



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 2nd April 2017
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Passion Sunday

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
Hymns: 86 (omit *): 95

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 79 (Tune 128/2nd): 90: 83: 95

680 *Judica me*

Introit Give sentence with me, O God, and defend the cause of my soul against the ungodly people: deliver me, and rid me from the deceitful and wicked man; for thou, O Lord, art my God, and my strong salvation.

Psalm O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. (*No Gloria Patri*)

Gradual Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee. √ It is the Lord that delivereth me from my cruel enemies, and setteth me up above mine adversaries: thou shalt deliver me from the wicked man.

Tract Many a time have they fought against me: from my youth up. √ May Israel now say: yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up. √ But they have not prevailed against me: the plowers ploughed upon my back. √ And made long furrows: but the righteous Lord hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.

Offertory I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart; O do well unto thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word: quicken thou me, according to thy word, O Lord.

Communion When the Lord saw the sister of Lazarus weeping at the tomb, and the Jews also weeping, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus come forth: and he that was dead came forth bound hand and foot with grave clothes.

Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Ezekiel Ch37 v1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O LORD GOD, you know.' ⁴Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch8 v6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel - John Ch11 v1-45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?'

⁹Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹²The disciples said to

him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.'¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead.¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.'¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.'²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.'²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.'²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.'³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.'⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.'⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Post Communion

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.

Services for this week

Tuesday 4th April 11.00am Said Mass BCP - Isidore - Bishop, 636

Wednesday 5th April 11.00am Beechwood Easter Service
7.00pm Lent Course - Compline

Thursday 6th April 10.30am Ladies' College Easter Service

Friday 7th April 11.00am Funeral - Edgar Blampied

7.00pm Said Mass - John Baptist de la Salle - Priest, 1719

Saturday 8th April 4.00pm Taizé Service

Sunday 9th April

Palm Sunday

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Christine Shaw,
David Streek, Judy Bobbitt, Penny Taylor, Maureen Pitman, Dulcie,
Baby Eva, John Van Dort, and Terry Roberts.

Pray also for the souls of Doreen Hancock and Edgar Blampied.
May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

Maundy Thursday Watch

Please add your name to the list at the back of Church.
As last year Fr John will be producing a guide for reflection during the watch.

Cleaning for Easter

Monday 10th April 9.30am Brass and silver cleaning

Wednesday 12th April 9.30am Church clean

If you could spare some time to come along and help please.

Stay in touch with St Stephen's: visit our website at
<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>

*Please join us for refreshments in the vestry after the 11.00am Mass
After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!*

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – **6.00pm Thursday**
To Tony or email akaines@cwgsy.net