

SUNDAY 7TH MARCH 2021
LENT 3



A warm welcome to everyone whether you are regular or visiting.

COLLECT:

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EXODUS 20.1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

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

GOSPEL:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
All Glory to you, O Lord.

JOHN 2.13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *All Praise to you, O Christ*

PRAYERS:

We pray for our communities and in particular this week all the people who live on:

Mill Lane, Croftlands, Monkswell Avenue
and Mount Pleasant Lane

We pray for those who are sick or in need at this time:

Terry Davey, Jean Wilson, Margaret Pinkney, Stephen,
Jean Hollingdrake, Mary Wilkinson, Jessica

We hold before God those who have recently died and pray for their families and friends:

Jeff Timms, Gordon Macleod, Maisie Wilson, Alison MacNeil,
Michael Chorley, Andy Pardula, Peter Pardula, Phil Barnish,
Stanley Roskell, Margaret Whitely

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer:

Colin Metcalfe, John George Young, William Holden,
James Airey Fairclough, Ronald Hoggarth, Marjorie Hill,
Jack Pemberton



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers