

Please hold the people of
Ukraine in your prayers



Parish Weekly News Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome to the Priory and to our Sunday services. A very special welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time.

These are the readings for Morning Prayer Lent 3

To be used in conjunction with Morning Prayer
Downloadable booklet on web site

Monday

Psalm 7
Jeremiah 11.1–17
John 7.37–52

Thursday

Psalm 143
Jeremiah 14
John 8.31–47

Tuesday

Psalm 9
Jeremiah 11.18–
12.6
John 7.53–8.11

Friday

Psalm 144
Jeremiah 15.10–
end
John 8.48–end

Wednesday

Psalm 119. 153–
end
Jeremiah 13.1–11
John 8.12–30

Saturday

Psalm 147
Jeremiah 16.10–
17.4
John 9.1–17

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The Priory - 12th March 2023

08.00am Holy Communion BCP
Celebrant The Reverend Nick Devenish

10.30am Sung Eucharist
Celebrant The Reverend Nick Devenish
Deacon Mrs Dianne Maguire
Setting: Addington
Hymn: 455 Guide me O thou great
Reading: Romans 5.1-11
Gradual Hymn: 428 Forgive our sins
Gospel: John 4.5-42
Off Hymn: 376 And can it be?
Comm: Call to remembrance - Farrant
/295 Deck thyself, my soul,
with gladness
Post Communion Hymn: 591 The
kingdom of God is justice
Recessional: Prelude and Fugue
in C minor-Bach

3.30pm Evensong BCP
The Reverend Nick Devenish
Responses - Ferial
Psalm 40, 1-13 Chant: 52
First Reading: Joshua 1. 1-9
Office Hymn: 599 Thine for ever!
Magnificat: 164
Second Reading: Ephesians 6. 10-20
Nunc Dimittis: Brewer in F
Anthem: O Saviour of the world -
Somervell
Final Hymn: 435 Glorious things of thee
Recessional: Adagio (Symphonie
Gothique) - Widor

For Our Prayers
Third Sunday of Lent

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection
we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand
the temptations of the world, and with
pure hearts and minds to follow you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Morning Service Readings

First Reading

Romans 5.1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'