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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 21ST MARCH 2021
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(PASSIONTIDE BEGINS)



The Meeting of Abraham and Melchizedek
Dieric Bouts (c.1420-1475)

Opening Hymn (recorded service)

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?

2. He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men refuse that none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But O! my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend.

3. Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend,
in Whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.**

The Reading from the New Testament – Hebrews 5:5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you';
as he says also in another place,
'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Gospel Reading – John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.'

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: Esmé von Habsburg, Andrew West, Jenny Edwards, Deirdre West, Beryl Scott, Elizabeth Perkis, Pippa, Jill Crossland, Susan Wiltshire, Ian Aslett, Phil Gervait, Anne Smith, Sarah Neve, Chloe Grenier, Jean Talbot, Patrick Mills, Kate, Martina Hallinan, Jean Hughes, Terry Bourne, Anne Prout, David Crofts, Jim Heath, Kathleen Williams, Ann Hayes, Giles Henry, Anthony Matthews, Betty Zachariah, Maureen Georges, Daniella Georges, Mervyn Peatfield, Gianpaolo Danieleto, Damian Leaney

The recently departed: Caroline Jukes, Iris Holdom, Fiona Allen

Anniversaries of death this week: Kathleen Hemsley (21st); Robert Lonsdale (22nd); Michael Lees (23rd); Alan Harrow (23rd); William Rogers (23rd); Sylvia Morgan (25th)

Funerals this week: Fiona Allen

Post-Communion Prayer (for those who receive Communion)

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – PALM SUNDAY

Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

Related readings – Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16

Resuming public worship – hopefully and cautiously

As the local R-rate has dropped significantly and many members of the congregation (myself included) have received at least one vaccination does, we have decided that we will resume public worship in time for the latter part of Holy Week and Easter. Numbers will be limited to 30 and, as at Christmas, we will operate a booking system: please contact Heather Butler to reserve your place. Services will be as follows:

Maundy Thursday – Eucharist at 1000

Good Friday – church open for private prayer & devotion from 1200-1500 (*no booking required*)

Holy Saturday – a simple Easter Vigil at 1900

Easter Sunday – Holy Communion (BCP) at 0800; Eucharists at 1000 and 1130

Thereafter, all being well, we will revert to the pattern of a Thursday Eucharist at 1000 and two Sunday Eucharists at 1000 and 1130. It would be helpful if you would indicate which of the Sunday services you plan to attend.

The PCC is also working to ensure that provision will be available for post-service coffee in church as soon as such gatherings are permitted, probably in June. If you have any questions or concerns about these arrangements or about our Development Plan, please don't hesitate to be in touch. We will publish architect's plans and drawings as soon as we have them. *Fr Anthony*

Special Easter Appeal for our school children

We are looking to raise about £350 to help tell the Easter story to the children of our wonderful school. We are partnering with Brighton & Hove City Mission who will supply Holy Week Journal Packs. The pack contains a six-day journal for the children to complete, as they read about the life of Jesus from when he entered Jerusalem to his resurrection. The children will be encouraged to complete activities each day and will be presented with a chocolate egg to enjoy on Easter Sunday. Children, and hopefully parents too, will learn what Easter is truly about. We have also ordered palm crosses from African Palms and each child will receive one of these too. Can you help, please, with a donation to the appeal? *Fr Anthony*

SUPPORTING THE FOODBANK



The shopping list on the Foodbank website hasn't been updated for a few weeks but please continue to bring what you can: non-perishable food and toiletries for men, women and children, please. Leave your donation in the porch on Sunday mornings or during private prayer opening hours:

Monday – Saturday 1400-1500

Financial donations can be made here:

<https://thewhitehawk.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

You can make your donation through online supermarket shops. More details can be found here:

<https://thewhitehawk.foodbank.org.uk/2019/06/21/ordering-food-delivery-foodbank/>.

Please pray for the Foodbank and for the increasing number of people who rely on its services.

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Lewes Priory Trust's season of 16 short talks in four evening symposia **Online on Zoom.**

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Symposium 2 Friday 7th May THE DESTRUCTION AND REDISCOVERY OF THE PRIORY

Symposium 3 Tuesday 11th May CARING FOR A HERITAGE SITE INTO THE FUTURE

Symposium 4 Friday 14th May WHAT THE LATEST RESEARCH IS TELLING US

Rounded off on Saturday 15th May with A GUIDED TOUR OF THE PRIORY REMAINS

Tour *not* via Zoom. £5 cash donation requested at assembly point:

gathering at Mountfield Road car park at 1430. Booking for tour opens 8th March.

To receive an invitation in April to register for the talks via Zoom, and/or to book the tour, email

enquiries@lewespriory.org.uk

Floodlighting – suggested donation £32.50 for a month

The church is being floodlit in the month of March by Elaine Bowden in loving memory of Iris Morgan RIP whose anniversary falls on 7th March.

Service 'phoneline - suggested donation £35.00 for a month

The Service 'phoneline is being sponsored in the month of March by an anonymous donor in thanksgiving for the audio services.

If you would like to sponsor the church floodlighting or the 'phoneline please contact Fr Anthony.