



St John the Baptist, Catford & Downham Team Ministry

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

16<sup>th</sup> March 2025



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### Today's hymns:

- ♫ Processional- The Lent Prose
- ♫ Gradual- 429
- ♫ Offertory- 426
- ♫ Communion- 107
- The Lamentations of Jeremiah (vs. 17-end):  
Sir Edward Bairstow
- ♫ Recessional- 158
- ♫ Voluntary- Capriccio:  
Basil Harwood

### The Lent Prose

**Hear us, O Lord,  
have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

### Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis  
The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.'

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?'

<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.'

<sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir;

no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.'

<sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'

<sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.'

<sup>8</sup> But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?'

<sup>9</sup> He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.'

<sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

<sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

<sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

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

### Psalm: 27.1-10

### Refrain:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear : **the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear : the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh : they stumbled and fell. **R**

<sup>3</sup> Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid : and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

<sup>4</sup> One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple. **R**

<sup>5</sup> For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle : yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

<sup>6</sup> And now shall he lift up mine head : above mine enemies round about me. **R**

<sup>7</sup> Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness : I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee : have mercy upon me, and hear me. **R**

<sup>9</sup> My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face : Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

<sup>10</sup> O hide not thou thy face from me : nor cast thy servant away in displeasure. **R**



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### 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: *Philippians 3.17 – 4.1*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.

<sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.

<sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

<sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel: *Luke 13.31–35*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.'

<sup>32</sup> He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.'

<sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem."

<sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

<sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Church Diary

**Prayer Chapel** open:

Weekdays: 7.30am-5.30pm

Weekends: 9.30am-5.30pm

#### **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent** (16<sup>th</sup>)

10.30am Sung Mass with Children's Church & Youth Church

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** Patrick, missionary, c460

7.30am Morning Prayer

5pm Evensong

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** Cyril, teacher, 386

7.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Said Mass. 1.30pm Mothers' Union. 5pm Evensong. 7.30pm DCC

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** Joseph of

**Nazareth.** 7.30am Morning Prayer.

10am Said Mass followed by Lent

course. 5pm Evensong

7.30pm Lent course in Rectory

Meeting Room

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** Cuthbert, missionary.

687. 7.30am Morning Prayer

5pm Evensong

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** Thomas Cranmer, martyr,

1556. 7.30am Morning Prayer.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent** (23<sup>rd</sup>)

10.30am Sung Mass

### Prayers

For healing and protection for: Drew Spikes, Ruth Bennett, Alan, Malcom Childs, Bilki, Marcel, Leila, Dwayne, Theresa, Malene, Julia Johnston, Valerie Stevenson, Kizzy Lynch, Maggie, Joan Rochefort.

For those departed this life including Angela Moore, Joe Dunlop, Harry Leach, and those with an anniversary of a death at this time including Warren Bryan.

### Notices

Envelopes for donations to the **Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal** are available at the back of church.

**Lent course 2025:**

*The Way of Julian of Norwich- A prayer journey through Lent.*

Wednesdays after the 10am Mass, and at 7.30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

**Also during Lent:** Fr Stuart is offering Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 10am, & reflections at 12noon on Saturdays.

Canon Cecil is leading the CofE Lent course at St Luke's, 10.30am on Friday's

**The Woolwich – Manicaland link committee** is a group which meets 3-4 times a year to share news and prayer with our friends in our link diocese of Manicaland in Zimbabwe. If you're interested in taking part speak to Rev'd Peter.

Today is the deadline for applications for the **new Church Electoral Roll.**

### Any queries contact:

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