

The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area
Epiphany 2: Sunday 15th January 2017

Receiving Communion

Anyone who is baptised in the Name of the Trinity is welcome to receive Communion in this church. When you come to receive, hold out your hands and you will be given bread and wine. If you would like a blessing instead, please indicate by holding your service book in your hands. Children under 5 can receive the bread. Over 5's may receive either bread and wine or the bread alone as parents decide. If you are not yet baptised, please speak to us. We would love to welcome you into the family of the Church.

COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Isaiah 49:1-7)

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

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

PSALM (Psalm 40:1-11)

I waited patiently / for the / Lord :
he inclined to / me and / heard my / cry.

He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the / mire and / clay :
he set my feet upon a rock and / made my / footing / sure.

He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of / praise • to our / God :
many shall see and fear and / put their / trust in the / Lord.

Blessed is the one who / trusts in the / Lord :
who does not turn to the / proud that / follow a / lie.

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.
How great your de/signs for / us! :
There is none that / can be com/pared with / you.

If I were to proclaim / them and / tell of them :
they would be more than I am / able / to ex/press.

Sacrifice and offering you do / not de/sire :
but my / ears / you have / opened;

Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have / not re/quired :
then / said I : / 'Lo, I / come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me
that I should do your will, / O my / God :
I delight to do it: your / law • is with/in my / heart.'

I have declared your righteousness in the great / congre/gation :
behold, I did not restrain my lips, and / that, O / Lord, you / know.

Your righteousness I have not hidden / in my / heart :
I have spoken of your / faithfulness and / your sal/vation;

I have not concealed your loving/kindness and / truth :
from the / great / congre/gation.

Do not withhold your compassion from / me, O / Lord :
let your love and your / faithfulness / always pre/serve me.

SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 1:1-9)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

GOSPEL (Luke 2:15-21)

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Services Next Sunday

Sunday 22nd January

Epiphany 3

8:00am Low Mass at St Martins, Haverfordwest

9:30am Sung Parish Mass at St Martin's, Haverfordwest

10:15am Holy Eucharist at St Ishmael's, Camrose

11:15am Sung Parish Eucharist at St Mary's, Haverfordwest

5:00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness at St Martins Haverfordwest

Notices

Sunday 15th January

3:00pm Family Service at St Marks School, Merlins Bridge

Wednesday 18th January

10:00am Mass followed by coffee at St Martins

4:00pm Junior Singers at St Marys

7:00pm St Martins DCC meeting in the Baring-Gould Room

Friday 20th January

11:00am Holy Eucharist followed by tea and toast at St Marys

2:00pm Parish Budget Meeting at the Parish Office

Next Sunday, 22nd January

12.30 for 1.00pm St Mary's Post-Christmas lunch at the Mariners Hotel. Please book your tickets with Gaynor Price **today**.

Concert at Picton Castle

On Friday 10th February at 6pm there will be a concert to raise money for the restoration of the Sir John Philipps monument at St Marys. Mr Peter Allen will play the Snetzler organ at the castle and Alexandra Lucas will play the flute. There will be canapes and a glass of sparkling wine. Tickets are £20 and can be bought through the castle office (01437 751326).

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