

The Roughton Benefice

Sunday

7 April 2019 Lent 5

Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries
of his passion,
that we may know eternal
peace
through the shedding of our
Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way
in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior; they lie down, they
cannot rise, they are extinguished,
quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I 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.
²⁰ The 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,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Psalms 126

¹ When the LORD restored the
fortunes of Zion, we were like
those who dream.
² Then our mouth was filled with
laughter, and our tongue with
shouts of joy; then it was said
among the nations, "The LORD has
done great things for them."
³ The LORD has done great things
for us, and we rejoiced.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the
Negeb.

⁵ May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing, shall
come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading Philippians 3.4b-14

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Philippians*

If anyone else has reason to be
confident in the flesh, I have more:
⁵ circumcised 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; ⁶ as
to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to
righteousness under the law, blameless.
⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have
come to regard as loss because of Christ.
⁸ More 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 ⁹ and 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.
¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power
of his resurrection and the sharing of his
sufferings by becoming like him in his
death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the
resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not 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.
¹³ Beloved, 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, ¹⁴ I press on
toward the goal for the prize of the
heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel John 12:1-8

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John*

¹² Six days before the Passover Jesus
came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus,
whom he had raised from the dead.
² There they gave a dinner for him.
Martha served, and Lazarus was one of
those at the table with him. ³ Mary 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. ⁴ But
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.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her
alone. She bought it so that she might
keep it for the day of my burial ⁸ You
always have the poor with you, but you
do not always have me."

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.