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SUNDAY 7th February 2021 **THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Welcome to St Saviour's, especially if this is your first visit or if you haven't been to church in a while! If you would like say hello to one of the clergy or the hospitality team please do (hiding behind a pillar is fine too if you're a bit shy!) This booklet contains everything you need to follow this service, please join in as far as you would like but don't worry about remembering when to stand, or kneel, or sit, go along with what feels comfortable. A collection is taken during the Offertory Hymn, this helps to pay for the upkeep of the church and more importantly it helps to keep the mission and outreach of the church going, please give what you can. If you pay tax please fill out a Gift-Aid envelope, this allows us to claim extra dosh from the Government!

View From A Pew

Two complicated yet related themes today, the first to do with proclamation and second the demands that this makes. Paul certainly saw his ministry not just as a paid 'job' but rather simply something he has to do, his purpose to be at God's disposal. His reward the joy of sharing. This sense of compulsion to go out and preach is also seen today in Jesus' ministry, to go out - despite those urging Him to stay in one place - and spread His message. That is HIS purpose, as it could be argued is the purpose of all Christians, to share our faith with others and not to put God in a box.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

As you will doubtless appreciate this coming Lent will again be different to normal. We hope that a Lent Group will still be possible in some form (almost certainly online but perhaps using a means other than zoom for those reluctant to use that platform).

We will consider the best way to approach other devotions, such as the Stations of the Cross and let you know shortly.

Curious Children

We are thinking of beginning a weekly zoom call for some of our children to explore the faith and exercise their curiosity, initially we would suggest an age range of 8-11 and would ask that a parent be present but off camera. It is hoped that this may work a bit like Sunday School but will be focused on the children's questions and areas of interest as well. If parents who think this might be valuable can get in touch with Fr Andrew to suggest suitable times and dates he would be most grateful.

The Introductory Rites

*As the bell is rung all **stand** as the clergy approach the altar. As he comes to the altar the priest prays a silent prayer of preparation, he kisses the altar because it contains a relic and so asks for the saint's prayers for us all. The altar is a symbol of Jesus here with and so is treated with great respect.*

Priest ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen**

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And with your Spirit.**

The priest invites us to offer to God the times that we have done things we should not have done, knowing that God forgives all who are truly sorry. This means we can begin worship knowing we have been set right with God.

All **I confess to almighty God
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
and, striking their breast, all say
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask Blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God**

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All **Amen**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Together we sing the Gloria, a hymn of praise to God. It reminds us that coming to church is a celebration of the wonderful things God has done, is doing, and will continue to do in our lives.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
✠ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

*The priest then prays the **Collect** which sums up all our prayers for the day. After the prayer we sit for the readings, which come from the Old Testament (the Hebrew Bible Jesus would have known), followed by a psalm, then from the Epistles/Letters and a Gospel passage.*

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

At the end:

Reader The word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 146(147):1-6

The Response is:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

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| 1 Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. R. | 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
He heals the broken hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. R. |
| 3 Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. R. | |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

At the end:

Reader The word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God**

We stand as the Gospel is heralded

Priest Alleluia, alleluia.
 He took our sicknesses away, and carried our diseases for us.
All **Alleluia.**

The Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

Deacon The Lord be with you
All **And with your Spirit**

Deacon ✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
All **Glory to you, O Lord**

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

At the end:

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Homily

*We sit for the Homily, this is a short talk about the readings we have just heard or the theme of the day. Its purpose is to help us better understand the scriptures and how wisdom and advice that is so old can still help us today. After the homily comes the **Creed** for which we stand. This is the Church's statement of belief and the word Creed comes from the Latin word for 'I believe.' If you are new to church or not a Christian do not feel you have to say the words with us. Have a read of them before the service (or if the Homily is boring then!) and if you feel you can agree with the words you are most welcome to join in saying them.*

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father, and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead ☩ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Following the Creed we sit.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

At the offertory the altar is prepared, the sacred vessels, the chalice (cup) and paten (plate) are laid out and the gifts of bread and wine are offered back to God who first gave them to us. To mark these things out as holy offerings set aside for God blessings particular prayers are said. The priest washes his hands asking for purity (and practically its more hygienic, especially in these Covid times)

*The priest prays silently asking Our Lady the saints will join with us in prayer, he then asks us to pray with and for him as we **stand**:*

Priest Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.**

The priest then prays the prayer over the gifts before beginning the Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Prayer, saying:

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And with your Spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right and just.**

The priest goes on to say the Preface, this speaks to the theme of the day on special occasions or reminds us of important things to do with Jesus' mission to us. It begins the Eucharistic Prayer which is a remembering of both the Last Supper, and Jesus' sacrifice of himself on the Cross. The preface ends with words used to greet Jesus when he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*All **kneel or sit** and the priest continues with the prayer during which the gifts of bread and wine are consecrated and so very truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus. During the prayer the priest makes many gestures and blessings which may seem strange, do speak to him afterwards and he happily talk to you about what happens. Part way through comes the following acclamation and response.*

Priest The Mystery of Faith

All **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

The prayer continues and concludes:

Priest Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

All stand and the Priest invites us to join in saying the Lord's Prayer

The Communion Rite

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All **For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

The priest introduces the Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All **And with your Spirit.**

In light of recent recommendations in order to reduce the spread of infection we share the Peace simply through this call and response rather than through any physical gesture; as was the practice up until really quite recently.

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

The priest then breaks the consecrated Host and drops a tiny fragment into the chalice to symbolise the re-joining of Christ's body and blood after it was spilled on the Cross. To prepare himself to receive communion he prays silently and we are encouraged to do the same. The priest invites us to receive communion by elevating the Broken Host and saying:

Priest Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the
sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
All **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under
my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Having acclaimed the Real Presence of Christ the clergy make their communion.

*If you have been joining us for the Rosary or would like to begin that meditation this might be an ideal moment to reflect on **The Fifth Luminous Mystery – The Institution of the Eucharist** or **The First Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection**? Perhaps offer a decade thinking about either of these as you make your spiritual communion?*

*We **stand** for the prayer after communion.*

The Concluding Rites

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And with your Spirit**
Priest May Almighty God bless ☩ you...
All **Amen**
Deacon Go forth the mass is ended.
All **Thanks be to God.**

*We **remain standing** and again the priest kisses the altar in a gesture of thanks and farewell.
The priest then returns to the sacristy he prays silently for himself and for those who have received
God in this mass.*

Prayer List

As we are returning to public worship now seems to be the ideal time to update the list of the sick particularly. If you would like particular names included let Fr Andrew know. Names on the pewsheet will appear for about a month, if prayer is still required they will be moved to the list of long-term/ongoing illness. The pewsheet is for short-term illness or those who have been rushed to hospital and are in acute need.

The Sick and Those in Need

Jack, John, Darren, Terry, Pamela, Fr Chris, Fr Ron, Audrey, Mike and Amina Monir

The Recently Departed

Dorothy Ralphs, Pauline Wowra, Toni Cooper, Tim, and June Jones

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is open to all who are ill in any way, it is no longer reserved to those who are dying. If you are unwell, or preparing for an operation you are most welcome to receive an anointing, again just let Fr Andrew know. If you, or a family member, or a member of this congregation goes into hospital please let us know – Fr Andrew may be many things but psychic, he is not.

Except when absent from the parish, Fr Andrew is on call 24/7 in case of emergencies, especially if someone is dying, he would much prefer a lost night's sleep than discover too late someone had died without prayer and the sacraments.

When Fr Andrew is away please get in touch with one of the Church Wardens and they will find you a priest.

Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals

All of these offices are by arrangement please speak to Fr Andrew about instruction and availability

Notes on the Diary:

Days in italicised type called Ferias are the 'ordinary' weekdays of the year or season

Days in plain type are memoria, commemorations of the saints

Days in bold type are feasts, they are the more important days in the year

DAYS IN BOLD RED CAPITALS ARE SOLEMNITIES, THESE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS AND IF POSSIBLE YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT MASS. (as the BCP would say, red letter days!)

The letters after a saint's name indicate something about them M = Martyr, Bp = Bishop, Pr = Priest, Dn = Deacon, Rel = Religious, V = Virgin and so on.

The letter in brackets indicates the liturgical colour of the day, green, red, white and so on

The item in brackets is the mass/prayer intention for the day.

Please note that Fr Andrew's usual day of rest is Saturday and Fr Glen's is Monday, they are available in case of emergency otherwise please try and avoid contacting them as they take some down time

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Lectionary Cycle - Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year I

Please note that Fr Glen is on leave this week

Monday 8th February *Feria (G)*

(for the members of Deanery Synod)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

10.00am Mass (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SS)

Tuesday 9th February *Feria (G)*

(for a desire to put God above all things)

9.00am Morning Prayer (HT)

10.00am Mass (HT)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (HT)

Wednesday 10th February *S. Scholastica, V (W)*

(for the sick and those in need)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

7.00pm Mass (SW)

Thursday 11th February *Our Lady of Lourdes (W)*

(for the Shrine at Lourdes)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

10.00am Mass (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

Friday 12th February *Feria (G)*

(for the NHS)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW)

12noon Mass (HT)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (HT)

Saturday 13th February *Our Lady on Saturday (W)*

(for the hungry and those who need foodbanks)

10.00am **NO** Holy Communion (SW)

Sunday 14th February **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (G)**

(Our Team, mission and outreach)

9.30am SAID PARISH MASS (SW)

10.30am SAID PARISH MASS (HT)

11.30am SAID PARISH MASS (SS)