



**ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY OF SAINT ANDREW,
COSTA DEL SOL EAST, SPAIN**



Sunday 6th April 2025

5th Sunday of Lent

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.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy.

³Then said they among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

⁴The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced.

⁵Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert.

⁶Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.

⁷Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not 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. ¹³Beloved, 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, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading—John 12:1-8

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Blessed are those who have endured temptation; they have stood the test and will receive the crown of life.

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six 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. ⁴But 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.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

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.

All: Amen.

Scriptures for Sunday 13th April 2025

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalms 118:1–2, 19–29

Philippians 2:5–11

Luke 19:28–40

Lent Course

The Lent Course started on Wednesday 12th March and will run on Zoom at 18:00 for the following four weeks until Wednesday 9th April. The course is based on the Nicene Creed, as 2025 is the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea when the first version of the Creed was formulated.

Anglican Chaplaincy of Saint Andrew

Charity of the Month for April 2025

Bishop's Lent Appeal for People in Need Due to the War in Ukraine and for Refugees across Europe.

European Refugee Support Project

This appeal is a partnership between the Diocese in Europe and USPG. It is helping to provide essential care and support for Ukrainian and other refugees spread across Europe. Families are left with vivid memories of the traumatic events leading them to where they are now. Your support can bring a touch of peace and security to their lives.