

The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area
Sunday 12th March 2016: Lent 2

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, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant that all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, may reject those things that are contrary to their baptism, and follow in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Genesis 12. 1-4a)

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

PSALM (Psalm 121)

I lift up my eyes / to the / hills :
from / where is my / help to / come?

My help comes / from the / Lord :
the / maker of / heaven and / earth.

He will not suffer your / foot to / stumble :
he who watches / over you / will not / sleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch / over / Israel :
shall / neither / slumber nor / sleep.

The Lord himself / watches / over you :
the Lord is your shade / at your / right / hand,

So that the sun shall not / strike you by / day :
nei/ther the / moon by / night.

The Lord shall keep you / from all / evil :
it is / he who shall / keep your / soul.

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your / coming / in :
from this time / forth for / ever/more.

SECOND READING (Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17)

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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GOSPEL (John 3. 1-17)

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries given us by our Lord Jesus Christ, by which we receive your grace and are assured of your love, now and for ever. **Amen.**

This week's Notices

Today – Sunday 12th March

12.15pm St Mary's Pre-Vestry DCC Meeting will follow the 11.15am Parish Eucharist service at St Mary's.

Wednesday 15th March

10:00am Mass followed by coffee at St Martins

4:00pm Junior Singers at St Marys

7:00pm LMA Lent Group at Prendergast Church Hall

Friday 17th March

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

12:00pm Lent Lunch at St Martins Church Hall

12:00pm Talk on Energy Saving at St Marys

Next Sunday – 19th March

10.30am St Martin's Pre-Vestry DCC meeting following the 9.30am Parish Mass at St Martin's

11.15am Camrose Annual Vestry Meeting following the 10.15am Eucharist at Camrose Church

Sunday 19th March

Lent 3

8:00am Low Mass at St Martins, Haverfordwest

9:30am Sung Parish Mass followed by St Martins DCC at St Martins

10:15am Holy Eucharist at St Ismaels Camrose

11:15am Sung Parish Eucharist at St Marys Haverfordwest

3:00pm Family Service at St Marks School.

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