



The THIRD SUNDAY of LENT

7th March 2021

Welcome to St Mary's on this, the third Sunday in Lent. Our president is Fr Andrew, our preacher is the Revd Sarah, and our organist is Philip Bailey. For safety reasons, this service is live-streamed only, without a congregation in the church.

To join us online, please go to: <https://bit.ly/StMarysKT>.

You can also join the service by phone on **020 8080 6591**. When prompted, key in the **Meeting ID: 981 5467 9178** and **Password: 254560**.

THE OLD TESTAMENT (Exodus 20, vs 1–17)

Reader: Gordon Marsden

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

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

PSALM 19

THE heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

One day telleth another:
and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language:
but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands:
and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun:
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber,
and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven,
and runneth about unto the end of it again:
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul:
the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught:
and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth:
O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the dominion over me:
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart:
be always acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord: my strength, and my redeemer.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

THE EPISTLE (1 Corinthians 1, verses 18–25)

Reader: Richard Hall

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

THE GOSPEL (John 2, verses 13–22)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ The Jews then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

The **HOMILY**, by The Revd Sarah Van den driessche

The **INTERCESSIONS**, led by Gladys Mundowa

The **LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Because of the health crisis, our Sunday services are still being held online only. We will return to public worship on Sundays as soon as it seems safe to do so. The church will be open on Sundays (11.30 am to 12.30pm) for individual prayer and to receive the sacrament from Fr Andrew. We also remain open for weekday prayer on Monday and Wednesday mornings and our normal weekday services as listed below.

MONDAY, 9.30 am: Morning Prayer (BCP).

MONDAY, 10 am – 1 pm: Church open for individual prayer.

MONDAY, 2 pm: AA Meeting (Church).

MONDAY, 2.15 pm: Lent Course (Online).

TUESDAY, 6.30 pm: Evening Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 8.30 am: Morning Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 10 am – 1 pm: Church open for individual prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 12.30 pm: Midweek Eucharist with Fr Andrew.

WEDNESDAY, 2.30 pm: Brighton Women's Centre Foodbank (Hall).

FRIDAY, 9.30 am: Morning Prayer.

SATURDAY, 10.45 am: AA Newcomers (Hall).

SUNDAY, 10 am: (Online only) Said Eucharist for the MOTHERING SUNDAY.

SUNDAY, 11.30 am – 12.30 pm: Church open for individual prayer.

Lent Course – Monday, 8 March, 2.15pm

Our Lent Course this year reflects on the words of the Lord's Prayer and draws on insights from *Thy Will Be Done* by theologian Dr Stephen Cherry. There is no need to purchase Dr Cherry's book, but if you wish to the ISBN number is 9781472978257.

We meet online on Mondays, from 2.15 to 3.30 pm: bit.ly/StMarysKTLent

You need Zoom software to join the meeting. If you don't already have it on your device, you will be invited to download it. It's free.

Enquiries about life ceremonies, confessions and counselling may be made to the Vicar, Fr Andrew Woodward, by phone: 01273 698601 or email: ruraldeanbrighton@gmail.com.

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