

Third Sunday before Lent 5th February Choral Communion

Palestrina: Missa Aeterna Christi Munera

Hymn 516	Love Divine	
Isaiah 58.1-9a		Martin Penny
1 Corinthians	\$ 2.2-12	Nick Hassell
Hymn 504	Lord, I have thy word my choice	
Matthew 5.13-20		Graham Jones
Sermon		The Vicar
Intercessions		Leon Ajao
Hymn 584	Thanks to God	
Communion Teach me, O Lord – Byrd		
Hymn 591	The kingdom of God is justive and joy	
Organ	Lumen ad revelationem Op 48/6 – Dupré	



THE NOTICES

Tuesday 7th11.00 amMorning Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday 8th 12 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites Yoon Seok Shin - Piano

Thursday 9th11.00 amMorning Prayer7.30 pmAll Saints Art

Friday 10th (Scholastica)

3.00 pmFuneral Service Russell Cartwright**5.30 pm**Choir Practices in Church

Saturday 11th

11.30am. Coffee Morning
12.00 noon
1.00 pm GreenWatch: Hertfordshire's Amphibians

Sunday 12th Second Sunday before Lent

- **10.00 am** Parish Communion
- 6.30 pm Choral Evensong

THE PRAYERS

Bishop Jane, newly consecrated, and her family as they settle into their new lives.

The Sick

Nerine Chalmers Rev Jo Loveridge

The Departed Rosemary Graves Russell Cartwright Piotr (Peter) Bodnarski

Year's Mind Reginal Beaton John Eliot-Clark

George Onyon Mary Geering



Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.

Isaiah 58.1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

- Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.
- ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practised righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements,

they delight to draw near to God.

- ³ 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'
- Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers.
- ⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.
- Such fasting as you do today
- will not make your voice heard on high.
- ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
- Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
- Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house;

- when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
- ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you,
- the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.
- ⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

1 Cor 2.2-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him'— ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Matthew 5.13-20

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

17 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Post Communion Collect

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.