

## Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Ezekiel 37: verses 1 to 14

### The Valley of Dry Bones

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## First Reading at Service

Bible Reading from the New Testament

Acts 2: verses 2 to 21

### The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

### Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and

smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading at Service

### Gospel Reading

John 15: verses 26 to 27; 16: verses 4b to 15

### The World's Hatred

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.'

### The Work of the Spirit

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Notices

**Refreshments** - everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa, biscuit and chat after the service at the back of church. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with refreshments for the next few weeks.

**Prayer and discussion group** - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm - 9pm, and weekly thereafter at Coachman's Cottage, Meynell Langley. Exploring scripture and praying together about our mission. All are welcome.

**Benefice Songs of Praise** – There will be a Songs of Praise service on 16th June at 3pm at Christ Church, Long Lane, DE6 5BJ outdoors if the weather permits, with all the churches in the new benefice invited and refreshments afterwards. Please bring a chair!



**22 Questions** The next open discussion group (at 22 Phildock Wood Road DE22 4PH) will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 7.30-9pm. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits! If you haven't joined us before, please contact Chris for directions on 07502291577.



**Christian Aid** – Thank you to all who donated to Christian Aid following our service on 5<sup>th</sup> May. A total of £121 was raised!



## Dates for the Diary

26th May – Trinity Sunday – Morning Prayer – 9.30am

2<sup>nd</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> After Trinity – Holy Communion – 9.30am

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If you would like to include a notice in the pew sheet, please contact Emma Jones.*

**WELCOME TO  
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
KIRK LANGLEY**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Pentecost**



**The service today is Holy Communion**

***If you have a prayer request, please pass to the Church Warden***

***Please take this leaflet home with you for reference.***