



St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
29 March 2020
The Fifth Sunday Of Lent
PASSION SUNDAY

Welcome to St John's!

If you are following the service on our Facebook page or our Website – WELCOME! If you're a newcomer or a visitor to St John's, we have great pleasure in welcoming you today. There are no service booklets for this service. Please just join in with anything that sounds familiar! Although you may be seeing this alone or with just one or two other people in your own home, don't forget that you are joined by countless others across Selsdon, our nation and our world as we worship God, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist, who holds us in life and in love.

There is no after-service coffee provided. But may I suggest that when the service is finished you take a moment to make a cup of tea/coffee and raise a cup in friendship to those who have shared this service with you across the network. Pictures to share would be welcome! Please send to Amanda at bookingsstjohns@gmail.com to include on our Facebook page and Website!

The Opening Prayer:

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 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**

Gospel reading

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 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 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.

John 11.1-45

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

David Crietzman, Barbara Ewing, Ruth Joy, Alan White

We pray for those who have died recently:

Brian Thorpe, Douglas Walford

We pray for loved ones on the anniversary of their death:

29th March Roy Chesson (1981)

31st March Ronnie Corbett (2016)

Sidney Ferris (2016)

1st April Grace Hall (1968)

2nd April Joan Sheen (2017)

3rd April Ethel Smith (2001)

Robert McDowall (1999)

Keith Holt (2012)

4th April Elizabeth Kewn (1977)

Margaret Simmons (1981)

Michael McKenzie (2006)

If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please contact Jenny on 0208 657 2343 or email rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com And if you would like to include the name of a loved one among the list of the departed on the anniversary of their death, please give details to Jenny.

Please give NOTICES for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Amanda bookingsstjohnschurch@gmail.com preferably by e-mail, or in writing. It would be helpful to receive this before * Tuesday * each week.

If you'd like to discuss arranging a baptism (christening), a wedding or a funeral, please call Jenny on 0208 6572343 or email rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com

The Parish Office

Is currently Closed!!!

For any enquiries please contact

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St John's Website

The website for our church can be found

www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

Our facebook page can be found by searching St.John the Divine Selsdon

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Many, many thanks to you for continuing to support us, especially in these difficult times. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Lesley Holland Community Services Coordinator
New Addington Salvation Army Church



@ St Johns

We welcome the Rt Revd
Jonathan Clark Bishop of
Croydon to our Easter Services

Palm Sunday Sun 5th April

10am - Parish Eucharist and Procession of Palms
6pm Cross of Christ with St John's Choir

Monday 6th April

7.30pm - A service for Holy Week

Tuesday 7th April

**8pm - A service for Holy Week with St John's Wives led by
Bishop Jonathan**

Wednesday 8th April

8pm Tenebrae sung by St John's Choir

Maundy Thursday 9th April

**7.30pm - Liturgy of the Lords supper with washing of feet, stripping of
altars and watch until midnight led by Bp Jonathan**

Good Friday 10th April

Follow the way of the cross

1pm Reflections for Good Friday followed by
2-3pm (approx) the Liturgy of the Lords Passion
led by Bp Jonathan

Holy Saturday 11th April

**10am - 12 Noon Messy Easter Garden Meet in the Garden Room. Kids
bring parent/carer and a small plant or stone which we will include in
our Easter making. Wet weather shoes and coats might also come in
handy!**

**8pm - The Paschal Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter led by
Bishop Jonathan**

Easter Sunday 12th April

8am - Said Eucharist in traditional language

**10am - Parish Eucharist for all ages led by Bp Jonathan with our guest
preacher Peter Graystone - and Easter Egg Hunt**

Everyone is welcome at all of our services!

****If you're bringing children, you may particularly enjoy these!**

Our ANNUAL MEETING is likely to be postponed to the Autumn. We are looking into the legalities of this and will update as soon as we can with an alternative date. In the meantime, keep thinking about who you would like to help take our church forward beyond 2020.



At this meeting we hope to elect 2 Churchwardens, 4 new members to PCC. and 4 new representatives to Deanery Synod.

Nominations already received:

As Churchwarden:

Debbie Brown	proposed by Helen Lishmund seconded by Gill Salter
Ian Harley	Proposed by Wendy Moulton Seconded by Sally Geddes

As PCC members:	Sarah Parsons	proposed by Rani Samuel seconded by Sally Geddes
	Ann Crocombe	proposed by Monica Turton seconded by Susan Tilley

As Deanery synod Representatives	Gill Salter	proposed by Ann Orchard seconded by Sylvia Hughes
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It is hoped that all members of the parish will give prayerful and thoughtful consideration to nominating people who wish to promote the mission of the parish, and who, amongst them, can offer a range of experience, skills and outlook to the Council.

Please would everyone in St John's church family give some prayerful thought to who could serve in this capacity in the coming year, and if you have any suggestions on who you would like to see as your Churchwarden, on PCC or Deanery Synod, please mention names to Ian and Robert, or to Jenny – *Thank you!*

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