



THE WEEKLY CATCH

Sunday 29th January 2020

Passion Sunday



**FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT AND CHURCH
OF ENGLAND GUIDANCE
ST. PETER'S CHURCH IS NOW CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

We will be running a reduced Catch for the foreseeable future. A lot more information will be shared through Facebook and by email.

Collect for the today:

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

A prayer:

O God, the protector of all
who trust in you,
without whom nothing is
strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon
us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler
and guide,
we may so pass through
things temporal
that we lose not our hold on
things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen

**If you are required to self-isolate for any reason, please let us
know so that we can pray for you and with you.**

REFLECTION

The fifth Sunday in Lent is called Passion Sunday. This is because both liturgically and in our lectionary we turn our eyes from our own reflections and self-disciplines to look towards the passion and the cross. A part of me wants to add to that last sentence and say "and the Resurrection.", however that is not the case. You can't have the resurrection without the cross. New life does not grow and blossom till the old life has died out. Lent is not about what we do for others but about how we let God's Holy Spirit work in us and enable us to walk with Christ.

This is a time to pause and reflect on the passion of Jesus. It is so easy to wander around in the wilderness, getting absorbed in the things that distract us and lose the opportunity to grow closer in our walk with the Lord. It is also much easier to rush past the events in those last days in Jerusalem. In a week we shall be looking closely at those events in more detail.

But for today what is our response when we hear Jesus calling us to walk the way of not just any cross but His cross.

Blessings,

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