

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.'

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

Post-communion (*5th Sunday of Lent*)

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.

Activities for the week

Today	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Shared meal in the hall
Monday 27th	10.00 a.m.	Crossley Hall schoolchildren's visit
Tuesday 28th	12 noon	Knit and Natter
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.00 p.m.	Alpha Course at St. John's
Wednesday 29th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. James's
	3.00 p.m.	Prime Time Cook and Eat
	6.30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts/Explorers
Friday 31st	5.00 p.m.	New Joy Annual Conference
Saturday 1st Ap	6.00 p.m.	New Joy Annual Conference
Sunday 2nd.	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion for Palm Sunday
	7.00 p.m.	Praise & Prayer Service at St. James's

Please continue to pray for all on our prayer list: Vaughan, Wendy and Eric, Keretha and Simon, Pauline, Doreen, Iris, Dennis, Tracy and anyone known to you.

Sunday 26th March 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passion Sunday

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns:

351; 484; 378; 15

Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

(www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk)

Interim Priest-in-Charge:

Revd Canon Vaughan Pollard (*tel. 01274 883000*)

Interim Associate Minister

Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn (*tel. 07916 715659*)

Churchwarden:

Mrs. Grace Studholme;

Children in Church

Children are most welcome to our services.

Refreshments.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the service.

Please take this service sheet home with you

Collect of the Day (5th Sunday of Lent)

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.

John: 11:1-45

¹ A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.'

⁴ But 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.'

⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.'

⁸ The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?'

⁹ Jesus 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. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.'

¹² The 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.'

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb 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.'

²⁸ When 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?'

³⁸ Then 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 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

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