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Sorrow and Fruitfulness

Holy Communion

Third Sunday of Lent, 23rd March 2025

We give thanks for Tariro's ministry among us and pray for her new ministry in Cotteridge and Stirchley

We gather

If you are worshipping at home, have ready in an honoured place a portion of food and something to drink. It may be bread and wine or something else. Set your Bible alongside. You might light a candle.

Music as we gather:

1. Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!
Hail him, hail him! highest archangels in glory;
strength and honour give to his holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children,
in his arms he carries them all day long.

*Praise him, praise him! tell of his excellent greatness;
praise him, praise him ever in joyful song.*

2. Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins he suffered, and bled, and died!
He – our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
hail him, hail him! Jesus the crucified!
Sound his praises – Jesus who bore our sorrows,
love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong.

3. Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals, loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth for ever and ever:
crown him, crown him! Prophet, and Priest, and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious,
pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.

(words: Frances Jane van Alstyne [Fanny J Crosby]; music: Chester G Allen)

When the song ends we stand to sing:

HYMN 1. [Great is thy faithfulness](#) , O God, my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(words: Thomas Obadiah Chisholm; music: William Marion Runyan)

Priest: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME, BANNS and NOTICES

We pray: **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We seek forgiveness

CONFESSION

Deacon: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; return to the Lord that he may have mercy on you; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (cf Isaiah 55:6-7)

All: God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing and give us life. You give you faithful people new life in the waters of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We sing: **Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.**
(“Lord, have mercy,” tune from Ukraine)

Priest: The God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray THE COLLECT for The Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING [Isaiah 55:1-9](#)

In Church we remain seated to sing PSALM 63:1-9. At home, you might read this aloud.

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;

NEW TESTAMENT READING [1 Corinthians 10:1-13](#)

HYMN [Faithful One](#) (*sing twice*)

Faithful One, so unchanging,
Ageless One, you're my rock of
peace.
Lord of all I depend on you,
I call out to you again and again.
I call out to you again and again.

You are my rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm your love is the
anchor,
my hope is in you alone.

(words & music: Brian Doerksen)

GOSPEL READING [Luke 13:1-9](#)

At home, if you are able you might stand for this reading. In church we remain standing and, when it is announced, we say:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *in Church is from Tariro.*

For those worshipping at home: The first part of the Gospel reading takes us through several sudden and dismaying disasters in personal and community life. World politics breaks in to local life in a dreadful way at Pilate's hands. Jesus reflects on how we never know what's round the corner. We can consider who we are and who counts as our community so that when disaster strikes, we do not have to navigate it alone.

As we give thanks for Tariro's ministry among us this week, David is full of admiration for her compassion and pastoral skill, clear from the very outset when we have ministered together to families and communities facing disaster and sudden, untimely death. We give thanks for the way she has brought hope and light in times of personal tragedy. We might also remember how, through her own bereavements these last three and a half years, she has still ministered among us with the same light and hope. Tariro's preaching has often reminded us to hope and to trust.

The second part of the reading speaks of the frustration of fruitlessness. By contrast, we give thanks for the ways Tariro has brought out the best in those around her, lifting spirits, teaching, encouraging, while also developing her own faith, ministry and voice. She is not wasting her talents and brings out good things in those she nurtures.

David, meanwhile, also gives thanks for the nurture All Saints provides for its priests, developing and encouraging ministries of so many kinds. Think of Lu serving now in Liverpool; of Diane, just retired after very fruitful years in All Saints Warwick; think of that lovely chap the Dean of Canterbury... You have together, unselfconsciously, equipped and strengthened the wider church.

We affirm our faith

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

Deacon: We stand to affirm our faith in God, revealed to humanity as Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his
love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

At Home: Please spend time holding Tariro before God, praying for Ascension Sturchley, the Cotteridge Church and for Tariro preparing to be their priest. We pray for her and Brian as she bears new responsibility and life takes on a new pattern.

Among those who have died we remember Eddie McDermott, Christine Bygrave, Paula Davies and Kathy Farbrother.

THE PEACE

Deacon: Christ came to preach peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN [Be thou my vision](#)

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.
3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my armour, and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
4. Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!
5. High King of heaven, when battle is done,

grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*(words: Irish [c8th century], trans Mary Byrne & Eleanor Hull;
music: Traditional Irish melody, arr Colin Hand; descant: John Wilson)*

*The Table is prepared in Church. At home, now is the time to say the Lord's Prayer
(below) and consume the food and drink you have prepared, first praying:*

God, whose Spirit unites and inspires us, with this symbolic meal
bind me into the fellowship of the world wide church, and assure
me of my place in your heart. **Amen.**

We tell the story of God's faithfulness

In Church we stand, if able, for the Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty
God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in
these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that
through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in
grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting,
prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous
heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to
your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to
celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless
you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever
praising you and singing:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

A bell is rung

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do
this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

A bell is rung

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect
sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his
mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his
coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for
counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your
kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in
the company of St Martin, St James, St Giles, St Thomas and all
the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus
Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty
Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon: As our Saviour taught us, each in our mother tongue, so we pray:

**[Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.]**

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body.
For we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us peace.**

We share the bread and wine, now for us the body and blood of Christ. All are welcome to receive. If you prefer not to receive but would value a prayer of blessing do come forward and simply keep your hands by your sides. We will pray for you.

For the sake of those with gluten intolerance, please do not dip your wafer in the wine.

SONGS *during Communion*

Jesu tawa pano; Jesu tawa pano;
Jesu tawa pano; tawa pano, mu zita renyu.

*Jesus we are here; Jesus we are here;
Jesus we are here; we are here for you.*

(words & music: Patrick Matsikenyiri)

And

1. All heav'n declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
For ever he will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.

2. I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord.
Who once was slain to reconcile us all to God.
For ever you will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

(words: Tricia Richards; music: Noel Richards)

We are sent out

**All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with your Word
[and with the body and blood of Christ]. Strengthen us in
the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise
and glory. Amen.**

Tariro and Brian kneel at the front for prayer.

Tariro declares THE BLESSING

*[May] Christ give us grace to grow in holiness, to deny ourselves,
take up our cross and follow him, and the blessing of God
almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among us and
remain with us always. Amen.*

HYMN *during which the crucifer and servers process to the Font, leading
Tariro and Brian.*

There's no-one, there's no one like Jesus
There's no-one, there's no one like him
There's no-one, there's no one like Jesus
There's no-one, there's no one like him

I've run around everywhere
I've turned around everywhere
I've searched around everywhere
There's no-one, there's no one like him

There's no-one, there's no one like Jesus
There's no-one, there's no one like him
There's no-one, there's no one like Jesus
There's no-one, there's no one like him

I've run around everywhere
I've turned around everywhere
I've searched around everywhere
There's no-one, there's no one like him

Akekho ofana noJesu
Akekho ofana naye
Akekho ofana noJesu
Akekho ofana naye

Sahamba hamba, akekho
Sajika jika, akekho
Safuna safuna, akekho
Akekho ofana naye

Hakuna wakaita saJesu
Hakuna wakaita saye
Hakuna wakaita saJesu
Haku, hakuna

Ndamhanya mhanya kwese kwese
Ndatenderera kwese kwese
Ndatsvaga tsvaga kwese kwese
Haku hakuna

There's no-one, there's no one like Jesus
There's no-one, there's no one like him
There's no-one, there's no one like Jesus
There's no-one, there's no one like him

I've run around everywhere
I've turned around everywhere
I've searched around everywhere
There's no-one, there's no one like him

There's no-one, there's no one like Jesus
There's no-one, there's no one like him
There's no-one, there's no one like Jesus
There's no-one, there's no one like him

I've run around everywhere
I've turned around everywhere
I've searched around everywhere
There's no-one, there's no one like him

The Congregation turns towards the back and say to Tariro and Brian:

All: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

They respond: In the name of Christ, Amen.

VOLUNTARY Prelude on 'Rhosymedre' by Ralph Vaughan Williams, *which Tariro and Brian chose for the end of their wedding service.*



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