Parish Communion Sunday 3 March 2024 Lent 3

### Hymn 224 - How deep the Father’s love for us

### Collect for Purity.

### Penitence - saying sorry

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### The Third Sunday in Lent - The Collect

### 1 Corinthians 1:18–25 - please be seated

A Reading from 1st Corinthians chapter 1 beginning at verse 18  
18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written:  
‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;  
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.’  
20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

### John 4:1–10 - Please stand

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John chapter 4, beginning at verse 1 Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptising more disciples than John—2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptised, but his disciples. 3 So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.  
4 Now he had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.  
7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Will you give me a drink?’ 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)  
9 The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?’ (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)   
10 Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.’

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

### Children’s Spot please be seated

### What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus! - Sing Hosanna

# What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus, What a wonderful friend is He, For He left all the glory of heaven, Came to earth to die on Calvary .

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King!

# He arose from the grave, Hallelujah. And He lives never more to die. At the Father’s right hand interceding, He will hear and heed our faintest cry.

# He is coming some day to receive us, We’ll be caught up to heaven above, What a joy it will be to behold Him, Sing forever of His grace and love.

### Sunday Club begins

### The Sermon - If only you knew …

### Thanks & Praise 28 - Come thou fount

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy never ceasing  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious measure  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
of my Lord’s unchanging love.

2 Here i find my greatest treasure:  
‘Hither by thy help I’ve come’,  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to save my soul from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
take my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it from thy courts above!

### The Nicene Creed

### The Prayers of the People

### The Peace

### Offertory Hymn 453 - Come to us, Creative Spirit

### Closing Hymn 324 - God whose almighty word

### Notices:

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