

## News and Prayer Update for 28<sup>th</sup> February

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**Worship at Home Booklet:** Please note that a new edition of the Worship at Home Booklet was produced at the beginning of February and it is available as a pdf for screening or printing off (see link on mailchimp e-mail) or as a hard copy which can be sent out to people if they prefer (please let Patricia or Trish know if you need a copy delivering).

**Sunday morning 10.30 – Morning Worship** This is live online via Zoom. Please join from 10.15 onwards and we will have time for a chat afterwards for those who wish to.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86189415560?pwd=Q21OSUtlZGFoWmJibUxrSDFJczljdz09>

If you require the ID and Passcode please contact Revd Patricia.  
(this service is in addition to the weekly pre-recorded online service)

**Storytelling Service - Jesus and the Children** <https://youtu.be/TPcrH0YR1Ew>

**Link for this week's recorded service is:** [https://youtu.be/QXw9Vd3Q2\\_U](https://youtu.be/QXw9Vd3Q2_U)

### **HYMN: All My Hope on God is Founded**

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

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### Collect for Second Sunday of Lent

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 to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Psalm: Psalm 22: 23-end

- <sup>23</sup> Praise the Lord, you that fear him; ♦  
O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.
- <sup>24</sup> For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;  
neither has he hidden his face from them; ♦  
but when they cried to him he heard them.
- <sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ♦  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.
- <sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied; ♦  
those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.
- <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, ♦  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- <sup>28</sup> For the kingdom is the Lord's ♦  
and he rules over the nations.
- <sup>29</sup> How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, ♦  
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?
- <sup>30</sup> He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; ♦  
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.
- <sup>31</sup> They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn, ♦  
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

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### Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

- <sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.
- <sup>2</sup> And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.'
- <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,
- <sup>4</sup> 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.
- <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.
- <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

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<sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

<sup>15</sup> God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.

<sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

### **New Testament Reading:** Romans 4: 13-end

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

<sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup> 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,

<sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.'

<sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

<sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

<sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

<sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.'

<sup>23</sup> Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone,

<sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

<sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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### **REFLECTION ON THE READINGS** – Karen Drury

During this time of lockdown so many of our freedoms have necessarily been curtailed, but one of the things in our house that we all try to do is go for a walk each day. This is such a source of joy, especially at the end of our working day. I'm sure that many of you, if it is a possibility for you, have tried to get out in the lovely sunshine that we have experienced in the last few days – some signs of Spring at last, after what feels like a very long Winter!

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Going for walk has been one of the face to face ways of meeting up with another person during this third lockdown and I know for many, especially friends and relations who live by themselves, the ability to do this has been a lifeline and much-valued means of connection.

I wonder how it felt for Abraham when he was invited by God to walk with him.

'I am God Almighty, walk before me and be blameless.'

Apart from anything, I wonder if he was somewhat surprised. By the beginning of Genesis 17 Abraham was 99 years old and it had been a good few years since God had promised him, when Abraham was already at least 75 years old, that he would have his own child and that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in heaven. In Chapter 15 God turns this promise into a covenant, an agreement sealed by an oath, that he will give the land of Canaan to Abraham's descendants.

And then – nothing happens.

Well, it does in that Sarah, Abraham's wife takes matters into her own hands. With Abraham's agreement, she gives him her servant, Hagar, as a surrogate and Ishmael is born.

But God is not finished yet.

He invites Abraham to walk before him and he re-iterates his promise that he will give Abraham descendants. He will make Abraham the 'ancestor of a multitude of nations'. This will be an everlasting covenant – He promises always to be their God. Abraham's descendants have become God's chosen people and will be a blessing for the whole world.

So what does this mean for us today? Growing up and even until quite recently, I think I associated the Old Testament, especially Genesis, with a series of almost cosy stories that always came up in Sunday School. I seem to remember there was always a lot of colouring involved!

But I think that this reading tells us something important about the unchanging nature of God and what it means to be chosen and loved by God.

The nature of God is gracious – Abraham hasn't done anything to earn God's favour and to earn this blessing from God. He has kept no law and rendered no service to God. God offers his covenant freely. God doesn't set out the Law for his people to live by until Exodus. This covenant is about faith. It is about Abraham believing who God is, the Almighty, and having faith in God's promises. It is given by God's grace and God says that, through Abraham, it will be for all people.

When God says 'Walk before me and be blameless, the word 'blameless' can also be translated as 'whole'. Choosing to walk with God, to recognise who he is, is what will make Abraham complete.

Paul says in this week's New Testament reading from Romans 4 v1,

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'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.'

And so it is for us. God's grace is a free gift – it is for everyone. Just as Abraham had faith, if we have faith and believe in God's promises and that those came to fulfilment in his sending Jesus to pay for our sins and restore us to a relationship with God, then we, like Abraham, will also be made 'righteous by faith'. It is about believing that God is who he says he is and believing in his promises.

We are all chosen and loved by God, through faith and through his grace. This passage should bring us comfort and hope.

We know that the Israelites did not always keep the covenant. Throughout the Old Testament they repeatedly forgot who God was, but God never forsook them and still continued to bring them back to himself, working all the while towards his plan for our redemption.

As we move through this period of Lent, reflecting on our choices, our lives and our relationship with God, let us find a renewed understanding of who God is, how he desires that relationship with each of us. Let us learn anew to walk with him and allow him to make us whole. Amen

### **HYMN: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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### Prayers for the coming week – #LIVELENT prayers and actions

#### Week 2 of Lent (Stories of Transformation) – Action:

*When Jesus met people, they rarely remained the same. Broken people were made whole, broken relationships were restored, the marginalized found out that God cared for them. Our faith stories are stories of how God has changed us for the better. These stories of life change are powerful.*

This week, take time to think about how God has changed you. Have there been particular moments when you have known God has been at work in your life? Collect your thoughts in your notebook or journal.

#### Monday of Week 2:

Thank you, Lord, for the ways you change us for the better.

Please let those changes be visible in us so that others may see them and give you the glory.

Amen

#### Tuesday of Week 2:

Thank you, God, for the story of your presence in my life.

Please remind me of the power of that story, that I might give you praise.

Amen

#### Wednesday of Week 2:

Lord, please help us to be willing and able to tell the story of our lives and your presence in them so that others might be drawn to you.

Amen

#### Thursday of Week 2:

Loving God, every person we meet has a story to share. Help us to take the time to listen, to pay attention, and to be enriched by what we hear.

Amen

#### Friday of Week 2:

Gracious God, help us to be prepared to share our own story, the reason we have for putting our hope in you.

Please give us those opportunities, and then help us to take them.

Amen

#### Weekend of Week 2:

Jesus, please help us to tell the story of your love and goodness through the way we live as well as in the words we say.

Amen

### **Prayer for February:**

*With Valentine's Day coming in the middle of this month it is a good time to think about the virtue of love.*

Father God thank you that you love and value everyone. Help us to follow the commandment of Jesus 'to love one another as he has loved us'.

Please give us an awareness of your wonderful love for us so that an attitude of love may pervade our whole existence. Give us wisdom, patience, respect and kindness so that we follow the commandant of love in all our relationships.

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## NOTICES

❖ **Services – each of the PCCs in our United Benefice have decided to suspend worship services and private prayer in our Churches until mid-March due to the current situation with the pandemic.**

We will continue to stream a service each Sunday.

### Services for you to join:

- **Sunday morning 10.30 – Morning Worship** This is live online via Zoom Please join from 10.15 onwards and we will have time for a chat afterwards for those who wish to.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86189415560?pwd=Q21OSUtLZGFoWmJibUxrSDFJczljdz09>

If you require the ID and Passcode please contact Revd Patricia.  
(this service is in addition to the weekly pre-recorded online service).

- **Wednesday Morning 09.00 – Celtic Morning Prayer** This is live online via Zoom with Revd Trish Cope.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86430788721?pwd=dGVuMXpxWDkzTU5FbENraIB2Q09JQT09>

If you require the ID and Password for this meeting please contact Revd Trish: Tel: 07703 470101; Email: [trishcope2012@btinternet.com](mailto:trishcope2012@btinternet.com)

The reading and psalm for this meeting are included at the end of this Update. This service uses a separate order of service. If anyone would like a hard copy of this service booklet please email Trish and she will get one to you as soon as possible.

- **Thursday Evening 19.00 – Telephone Service for Evening Worship**  
Please contact Chris Stanisstreet for details of how to join this service (you will need the telephone number, conference room number and pin number).  
Tel: 01925 755559; Mob 07918 981 723; e-mail: [stanbess2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stanbess2003@yahoo.co.uk)  
You can dial in any time between 6.45pm and 7.00pm.  
The service will begin at 7.00pm and uses the new Worship at Home booklet. Please say the words in bold and try to ensure that there is no background noise.

- **Suggestions:**

If you have any other ideas please let us know - contact Revd Philip by phone 01565 830595 or email. [robinsonpj50@gmail.com](mailto:robinsonpj50@gmail.com)

❖ **Coffee and Chat Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** We are having a Zoom Coffee and Chat meeting on Wednesday mornings from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon. Just click on the link below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82154002422?pwd=aW1HM2VDRGlycmo0SGZTVHowdUNUQT09>

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If you need the meeting ID and Password for this meeting please contact Patricia.

### ❖ **Lent Course: God's Story Our Story**

**Tuesday Evenings from 19.00. Next session on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81871970480?pwd=SEJ3R2FZL0RaTWF5eUV0MWR2OE92QT09>

If you need the meeting ID and Password for this meeting please contact Patricia.

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Our Lent Course this year is based on two publications. The booklet:

#### **# LiveLent: God's Story Our Story**

which invites each of us to reflect on our own story of God and how we might share it through our everyday lives as part of our Christian witness.

All through Lent and up to Easter Day there is a short Bible reading, a reflection and a prayer.

You can also access it online or buy your own copy. Let us know if you would like a copy and we will arrange to let you have one.

The second is the book that #LiveLent: God's Story Our Story is based on and which is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for this year:

#### **Living His Story – Revealing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways by Hannah Steele**

This book is particularly appropriate as it was written during the pandemic and demonstrates ways in which we can all convey God's love to others.

It isn't essential to read this book to be part of the course, but it is certainly worth it. *(Copies are available from various booksellers but the best price we have seen is £7.99 from the Publishers SPCK.)*

Sessions will start at 19.00 and last up to an hour and a half – part of the time will be spent in smaller discussion groups.

There will be opportunities to discuss what we have read over the week before, there will be review of the chapter from Hannah Steele's book and questions that we will use as points for discussion.

*If there is demand for a **daytime course**, we will provide one – just let a member of the Ministry Team know – Philip, Trish, Patricia, Chris or Stewart.*

### ❖ **Join the Prayer Chain:**

Our Reader, Chris Stanisstreet has organised a **Prayer Chain** which is done by email and telephone. The idea behind this, is that when a specific prayer request is made, it is passed on by group e-mail to the people on the list who then pray for the particular situation.

If you would like to receive prayer requests or would like to make a prayer request, please let Chris Stanisstreet know:

Tel: 01925 755559; Mob 07918 981 723; [stanbess2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stanbess2003@yahoo.co.uk)

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❖ **Offering and Fund Raising** – Please continue to give if you can

❖ **Homemade Jams For Sale:**

There are various Jams and Marmalade available at prices between £2.00 / £3.00 per jar depending on size - please order by telephoning the Vicarage we will deliver them to you as we go about our duties.

St Mary's are offering: Freshly made Chunky Seville Orange Marmalade £2.50.  
Also available – Finely Shredded Marmalade, Strawberry, Raspberry, Damson and Gooseberry Jams

St Paul's are offering: Strawberry, Strawberry +Gooseberry, Greengage, Gooseberry and Raspberry jams. Marmalade and Dark Marmalade.

❖ **Morning and Night Prayer**

*If anyone does not yet have access to the "Worship at Home" booklet containing the Order of Service for Morning Prayer or Night Prayer, please contact the Vicarage, as there are large print copies and ordinary size ones that can be posted out or versions that can be e-mailed.*

**Bible Readings and Psalms for the Coming Week from the Lectionary.**

*Here are some suggestions for more Psalms and Bible readings to use with Morning and Night Prayer:*

Readings for Morning Prayer: These readings usually follow on from each other so you get a bit more of the story each day (except on special Saints Days).

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> March – St David's Day: Psalm 32; Jeremiah 7: 21-end; John 6: 41-51

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Psalm 50; Jeremiah 8: 1-15; John 6: 52 - 59

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Psalm 35; Jeremiah 8: 18-9:11; John 6: 60-end

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> March – Psalm 34; Jeremiah 9: 12-24; John 7: 1-13

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> March – Psalm 41; Jeremiah 10: 1-16; John 7: 14-24

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> March – Psalm 25: Jeremiah 10: 17-24; John 7: 25-36

**Readings for Night Prayer**

Short Reading during Lent:

Isiah 58: 6-7

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Psalm during Lent: Psalm 139 1-18

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; ♦  
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

<sup>2</sup> You mark out my journeys and my resting place ♦

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- and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue, ♦  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You encompass me behind and before ♦  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, ♦  
so high that I cannot attain it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your spirit? ♦  
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; ♦  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning ♦  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me, ♦  
your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me ♦  
and the light around me turn to night,'
- 11 Even darkness is no darkness with you; the night is as clear as the day; ♦  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; ♦  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; ♦  
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.
- 14 My frame was not hidden from you, ♦  
when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; ♦  
already in your book were all my members written,
- 16 As day by day they were fashioned ♦  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God! ♦  
How great is the sum of them!
- 18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand, ♦  
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

### Collect during Lent:

Almighty God,  
may we, by the prayer and discipline of Lent, enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings;  
that by following in the Way,  
we may come to share in the glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### Blessing during Lent:

May God bless us,  
That in us may be found love and humility,  
Obedience and thanksgiving,  
Discipline, gentleness and peace.  
Amen

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### Psalm and Reading for Celtic Morning Prayer, 3<sup>rd</sup> March:

#### Psalm 35

- 1 Contend, O Lord, with those that contend with me; ♦  
fight against those that fight against me.
- 2 Take up shield and buckler ♦  
and rise up to help me.
- 3 Draw the spear and bar the way against those who pursue me; ♦  
say to my soul, 'I am your salvation.'
- 4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed and disgraced; ♦  
let those who plot my ruin fall back and be put to confusion.
- 5 Let them be as chaff before the wind, ♦  
with the angel of the Lord thrusting them down.
- 6 Let their way be dark and slippery, ♦  
with the angel of the Lord pursuing them.
- 7 For they have secretly spread a net for me without a cause; ♦  
without any cause they have dug a pit for my soul.
- 8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; ♦  
let them be caught in the net they laid; let them fall in it to their destruction.
- 9 Then will my soul be joyful in the Lord ♦  
and glory in his salvation.
- 10 My very bones will say, 'Lord, who is like you? ♦  
You deliver the poor from those that are too strong for them, the poor and  
needy from those who would despoil them.'
- 11 False witnesses rose up against me; ♦  
they charged me with things I knew not.
- 12 They rewarded me evil for good, ♦  
to the desolation of my soul.
- 13 But as for me, when they were sick I put on sackcloth ♦  
and humbled myself with fasting;
- 14 When my prayer returned empty to my bosom, ♦  
it was as though I grieved for my friend or brother;
- 15 I behaved as one who mourns for his mother, ♦  
bowed down and brought very low.
- 16 But when I stumbled, they gathered in delight; they gathered together against me; ♦  
as if they were strangers I did not know they tore at me without ceasing.
- 17 When I fell they mocked me; ♦  
they gnashed at me with their teeth.
- 18 O Lord, how long will you look on? ♦  
Rescue my soul from their ravages, and my poor life from the young lions.
- 19 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; ♦  
I will praise you in the mighty throng.
- 20 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, ♦  
or those who hate me without a cause mock me with their glances.
- 21 For they do not speak of peace, ♦  
but invent deceitful schemes against those that are quiet in the land.
- 22 They opened wide their mouths and derided me, saying ♦  
'We have seen it with our very eyes.'
- 23 This you have seen, O Lord; do not keep silent; ♦  
go not far from me, O Lord.

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- 24 Awake, arise, to my cause, ♦  
to my defence, my God and my Lord!
- 25 Give me justice, O Lord my God, according to your righteousness; ♦  
let them not triumph over me.
- 26 Let them not say to themselves, 'Our heart's desire!' ♦  
Let them not say, 'We have swallowed him up.'
- 27 Let all who rejoice at my trouble be put to shame and confusion; ♦  
let those who boast against me be clothed with shame and dishonour.
- 28 Let those who favour my cause rejoice and be glad; ♦  
Let them say always, 'Great is the Lord, who delights in his servant's well-being.'
- 29 So shall my tongue be talking of your righteousness ♦  
and of your praise all the day long.

### Reading: John 6: 60-end

- 60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?'
- 61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you?'
- 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?'
- 63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.
- 64 But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.
- 65 And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'
- 66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.
- 67 So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?'
- 68 Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.
- 69 We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'
- 70 Jesus answered them, 'Did I not choose you, the twelve? Yet one of you is a devil.'
- 71 He was speaking of Judas son of Simon Iscariot, for he, though one of the twelve, was going to betray him.