

## First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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**Gradual Hymn: 730;** – *My God, I love thee not because*

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## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory

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

<sup>1</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."

<sup>32</sup> 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.

<sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

<sup>34</sup> 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! <sup>35</sup> 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**

## Psalm 27

I The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me  
to devour my flesh—  
my adversaries and foes—  
they shall stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me,  
yet I will be confident.

4 One thing I asked of the LORD;  
this I seek:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to inquire in his temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.

6 Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!

8 "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"  
Your face, LORD, do I seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me.  
Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!

10 If my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me up.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.

12 Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they are breathing out violence.

13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!

## Prayers

The prayers are led by Bridgett Kemp  
**Those for whom prayer has been asked:**

For those on active service in places of danger.

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Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

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The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

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Visitors to The Top Up Shop and Family First

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3 Angela Parobij, Sonia Steggall, Sam, Debbie Shaves,  
2 Brian, Drew, Stephen Abbott, Jim Flemming,  
1 Linda Best, Rosie & John Gray, Samuel Thurlow  
Lesley Horrocks, Jeanette Budinger  
and those known privately to us.

**Those who have died recently**

Sybil Barrow

Mel Spurling

Kay Dinsdale

Margaret Starsmoore,

**We remember the anniversary of death of**

George Page 21 March 1993

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**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