

Sunday 22nd March

Passion Sunday

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

Passion Sunday marks a turn in our Lenten journey with Jesus from wilderness paths to the Jerusalem suburbs, as the readings and music of Passiontide set us firmly on the road to the cross. John's unique story of the raising of Lazarus presents another miracle in intense detail, with close attention to the senses (including smell), emotions (including Jesus' tears) and reactions of those present (notably Thomas and Martha). It is a startling and dramatic story about faith in the face of death that helps to prepare the community (both then and now) for the ultimately triumphant events of the crucifixion and resurrection to come.

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of our 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**

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. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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Ezekiel 37.1-14, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader:	Roger Edmonston
9.45 am	Worship For All Eucharist (LS)	Readers & Intercessors:	Young People
Processional	Come, Now Is the Time to Worship		
Kyrie	TBC		
Gradual	Speak, O Lord		
Offertory	My Song Is Love Unknown		
Sanctus/Ben	TBC		
Communion	Spirit of the Living God		
	How Deep The Father's Love For Us		
	All Heaven Declares		
Closing Hymn	And can it be		

(LS) Live Streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the church home page

First Reading

Ezekiel 37.1-14

The valley of dry bones: 'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live'

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut

off completely.” Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.’

Second Reading

Romans 8.6-11

‘You are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you’

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law-indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel

John 11.1-45

Lazarus dies; Jesus is summoned and calls him to life from his tomb

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, ‘Lord, he whom you love is ill.’ But when Jesus heard it, he said, ‘This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.’ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judea again.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?’ Jesus answered, ‘Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.’ After saying this, he told them, ‘Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.’ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.’ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, ‘The Teacher is here and is calling for you.’ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This Week

23/03 Mon	2.00 pm	Pilgrim Course	Old School
	7.30 pm	Pilgrim Course	Home
	7.30 pm	Pilgrim Course	Online
24/03 Tue	9.30 am	HT Primary – Easter Service	Church
	9.30 am	Heavenly Hugs Parent and Toddler Group	Old School
25/03 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake	Isaiah 7.10-14 Hebrews 10.4-10 Luke 1.26-38
26/03 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	Genesis 17.3-9, John 8.51-end
	12.30 pm	Lunch ‘n’ Linger	Old School
	2.00 pm	Pilgrim Course	
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	7.30 pm	Pilgrim Course	
20/03 Fri	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.00am	BCP Communion	2 Kings 4.18-21, 32-37, John 11.1-45
	6.00 pm	Fuse Youth Club	Old School

remembered will be named in the pew sheet, with flowers given in their memory. Suggested donation: £30. Contact Helen Loosley: Verger1@holytrinitycuckfield.org

Thursday Arts and Craft Group are knitting and crocheting for local charities. If anyone has any yarn or needles to spare we would be most grateful. Donations can be left in the container in the Church porch, or at the group on the first and third Thursday's of the month. 2-4pm.

Mens Group - Upcoming social events: **Meal at the Eight Bells, Bolney - Tuesday 21 April**, and **Skittles at The Bull, Henfield - Tuesday 19 May**. Please confirm your attendance. We also hope to join the **Taverners at Cuckfield Cricket Club** in June or July once their programme is released.

Confirmation Preparation - Preparation begins after Easter with five sessions (April-June) ahead of the Confirmation Service on Monday 29 June at 7.00pm. If interested, please contact Clive Simmonds: Reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org.

Now save the date for a Paint Night! Thursday, 23rd April 7pm £10 a head. Follow guided steps to create a masterpiece! Includes refreshments.

Bereavement Café - A gentle space for those who have experienced loss. Next meeting: Tuesday 14th April, 2-4pm, Old School Committee Room. Contact Revd Stephen Caple: pastoral-care@holytrinitycuckfield.org.

Pilgrim Course - The Lord's Prayer - Our next Pilgrim Course will start after Easter details will be available soon. Please speak to us or complete a form in church.

Heavenly Hugs - Parent/Carer, Toddler & Baby Group - Launched in February and already a great success. Tuesday's (term time) at 9.30am in the Old School, £3.50 per family. More information is available on the website: www.oldschoolcuckfield.com/heavenly-hugs

Garden of Gethsemane Installation - For Maundy Thursday we are creating a small Garden of Gethsemane in the Lady Chapel. Please donate portable potted plants if you can. The garden will be set up on **Wednesday 1 April** after the 10.30am Eucharist. Plants can be taken home after Easter. Contact Eileen Caple or office@holytrinitycuckfield.org.

Abide - Contemporary Worship Gathering. Our monthly contemplative worship gathering followed by a simple supper takes place at **4.00pm on Sunday 12th April**. A mix of contemporary and reflective music. Please email Gina (office@holytrinitycuckfield.org) if you plan to attend.

Help Our Voices Shine - New Choir Robes Appeal - After nearly 35 years our choir robes need replacing. We are raising £12,000 to provide robes for our adult and junior choirs. You can donate, sponsor a robe in memory of someone, attend fundraising events or share the appeal. Thank you for helping our music flourish.



Annual Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 26 March, 7.00pm - Queen's Hall, Cuckfield. Meet Parish Councillors, hear guest speakers and learn about village activities. All are welcome.

Thank you so much for supporting the Italian Evening and making it such a great success. Not only was it a really enjoyable evening but an amazing £1,118.91 was raised for our new partner charity Imara-Uganda Education Fund.

Prayers...

Those in immediate need: Becky Parker, Ralph Colbran, Philip Chapman, Jill Brotherton, David Meares, Pam Sutherland, Mary Watts, Daphne Stuart

Those in long term need: Georgia, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Wendy Hibling, Liz Graydon, Peter Graydon, Eileen MacDougall, George Snashall, Karen Leese, and Yvonne Godsmark

Those in care homes: Mary Watts, Rosemary Pardey, Janet Card, Sally Williams

Praying through the week...

Mon 23 Mar – We pray for journalists and media workers worldwide who risk their lives to report truth, remembering those killed last year. We pray for their families and for justice and peace. Locally, we pray for Isaacs Lane.

Tue 24 Mar – We remember Oscar Romero, who stood against injustice at great cost. We pray for all who speak out today with courage. Locally, we pray for Jeremys Lane.

Wed 25 Mar – We pray for justice and peace, and for open hearts and minds to challenge injustice. Locally, we pray for Ledgers Meadow.

Thu 26 Mar – We give thanks for Fairtrade and pray for those still denied a fair wage. We remember those facing financial hardship. Locally, we pray for Leyton Lea.

Fri 27 Mar – We give thanks for the arts, especially theatre, and for those who tell important stories. Locally, we pray for our local shopkeepers.

Sat 28 Mar – We pray for all in healthcare and for those who are unwell, that they may feel supported and hopeful.

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