First Reading

Read by Beryl Chaplin

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

5 circumcised on the eighth day,

a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,

a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church;

as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 Yet whatever gains I had,

these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

8 More than that,

I regard everything as loss

because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish,

in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law.

but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

10 I want to know Christ

and the power of his resurrection

and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,

 $\scriptstyle\rm II$ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this

or have already reached the goal;

but I press on to make it my own,

because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do:

forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

14 I press on toward the goal

for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

157– When I survey the wondrous cross

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory
Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God

in Christ Jesus.

Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to You O Lord

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus,

whom he had raised from the dead.

²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served.

and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.

³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair.

The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples

(the one who was about to betray him), said,

5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"

6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor,

but because he was a thief;

he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone.

She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.

 ${\mbox{\sc 8}}$ You always have the poor with you,

but you do not always have me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

Please remember to pray for the following friends of our Parish who are not able to worship with us at this time Judith and Kevin Bryan, Peggy and Ken Bean. Ray Cobb, John Davies, Vera Emeny, Judith Everett, Margaret Pearce, Pat Todd, David and Lily Webb.

The Prayers

The intercessions are led by Angela Parobij

Those for whom prayer has been asked:

For those on active service in places of danger.

Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

The people infected by the Coronavirus

The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

Visitors to The Top Up Shop

- 3 Debbie Shaves, Dick Kirkland, June Devine,
- 2 Joseph 2, Michael Brooke, Doreen H, Jill Broughton Leah Mitchell, Brian Stopher, Denver Cole,
- I Emma Owen. Jan Davies and those known privately to us.

Those who have died recently

Sally Girt Ellen Rogers, Charles Woods

We remember the anniversary of death of

Irvine Burke 26 March 2017
Gladys Williams 6 April 2008
Jackie Mann 7 April 1989
Raymond Smith 8 April 2009

Offertory Hymn;

144– H0w deep the Father's love for us

Communion Hymns:

146 - Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice 158-When you prayed beneath the trees *********

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Recessional Hymn:

176 - As royal banners are unfurled