



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



Sunday 30th March 2025–4th Sunday of Lent

Collect

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading—Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.’ And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

¹Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

²Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

³For I held my tongue; my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.

⁴Your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you and my iniquity I did not hide.

⁶I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,’ and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

⁷Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble; in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.

⁸You are a place for me to hide in; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with songs of deliverance.

⁹I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

¹⁰Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding; whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.'

¹¹Great tribulations remain for the wicked, but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

¹²Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

New Testament Reading—2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading—Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

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 Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' ³So he told them this parable:

¹¹Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ” ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” ²²But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate. ²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” ³¹Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.””

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Scriptures for Sunday 6th April 2025

5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16–21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b –14

John 12:1–8

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 February and March 2025

Saint Andrew Aid Fund (SAAF)

This fund was initiated towards the end of 2024 for the purpose of offering financial assistance to those in our community who find themselves in financial difficulties.

We have successfully provided assistance to people who have been in dire need of basic necessities, and would like to replenish the fund in order to continue to provide much needed and appreciated assistance.

Suggestions for those whom you think may benefit from the SAAF may be brought to the attention of any of the members of the Chaplaincy Council, and each case is carefully and prayerfully considered before any assistance is provided.