

SERVICES IN THE NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 23rd March 10am SAID EUCHARIST

Sunday 27th March MOTHERING SUNDAY (and Audio Service)

8.45am SAID EUCHARIST 10am SUNG EUCHARIST

7pm COMPLINE on Zoom

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 2nd April

10am-12pm Lenten Appeal: Coffee & Cake and Bring & Buy

See flyers and posters around church for details.

'Fairtrade - Real Easter Eggs'

£5 containing a 24 page Easter story –activity book.

Please place your order by contacting Mary 01565 723277 or

maryedaw@btinternet.com

The closing date for orders is **Mothering Sunday 27th March.**



Please leave the hymnbook in church on your seat. Take this leaflet home with you and return the service booklet to the Attendants.

Thank you.

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SUNDAY 20th MARCH 2022

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8.45am Said Eucharist

10am Sung Eucharist and Young Church

Welcome to St Cross for our morning eucharist.

The Collect for the Day

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah:

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. *Isaiah 55.1-9*

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:
Glory to you, O Lord

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen

who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." ' *Luke 13.1-9*

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

Prayers of Intercession

Lord help us to grow: **and bear fruit in your name.**

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**