

First Reading

Read by Rebecca Newman

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

592 As the deer pants for the water

Gospel Acclamation

"Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!"

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Lord, you are truly the saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

"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

4 Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, 'Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John'—²although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized—³he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had

given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

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Praise to you O Christ

The Prayers

The prayers are led by Angela Marjoram

Those for who prayers have been asked:

For those on active service in places of danger

Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

Visitors to the Top Up Shop and Family First

Ava, Hunter, Freya and Myla who are being baptised today,
may they feel the love of Christ surrounding them all.

3. Debbie Shaves, Jayne Versey, Malcolm Starsmoore,
Gwen Wall, Kara Perrio, Diane Giddons.

2. Sheila Page, Jats Gosal, Julie Eves.

1. Linda Best, Eileen, Becki and Denis Cook, Tanya,
Jeanette Budinger, Sue Doe, June Abbott,
Mary Mitson-Woods

Those who have died recently

Veronica Clarke (Blossom)

Trevor Read

We remember the anniversary of death of

Ezra Jeffers March 9 2016

Jean Gooding March 10 2014

Offertory Hymn:

330 Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you

Communion hymns:

788 Take this moment, sign and space

Communion Anthem

Come to the well.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn:

652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Please remember to pray for the following friends of our
Parish who are not able to worship with us at this time.

Vera Emeny, Rita Appleton.