



# THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY

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## 9 MARCH 2025

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome to our Service today  
And welcome if you are reading this at home

### HYMNS & MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

9.30am – 'In the Round'

**95** – Forty days and forty nights

**Bulletin** – Longing for light

**Bulletin** – As the deer pants

**93** – When Jesus came to Jordan

**Music for Women Composer Day:**

**Organ music before the service:**

*Andante Grazioso* – Kate Boundy

*Diversion for the reeds* – June Nixon

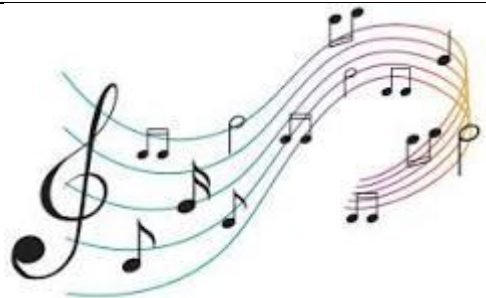
*Adoration* – Florence Price

**Voluntary:**

The Prince of Denmark's March –

*Jeremiah Clarke (arr Martin Cooke)*

*with Jemima Lawrie and Martin Hollis* – Trumpets



## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.**

## FIRST READING

### Deuteronomy 26. 1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

## GOSPEL READING

### Luke 4. 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil

said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church  
gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice:

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed:

Longing for shelter, many are homeless,  
Longing for warmth, many are cold,  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone:

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come:

### **As the deer pants for the water,**

so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a King.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

**GLUTEN FREE WAFERS** – these are available for those who need them. Please let the welcomers know when you arrive and inform the priest when you come to receive Communion

### **HOLY TRINITY NOTICES**

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**NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETINS** – please send any messages *by the end of a Wednesday* to Netty on: [beneficeoffice@htboa.org](mailto:beneficeoffice@htboa.org)

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ** – Wednesdays from 10am-12noon - weekly community café – coffee/tea and biscuits will be provided on a donation basis.

**PCC APPEAL** - more helpers are sought to set up the church ready for the Eucharist. Currently, set-up duty is once every 5 weeks or so. If you are willing to help, please contact Mavis Linstrum.

**SUE RYDER GRIEF KIND SPACE AT THE HUB** runs weekly on Thursdays from **2-4pm**. It is a drop-in group so no need to register: just turn up on the day at any time during the 2-hour slot. You can find support and meet other people who are going through a similar experience.

**MORNING PRAYER** - now said every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8.30am at Holy Trinity. All are warmly invited to join this short weekday service.

**WEEKLY PRAYERS** at noon every Thursday in the Saxon Church for Israel and Palestine using prayer from Sabeel based in Jerusalem, 11.50 - 12.10. Everyone warmly welcome.

**THANK YOU** – Clive & Stephanie Tomlinson send a big thank you to all who gave donations for pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. We are delighted to be sending £400 to Prostate Cancer UK

**A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS** – Wednesday, 26 March, 6pm-6.45pm – a warm welcome and hot drink: readings, music and reflection in the Saxon Church.

**THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** takes place on 23 March after the morning service. We seek 7 PCC members, 2 churchwardens and 3 deanery synod reps. So far there have been 3 PCC nominations, 2 churchwarden nominations and 2 offers for deanery synod reps. Further nominations are welcome. Forms are on the welcome desk, as is the official notification.

**ELECTORAL ROLL** - Grateful thanks to everyone for completing their forms in a timely way. The draft new roll is now available for inspection until 16 March. Please check that your name appears as you would expect, and if you notice any errors, please report these to the electoral roll officer, Julia Steward on or before 16th March. Thank you.

**LENT COURSE AT HOLY TRINITY** - It is terrific to see people joining in with the Lent Course. Thank you for being in touch. Our Lent Course at Holy Trinity is focused this year on the *Pilgrim Course, The Lord's Prayer*.

There will be six sessions on each of the Wednesdays of Lent, as listed below, between 10am -11.30am, including a break for coffee and refreshments in Holy Trinity. We will stay on the ground floor level of the church for every session. The Pilgrim Course booklet will be available for purchase at a cost of £5 at the first session, or by reserving a place through Netty. The booklet presents an opportunity for further reflective reading and prayer in between each Wednesday session. I do hope you will join us as we enjoy exploring the truth and meaning of the Lord's Prayer together.

Session 1 : March 12<sup>th</sup> '*Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed Be Your Name.*'

Session 2 - March 19<sup>th</sup> '*Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done, on Earth as in Heaven.*'

Session 3 - March 26<sup>th</sup> '*Give us this Day our Daily Bread.*'

Session 4 - April 2<sup>nd</sup> '*Forgive us our Sins as we Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us.*'

Session 5 - April 9<sup>th</sup> '*Lead Us Not into Temptation But Deliver us From Evil.*'

Session 6: April 16<sup>th</sup> '*For the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory are yours now and Forever. Amen.*'

Please do get in touch with me if you have any queries about the course. All are welcome.

Yours, Jenny

**MESSAGE FROM JENNY** - Lent is upon us. Extraordinarily Lent makes space for the hope of Christ, in our individual lives, in the life of the household, in the life of the Church and our local communities. Lent makes space for the hope of Christ in a way that draws us into fellowship. A good Lent starts within us and moves through those close to us. It comes into the Church and may be generously experienced overflowing into society. For that, we pray, 'may your kingdom come'.

We may consider personal Lent disciplines or observances as something to take up and something to give up. What might those be for you? I extend a warm invitation to our Lent Course, The Pilgrim Course, focused on The Lord's Prayer: Wednesdays at 10 am in Holy Trinity, or Fridays at 2 pm in Westwood. Please get in touch with me for further details. Please be assured of my prayers in this and every season. I pray that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are rooted and grounded in love; that we may be filled with all the fullness of God (Eph 3). I look forward to seeing you soon.

### **THIS WEEK @ HT**

**MORNING PRAYER** – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday @ 8.30am – everyone welcome

**MAINLY MUSIC** – Tuesday @ 10.30am – fun & friendship for pre-school families (contact Marlene on 864412 if you'd like to come)

**SAXON CLUB** – Tuesday @ 2.30pm – fun & friendship for 'seniors'. More from the archives Mervyn Grist

**COMMUNITY CAFE** – Wednesday, 10am – 12noon. All welcome.

**LENT COURSE** – Wednesday, 10am-11.30am

### **FUTURE EVENTS @ HT**

**FUNERAL SERVICE FOR KENNETH ROBERTS** – Wednesday, 19 March @ 1.30pm

**FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ** – Thursday, 20 March @ 11am-12.30pm – lots of fun, music and good company.

**ROLLING HARMONY SINGING WORKSHOP & CONCERT** – Saturday, 22 March. Workshop 4-5.30pm, concert @ 7.30pm. Tickets: £16 concert / £28 workshop & concert from [songways.co.uk/rolling-harmony](http://songways.co.uk/rolling-harmony)

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)** – Sunday, 23 March, immediately following the morning service.

**MOTHERS' UNION MEETING** – Wednesday, 26 March @ 2.30pm with Bishop Robert Atwell

### **FOR OUR PRAYERS**

**Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially:** Bishop Robert, Tony Bruun, Matthew Cox, Valerie Dyer, Jennifer Fuller, Tony Green, Anne Harris, Alice Moody, Geneviève Roberts, Edward Shaw, Malcolm Walsh & Ayleen Waring-Nicholson

**Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died, especially:** Ken Roberts

**Please let Jenny or Sarah know of any pastoral need – or simply cause for prayer.**

**Pray for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, remembering especially:** John Burgess

### **FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK**

- Discussions between World Leaders
- Leaders & volunteers in our Church
- Safety & well-being of teenagers
- Those suffering long term illnesses
- Thanks for Spring flowers & longer days
- Family time, fun & laughter

We continue to work together in our shared commitment to Safeguarding: '**The Benefice of Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield takes its responsibilities surrounding the safeguarding of children, young people, and adults who may be at risk, very seriously. We work in partnership with the Diocese of Salisbury to ensure that we work in accordance with best practices at all times.'**

**SAFEGUARDING** - If you have any Safeguarding concerns please speak to the clergy or our Safeguarding Adviser for the Benefice: **Andrea Unwin** 07553161654

Email: [aandreab.unwin@outlook.com](mailto:aandreab.unwin@outlook.com)

If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from: [safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org) to speak to a caseworker, or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor 01722 438651 and press option 3

**NEXT WEEK – 16 MARCH  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8 am** – Said Eucharist

**9.30am** – Sung Eucharist

**Readings:**

Genesis 15.1-12.17-18

Luke 13.31-end