



St John the Baptist, Catford & Downham Team Ministry

The Sunday before Lent

15th February 2026

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Hymns:

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| ♪ Processional- | 242 |
| ♪ Gradual- | 82 |
| ♪ Offertory- | 478 |
| ♪ Communion- | 309 |
| - I will lift up mine eyes:
Earnest Walker | |
| ♪ Recessional- | On sheet |
| ♪ Voluntary- | Toccata in C major,
BWV 564: JS Bach |

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st reading: Exodus 24.12-18

A reading from the book of Exodus.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there;

and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.'

¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

¹⁴ To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai,

and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.

¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.

¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 99

Refrain:

O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill :
for the Lord our God is holy.

¹ The Lord is King, be the people never so impatient :
he sitteth between the cherubims,
be the earth never so unquiet.

² The Lord is great in Sion :
and high above all people. **R**

³ They shall give thanks unto thy Name :
which is great, wonderful, and holy.

⁴ The King's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity :
thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob. **R**

⁵ O magnify the Lord our God :
and fall down before his footstool,
for he is holy.

⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name :
these called upon the Lord, and he heard them. **R**

⁷ He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar :
for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

⁸ Thou heardest them, O Lord our God :

thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.

⁹ O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill :
for the Lord our God is holy. **R**

2nd reading: 2Peter 1.16-21

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.

¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,

²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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Gospel- Matthew 17.1-9

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

Glory to you O, Lord.

¹ Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.'

⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Last hymn

1. Christ, upon the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing; Let us if we dare to speak, with the saints and angels praise him.

Alleluia!

2. Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking. All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting.

Alleluia!

3. Swift the cloud of glory came, God proclaiming in its thunder Jesus as his Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder.

Alleluia!

4. This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets fade before him; First and last and only one, Let creation now adore him.

Alleluia!

Notices

Elsie's funeral will be on Monday 23rd February at 2pm

Please could you return any Palm Crosses you have to be used to make ash for the beginning of Lent. Thank you.

This year's **Lent course** will begin on Ash Wednesday, with the 1st session at the Masses of the day, and continue on Wednesdays after the said Mass, and at 7.30pm in the Rectory meeting room. You may want to source a copy of CS Lewis' *The Great Divorce*.

St John's school Quiz, 27th February, 7pm. £5 a person raising funds for the school. Soft drinks on sale (cash only), bring your own booze and snacks. Max 6 in a team.

Church Diary

Prayer Chapel open:
7.30am-5.30pm Weekdays,
9.30am-5.30pm Weekends

The Sunday before Lent (15th)
10.30am Sung Mass with Children's Church & Youth Church

Monday 16th
7.30am Morning Prayer (MP)
5pm Evensong (ES)

Tuesday 17th
Janani Luwum, martyr, 1977
7.30am MP. 8.30am Said Mass.
1pm Wedding.
1.30pm Mothers' Union pancakes **at St Barnabas**. 5pm ES

Wednesday 18th Ash Wednesday
7.30am MP. 10am Said Mass.
5pm ES. 7.30pm Sung Mass

Thursday 19th
7.30am MP. 5pm ES.

Friday 20th No MP.

The 1st Sunday of Lent (22nd)
10.30am Sung Mass

Prayers

For healing and protection for:
Robert Garlinge, Youngson, Shea, Pelu Thomas, Alison Marrett, Dwayne, Eric, Annie, Beverley, Glyn, Drew Spikes, Ruth Bennett, Bilki, Marcel, Leila, Theresa, Valerie Stevenson.

For those departed this life, including Elsie Birkby, Kim, Betty Keehne, and those with an anniversary of a death at this time including Bob Beadle, Gordon Larde, Olabisiomope Adekoya, Carlotta Harding.

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