



St EDWARD

KING & MARTYR

17 March 2024 / Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to St. Edward's!

We hope you are blessed by your time with us and we look forward to seeing you again. There is an Induction Loop in the Nave for those using a hearing aid and wheelchair access available at the West door. The toilet is available in the vestry, with an additional parent and child area for those with infants and toddlers if needed. Children are always welcome in service and will find books and activities in the back of the church.

Hymn 312 – Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult (*We stand to sing*)

Welcome & Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(We have a moment of silence)

Preparation (*Please kneel or sit*)

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (*Matthew 11.28*)

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life . (*John 3.16*)

Hear what Saint Paul says:

This saying is true, and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (*1 Timothy 1.15*)

Hear what Saint John says:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (*1 John 2.1, 2*)

Confession & Absolution

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your

sight. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The 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. Amen.

New Testament Lesson (Hebrews 5.5-10)

5 So also 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'; 6 as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' 7 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. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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



Psalm 51.1-13 *(Please remain seated as the psalm is sung)*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement.
- 6 I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.
- 8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds.
- 11 Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me.
- 13 Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Gospel (*We stand as we welcome the Gospel*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John (12.20-33). **Glory to you, O Lord.**

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' 22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 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. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

27 '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. 28 Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' 29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' 30 Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Sermon 'Despair and the Light of Hope' – Matthias Grebe

Nicene Creed *(We stand to declare our faith together)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *(Please sit or kneel for our intercessions)*

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace *(We stand to share the peace)*

Since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. *(Romans 5.1, 2)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Offertory Hymn 68 – O Sacred Head

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels forever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life. **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *(Please kneel or sit)*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin

against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Giving of Communion *(All baptised believers are invited to receive communion here. Those who do not receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, with their hands downwards on the rail. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please raise one finger.)*

Prayer after Communion

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 135 – Rock Of Ages (*Please stand*)

Notices

Blessing

May Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices

Upcoming Services:

Friday 22 March - 10.30am BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 24 March (Palm Sunday) - 11am Holy Communion

Monday 25 March - 12:30pm BCP Holy Communion
Tuesday 26 March - 12:30pm BCP Holy Communion
Wednesday 27 March - 12:30pm BCP Holy Communion

Thursday 28 March - 5:30pm Maundy Thursday Service
Friday 29 March - 12-2pm Good Friday Meditations
- 2pm Good Friday Service

Sunday 31 March (Easter Sunday) - 6:15am (BST) Sunrise Service
- 11am (BST) Holy Communion

British Summer Time Notice: Please note that BST begins at 1am on Sunday 31 March, when the clocks go forward 1 hour. This will be especially important to observe if you plan to attend our Easter sunrise service that Sunday.

Volunteering: Opportunities to serve the church through prayer, reading, and hospitality will be shared via our weekly church email/blog, in addition to the sign-up sheet by the west door. Please do consider whether you can contribute to our Sunday services in any of these ways.

Parish Giving: We are grateful for all of your gifts! Offerings may be given during the services or for Standing Orders, via BACS (Sort: 20-17-19 / Acc. No.: 30851477 / Acc. Name: St Edwards Church). There is also a SumUp machine by the door of the church for contactless giving: Power on, enter an amount, and tap your card.

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