



# Lent.

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

The time has come,  
The kingdom of God has come near.  
Repent and believe the good news.

Sunday 12th March 2023

**The Third Sunday of Lent**

## Welcome

Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

### Hymn **IN CHRIST ALONE MY HOPE IS FOUND**

He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## Prayer of Confession

Sovereign Creator,  
whose rhythm of life calls us back to you  
hear us as we confess our sins and seek to walk afresh with you.

**God our provider,  
we confess to you and to our fellow members in the body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.  
For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us  
from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect

**Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ shares with us the water of eternal life, may we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

**Amen**

## Reading 2 Corinthians 9 v6—11

Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;  
their righteousness endures for ever.'

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

**Hymn LET YOUR LIVING WATER FLOW over my soul.**

Let Your Holy Spirit come and take control  
Of every situation that has troubled my mind.  
All my cares and burdens on to You I roll.

Come now, Holy Spirit, and take control.  
Hold me in Your loving arms and make me whole.  
Wipe away all doubt and fear and take my pride,  
Draw me to Your love and keep me by Your side.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.  
Father, Father, Father.  
Spirit, Spirit, Spirit.

Give your life to Jesus, let Him fill your soul.  
Let Him take you in His arms and make you whole.  
As you give your life to Him He'll set you free.  
You will live and reign with Him eternally.

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**Gospel Reading John 4 v4-26**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to John*  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

On his way through Samaria Jesus and his disciples came to a town called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' (His disciples had left him and gone into the town to buy food.) The 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.)

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.' 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?'

Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.' He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.' 'I have no husband,' she replied. Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.'

'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet. 2Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.' 'Woman,' Jesus replied, 'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. As Samaritans you worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.' The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.'

Then Jesus declared, 'I, the one speaking to you – I am he.'

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.*

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Hymn**      **O LORD, YOUR TENDERNESS** melting all my bitterness!  
O Lord, I receive Your love.  
O Lord, Your loveliness, changing all my ugliness,  
O Lord, I receive Your love,  
O Lord, I receive Your love,  
O Lord, I receive Your love.  
  
O Lord, your Holiness cleanses all my sinfulness  
O Lord, I receive your love.  
O Lord, your Majesty, lifts my soul and sets me free,  
O Lord, I receive your love.  
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## **Prayers of Intercessions**

### **The Peace**

Lord as you share with us and give us your peace may we seek to share  
you with those around us to the glory of your name,  
**Let us share his peace**

**Hymn**      **O LET THE SON OF GOD ENFOLD YOU**  
With His Spirit and His love,  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let Him have the things that hold you,  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.  
  
Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.  
  
O come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy,  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.  
O give Him all your tears and sadness,  
Give Him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

## Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord:

**Generous God, accept the offering of your people  
for the work of your Kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Maker of light and darkness.

Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,  
brings a harvest out of sorrow  
and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,  
debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

Your spirit frees us

to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We, who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,  
sharing the joy of his obedience,  
now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven singing  
the hymn of your unending glory.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,**

**God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,  
most loving Father,  
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.  
Lifted on the cross,  
his suffering and forgiveness  
spanned the gulf our sins had made.  
Through the dark struggle,  
death was swallowed up in victory  
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
recalling the night of Israel's release,  
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,  
your Chosen One, himself the Firstborn,  
freely offered up his life.

At supper with his disciples he took bread  
and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them,  
saying: 'Take, eat.  
This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying:  
'Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him,  
we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**



Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be the body and blood of your son  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage in the company  
of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages, world without end.  
Amen.

### **Breaking of the Bread**

The living bread is broken for the life of the world  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

Let us pray together as our Lord taught us to pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Do not bring us to the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Distribution

*All are welcome  
to come and receive as we gather at our Lord's table*

## Prayer after communion

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious  
**and his mercy endures forever.**

**Father we give thanks for all that you have provided for us. Help us to share out of the well of your great love so that the people around us may be touched by your tenderness and care. Amen**

## Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, to take up your cross, and to follow him;  
and the blessing of God Almighty  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always **Amen**

## **HYMN TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE**

Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

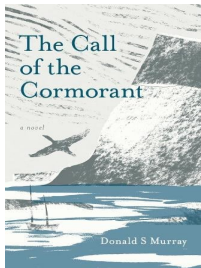
Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine:  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store:  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

## The Link Book Club

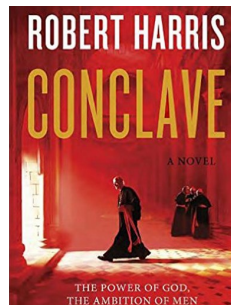


Our latest venture was a Novel *The call of the Cormorant* by Donald S. Murray. Based on the true-life story of one called Karl Einarsson. As a child of the late 19th century in the wind-swept fog bound Faroe Islands, Karl Einarsson grows up believing he is superior to his peers, destined for a life of art and adventure.

As soon as he is old enough he sets out for Denmark and begins his own reinvention. Once untethered from his past Karl's lies begin to spiral. He begins a life of serial scamming, swindling everyone from fishermen to aristocrats. But when his schemes find him in 1930's Berlin, he is forced to reckon with something much bigger than himself. As the Nazis rise to power around him his indifference becomes unwitting compliance and even betrayal.

We had mixed feelings about the novel although it was a good read we found that the main character was a very unlikeable character for reasons above. The chapters kept leaping back to his family at home in the Faroes. At the end of the book it was left open was Karl imprisoned for his collaboration or not?

Our next book is something entirely different *Conclave* by Robert Harris when we shall meet on Friday 31st March at 7.30pm at St Mary's. New people are welcome to join us even for a taster session.



# CHURCHES SPRING CLEANING



## St Leonard's Spring Clean

Friday 17th March 2-4pm  
and Saturday 18th March 10—12noon

## St Mary's Spring Clean

Friday 24th March 10-2pm (with soup and roll lunch)

## St Leonard's Organ Fund - more than china

Last week we reported that it was more than china that Judy was selling on behalf of the organ fund and this week the diversification continues with the sale of a unique collection of Scouting Badges donated by Pam and Ian Nicolson. Our thanks to them and to Judy for this good work. We also give thanks to Derek Law from St Mary's who has helped Katya to grasp some of the Organ basics and is now playing the organ as well as the piano within our worship at St Leonard's.



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