To order Fairtrade products, including the 'Real Easter Egg', please see Charlotte or Mike Payne.

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## Collect

**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.**

## First Reading: Isaiah 43 vv. 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.

## Second Reading: Philippians 3 vv. 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.

## Gospel Reading: John 12 vv. 1-8

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.'

## Post Communion Prayer

**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.**