

OUR HYMNS TODAY

First Hymn 350

Jesus, good above all others

Second Hymn 411

Lord Jesus Christ

Third Hymn 437

Make me a channel of your peace

During which a collection will be taken

Hymn 184

For the beauty of the earth



PRESENTATION BASED ON COLOSSIANS



Lord, clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Help us to forgive one another other, just as you have forgiven us. Above all, remind us to clothe ourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony Amen



We are honoured to welcome Mr James Squire, British Ambassador to Switzerland together with his wife and family, as we bless this Olive Tree, planted in beloved memory of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

The righteous are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God ... taken from Psalm 92

Please do stay for refreshments and fellowship after the Service in Casa Benson to greet the Ambassador

Annual General Meeting Thursday 27th April -7pm

The Electoral Roll annual revision will begin on March 19th and close on 5th April, please speak to the Chaplain or Churchwardens, if you need more information. Nomination forms for all council members will be available from the Council Secretary, Patty or assistant, Sandy from 5th April

**No midweek Said Mass
next Wednesday 22nd March**



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19th March 2023

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

**FAMILY EUCHARIST
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

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THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH



Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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**

A Reading from 1 Samuel 1: 20 - 28

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a Nazirite for all time.'

Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 127: 1-4

R It is the Lord who builds the house.

Unless the Lord builds the house, their labour is in vain who build it.

Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the guard keeps vigil. It is the Lord who builds the house.

It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift. It is the Lord who builds the house.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever more Amen

A Reading from Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel of St John 19: 25 -27

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John **Glory to you, O Lord**

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life; help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Letters for our 2023 Lent Appeal
which continues until 2nd April
together with donation envelopes are
available at the back of the church.**

*This ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints,
but overflows with many thanksgivings to God.*

**Please Take Home
your pew sheet with the
Readings and Prayers ☺**