

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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Gospel

Mark 1: 12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Why is Lent important?

Maybe we embrace Lent because we intuitively realise these rhythms of spiritual life are part of giving our lives in worship - they have been in the Church for ages.

Many of us think of Lent as a period where we give something up for God in order to honour the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the Cross, which we commemorate on Easter. While this is partially true, it's not exactly how the early Church saw Lent. It's more about anticipating the full impact of Easter for the time we're in now and when Christ returns.



Coming up this week (continued)

Thursday 25th February 12.30 to 1.30 - Learn about Fair Trade Coffee locally Roasted & Supplied in Peterborough! Email us for Zoom details: fairtradepeterborough@gmail.com

Thursday at 7pm - Zoom Prayer Group

Saturday at 11am - Zoom Pop-in, Cuppa and Company

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Welcome to All Saints' Parish Church

FIRST SUNDAY of Lent

21st February 2021

10am - Eucharist

Reader: Philip Saunders

Intercessor: Emily Crowson

Hymns

Processional: 97

Post-communion: 496

5.30pm - Evensong

Psalm: 119 vs 17-32

Coming up this week

Tuesday at 11am - Zoom Eucharist

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Today we pray for:

those with birthdays: Lesley Nightingale, Rob Taylor,
Emily Crowson & Kate Atmore (100)

the sick: Fr. Peter, Stuart Smith, Barry White, Claire Wood,
Sandra Gait & Ann Dickinson

the departed: Raymond Langley & Hazel Allen

the anniversaries of death of: Alan Bloore, Ronald Preston,
Herbert Constable, Sylvia Jackson, Elizabeth Peters,
Beryl Bean, Alice Neath, Rex Hollowell, Alfred Rose,
Dorothy Hardiment & Nicola Duffy



Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9: 8-15

Theme: Gods covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'



Psalm

24: 4-9

℟ Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour. ℟

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. ℟

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray.
He guides the humble in the right path,
he teaches his way to the poor. ℟

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New Testament Reading

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Theme: That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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