

**Welcome to
St Matthew's
Perry Beeches
7th April 2019
Passion Sunday**



Today's Collect

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 **Amen**

Hymns

Introit 153

There is a green hill

Gospel 642

God be in my head

Offertory 128

Jesu, lover of my soul

Communion

557 Beauty for broken

489 Servant King

Dismissal 667

Lord of the dance



From the Prophecy of Isaiah

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

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
 - 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with songs of joy.**
 - 3 Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
 - 4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
and therefore we rejoiced.**
 - 5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
as the river beds of the desert.
 - 6 Those who sow in tears, shall reap with songs of joy.**
 - 7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.
- R Those who sow in tears, shall reap with songs of joy.**

From the Epistle of Paul to the Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 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; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 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 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. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 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. 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, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God***

Hymn 642 *God be in my head*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John **Glory to you O Lord**



Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 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. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (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.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You

always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.' *This is the Gospel of the Lord*

Praise to you O Christ **Repeat 642**