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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passion Sunday

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Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alternative Collect for Lent V

This Sunday's Eucharist will be at St Bartholomew's Church, Ubley at 10:15am. After a break during the chiller months, New Horizons: Eternal Light also returns at St Hugh's at Charterhouse on Sunday evening at 5:00pm. There will not be a Living in Love and Faith seminar this week.

In a change to our regular pattern of worship, next Sunday's 10:15am Eucharist for Palm Sunday will be at St Andrew's, Ubley and will be preceded by Holy Communion at St Michael's, Compton Martin at 9am. Don't forget Messy Church at St Bartholomew's at 4pm.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Yours in Fellowship,
Rev'd. Simon Lewis
Laura Williams

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Worship this Week

Sunday 3rd April

- 10:15am - Sunday Eucharist, St Bartholomew's, Ubley
- 5:00pm - New Horizons: Eternal Light, St Hugh's, Charterhouse

Monday 4th April

- 8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Bartholomew's, Ubley
- 9:15am - Intercessions Group, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

Tuesday 5th April

- 10:00am - Mini Melodies, a toddler group, St Andrew's, Blagdon

Wednesday 6th April

- 8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Michael's, Compton Martin
- 5:00pm - Evensong, St Andrew's, Blagdon

Thursday 7th April

- 8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Blagdon
- 12:00pm - In the Spirit of Iona, online via Zoom

The 10:15am Eucharist on Sunday 10th April will be at St Andrew's Church, Blagdon.

Our three parish churches will be open for individual prayer every day from 9am - 5pm

Reading and Reflection

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Passion Sunday

Reading: John 12:1-8

Mary Anoints Jesus

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

A Reflection

Luxury and indulgence are not words you generally associate with Passion Sunday. This intense story has such a ring of truth; it draws its meaning by its connection to other powerful streams. Passover is near; so is the death of Jesus; some are plotting his death; close in time to the 'raising of Lazarus' Jesus mentions his death but Judas' presence indicates death does not have the last word.

Life and death are placed alongside the love, loyalty and devotion represented by the valuable perfume; the wiping of Jesus feet is an immediate reminder of Jesus kneeling and cleansing the feet of his disciples. Do not focus too much on Judas; Mary's gift is extravagant, costing more than a year's income for a labourer at the time. Those in the room would note the deep devotion of Mary; without doubt it raised questions

We can understand the economic and charitable logic beneath Judas's criticism; also recognize it resembles a rigorous, unyielding piety that cannot stomach a wild love like Mary's. Acts of true grace and love regularly get slandered as deviance.

Jesus' response is surprisingly gentle; Judas is the villain but, Jesus speaks more to us when he says, "You always have the poor with you." poverty and our response are always important. Is he reminding them of Deuteronomy 15:11; generosity is demanded 'since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth.'

Mary and Judas make for contrast and comparison; true discipleship and false love. The fragrance of costly perfume contrasts with the awfulness of Jesus' death and burial. Mary does not anoint a king but a dead man; but then we are confronted by John who says that when Jesus is lifted onto a cross he might attract all to himself (12:32).

*Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy*

[Psalm 126]

And prayer for Sunday

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
I 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.

Online Worship

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 3rd April 2022

The Church of England broadcasts a live service at 9am every Sunday via their Youtube channel. You can join this week's worship from the Diocese of Canterbury by clicking the link below.

Click here to join

Children's Corner

This week's Young Church Mag with puzzles and colouring can be downloaded and printed by clicking [this link](#).

Worship in April 2022

Sunday 3rd April - Passion Sunday
10:15am - Sunday Eucharist, St Bartholomew's, Ubley
5:00pm - New Horizons, Eternal Light
Contemplative worship at St Hugh's, Charterhouse

Sunday 10th April - Palm Sunday
9:00am - Holy Communion, St Michael's, Compton Martin
10:15am - Liturgy of the Palms and Passion with Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Blagdon
4:00pm - Messy Church, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

Sunday 17th April - Easter Sunday
10:15am - Easter Thanksgiving with Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Blagdon
12:00pm - Family Easter Worship at both St Bartholomew's, Ubley and St Michael's, Compton Martin

Sunday 24th April
10:15am - Sunday Eucharist, St Michael's, Compton Martin
5:00pm - Evening Worship, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

Weekday worship (Please see separate programme for Holy Week)

Mondays, 4th and 25th April
8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Bartholomew's Ubley
9:15am - Intercessions Group, St Bartholomew's Ubley

Tuesdays, 5th April 26th April
10:00am - Mini Melodies, a toddler group, St Andrew's, Blagdon

Wednesdays, 6th and 27th April
8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Michael's, Compton Martin
5:00pm - Evensong, St Andrew's, Blagdon

Thursdays, 7th and 28th April
8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Blagdon
12:00pm - In the Spirit of Iona, online via Zoom

Holy Week and Easter

Sunday 10th April - Palm Sunday
9:00am - Holy Communion, St Michael's, Compton Martin
10:15am, Liturgy of the Palms and Passion with Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Blagdon
4:00pm - Messy Church (Easter themed) St Bartholomew's, Ubley

Monday 11th April
10:00am - Holy Communion in the Spirit of Iona St Hugh's, Charterhouse

Tuesday 12th April
10:00am - Holy Communion in the Spirit of Iona St Hugh's, Charterhouse

Wednesday 13th April
10:00am - Holy Communion in the Spirit of Iona St Hugh's, Charterhouse

Thursday 14th April - Maundy Thursday
7:30pm, Liturgy of Foot Washing and Gethsemane Watch
St Hugh's, Charterhouse

Friday 15th April - Good Friday
From 11:30am - Stations of the Cross: Walking with Jesus
A walk from each village to St Hugh's, Charterhouse, arriving c. 1:45pm
12:00pm - 2:00pm Jesus' Last Hours, told through reflections, music and prayer, St Hugh's, Charterhouse
2:00pm - Jesus' Final Hour, reflective worship, St Hugh's, Charterhouse

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Diocesan Living in Love and Faith online course

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SATURDAY 30th APRIL 7:00PM

Mozart 'Dissonance' String Quartet K 465
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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, BLAGDON,
BS40 7SJ

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Prayer within our Community

We have been asked to pray for:

In the Parish of Blagdon, please pray for Britta and her parents Roger and Kathy, Neil and Margaret and Joyce.

In the Parish of Compton Martin, please pray for Ann and Robert, for Ceinwen and Robert.

Please pray for Toby, Sophie and Alexander and their families as they prepare for baptism, and Katherine and Christopher as they prepare for marriage.

We pray for the repose of the souls of Janice Dean, Diane Green and Jacqueline Groves and for their families and friends who mourn.

*O Holy Jesus
O most merciful Redeemer,
Friend, and Brother,
May I know thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
And follow thee more nearly
Day by day
Amen.*

If you have someone or something that you would like us to pray for, your requests can be passed onto them and included in our prayers. Please click [here](#) to send us your requests.

Community Support and Help Details

Support is available in all our villages for anyone who is self-isolating:

For those who live in Ubley

Ubley Cares
Landline: 462827 speak to Jonathan Longhurst
Email: jtandj@sky.com

For those who live in Compton Martin:

Coronavirus support in Compton Martin Parish
Email: comptonmartin.cv@gmail.com
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