

The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area
Epiphany 3: Sunday 22nd 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, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 (Isaiah 9:1-4)

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

PSALM (Psalm 27:1, 4-9)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then / shall I / fear? :
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then / shall I / be a/fraid?

One thing have I / asked • of the / Lord :
and / that a/lone I / seek:

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That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the / days of my / life :
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to / seek his / will • in his /
temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall hide me / in his / shelter :
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me
and set me / high up/on a / rock.

And now shall he / lift up my / head :
above my / enemies / round a/bout me;

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with / great / gladness :
I will sing and make / music / to the / Lord.

Hear my voice, O Lord, / when I / call :
have mercy up/on me and / answer / me.

My heart tells of your word, / 'Seek my / face.' :
Your / face, Lord, / will I / seek.

Hide not your / face / from me :
nor cast your / servant a/way • in dis/pleasure.

You have / been my / helper :
leave me not, neither forsake me, O / God of / my sal/vation.

SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 1:10-18)

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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GOSPEL (Matthew 4:12-23)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

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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).

Notices

Sunday 22nd January

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

Wednesday 25th January

10:00am Mass followed by coffee at St Martins

4:00pm Junior Singers at St Marys

Friday 27th January

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

Sunday 29th January

Epiphany 4

8:00am Low Mass at St Martins, Haverfordwest

10:15am Café Praise at St Ishmaels Camrose

10:30am United Parish Eucharist at St Marys Haverfordwest

5:00pm LMA Christingle Service at St Marys

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