

Second Sunday of Lent Citizens of Heaven'

Hymns

- 645 The God of Abraham praise
1072 In Christ alone
631 Tell out, my soul, the greatness ...31
85 Come and see, come and see'
(We worship at your feet)
559 Praise Him, praise Him!
Jesus our blessed Redeemer

Collect

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

Psalm 27

- 1 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 afraid?**
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and
my foes,
■ **they stumbled and fell.**
- 3 Though a host encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid,
■ **and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.**
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord
and that alone I seek:
■ **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

- 5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
■ **and to seek his will in his temple.**
- 6 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 upon a rock.**
- 7 And now shall he lift up my head
■ **above my enemies round about me;**
- 8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an
oblation with great gladness;
■ **I will sing and make music to the Lord.**
- 9 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;
■ **have mercy upon me and answer me.**
- 10 My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my
face.'
■ **Your face, Lord, will I seek.**
- 11 Hide not your face from me,
■ **nor cast your servant away in displeasure.**
- 12 You have been my helper;
■ **leave me not, neither forsake me, O God
of my salvation**
- 13 Though my father and my mother forsake
me,
■ **the Lord will take me up.**
- 14 Teach me your way, O Lord;
■ **lead me on a level path,
because of those who lie in wait for me**
- 15 Deliver me not into the will of my
adversaries,
■ **for false witnesses have risen up against
me,
and those who breathe out violence.**
- 16 I believe that I shall see the goodness of
the Lord
■ **in the land of the living.**
- 17 Wait for the Lord;
be strong and he shall comfort your
heart;
■ **wait patiently for the Lord.**

New Testament Reading Philippians 3 v 17 - 4 v 1

3:17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating
me, and observe those who live according to
the example you have in us. **18** For many
live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have
often told you of them, and now I tell you
even with tears. **19** Their end is destruction;
their god is the belly; and their glory is in
their shame; their minds are set on earthly
things. **20** But our citizenship is in heaven,
and it is from there that we are expecting a
Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. **21** He will
transform the body of our humiliation so
that it may be conformed to the body of
his glory, by the power that also enables
him to make all things subject to himself.
4:1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
whom I love and long for, my joy and
crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way,
my beloved.

Gospel Luke 13 vs. 31-35

The Gospel of Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Lament over Jerusalem

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came
and said to him, 'Get away from here, for
Herod wants to kill you.' **32** He said to
them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I
am casting out demons and performing
cures today and tomorrow, and on the
third day I finish my work. **33** Yet today,
tomorrow, and the next day I must be on
my way, because it is impossible for a
prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem."
34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills
the prophets and stones those who are
sent to it! How often have I desired to
gather your children together as a hen
gathers her brood under her wings, and
you were not willing! **35** See, your house is

left to you. And I tell you, you will not see
me until the time comes when you say,
"Blessed is the one who comes in the name
of the Lord."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

This Week at Cross and Stable

Community Larder

Every Tuesday from 11- 12:30

Chatterbox

Wednesday 11am to 12:30pm

All Welcome - tea - coffee - cakes - meet & chat.

Choir Practice

Every Thursday - 11 am to 12 noon.

Zoom Prayers & Bible Study

Friday 2pm Zoom Prayers.

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NEXT SUNDAY

Family Breakfast Club Every 4th Sunday
10 Breakfast - 10:30 Activity - 11 Worship

Frances Jefferies RIP

Sam writes

On Tuesday 11th March 2025, around 5 am
the earthly journey of Frances came to an
end as she entered the nearer presence of
Jesus & God in Heaven -
Herr wish was to spend the latter days in her
own home of 40+ years. She has been well
cared for her niece, Heather, neighbours
including Magdalena our Pianist, Joseph a
friend and a host of others - neighbours &
Church friends.

Funeral arrangements will be notified.

Her wish was to have a Service at Cross &
Stable Church & then a burial with her late
husband at Crown Hill.

Sunday 16th March 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

THE CROSS AND STABLE

THE UNFOLDING CITY

The Earth, a canvas streaked with dust and strife,
A fleeting dream, a whisper of short life.
But in my soul, a city takes its form,
A radiant dawn, defying every storm.

No earthly walls can hold its boundless grace,
No mortal hand can erase its sacred space.
Its streets are paved with light, a golden stream,
Where angels sing, a never-ending dream.

I am a citizen, a child of light,
Belonging to a kingdom, pure and bright.
Though shadows dance, and trials may arise,
My heart beats strong, beneath celestial skies.

Poem possibly written by Artificial Intelligence!

Quiz Corner

This Week's Question

Kingdom of God / Kingdom of Heaven - is there a difference?

Last Sunday's answer

Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday is 46 days. Omit the Sundays to get to 40 days. Sundays are never a fasting day as Sunday is the Day of Resurrection celebrated every week.

Zoom Link to 11 am Sunday 16th March

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85922248518?pwd=Vm4vd0UwancwVks2cUgNm5tMWRZdz09>

Meeting ID: 859 2224 8518. Passcode: 830413



An embroidery covering a wall at Turvey Abbey, west of Bedford

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TODAY

Lent Two
Baptism Communion
Led by Phil Dunning

THIS SUNDAY

Gene 15.1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3.17 - 4.1
Luke 13.31-35

NEXT SUNDAY:

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Lent Three
Family Breakfast Club
From 10 am.
Service 11 am

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