



# Barrow and Wolds Group

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## Combined notices, prayers and reading sheet February 2021

### *Sunday Services*

#### **On-Line Services**

We are maintaining a weekly on-line service at 10.30 on Sunday's via Zoom during the current COVID 19 Pandemic. If you would like details or the link for this please contact one of the clergy or the church office. These services are also available to view on our website within 48 hours (usually sooner).

#### **Telephone Church**

We are currently trialling a telephone Church service at 4pm on Sunday afternoons. If you would like further information, or you know of someone who would appreciate this please contact one of the clergy or the church office.

#### **Services in Church**

Services will resume in our church buildings when the local COVID Tier system is Tier Three or lower. Until then we will continue to suspend our public worship in order to help maintain everyone's safety and wellbeing during the current pandemic. For further details please see our website.

## ***February Blessing ... from Reverend Fiona:***

As we move forward into February with the early promises of new life in snowdrops and crocus, leave what is gone behind you but release it with gratitude for increased learning and love and for all the riches in what has now passed. May the advent of spring bring health, joy and compassion and may you live fully alive, knowing more fully what is of value and what is not. Resolve to be grateful for the gift of each new day. Center on God – cling to him in trust, for he is to be trusted. May you become more who you are:- stretching into being and easing into doing. May you breathe deeply knowing you are held by a wisdom that knows when to withdraw and when to hold close. May the earth you travel on be steady under your feet May the wind blow away cobwebs and fear. May water and sleep refresh you May sun warm you and stars delight you And may God Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer keep you and Bless you richly ...

## ***Prayers for the month***

- ◆ Youth Group & Children of the Church
- ◆ Churches within the Soar Valley: Quorn, Mountsorrel, Swithland, Woodhouse & Woodhouse Eaves
- ◆ Bell Ringers
- ◆ Fabric & Finance Committee
- ◆ Church Treasurers
- ◆ Families attending Baptism Preparation
- ◆ All wedding couples as they make difficult decisions to postpone their weddings

## ***From the registers***

Toby Seaton  
Jennifer Sinfield  
Roneline Hibbit  
David Harrison  
John Allcock  
Rosalyn Sherwin  
Anthony Birkle  
Elsie Hubbard  
John Hill  
Geoff King  
Patricia Watts  
Kevon Thompson

# **Notices**

If you would like to add any notices for next month please contact Hannah before **18th February 2021**.

## **Youth group**

Will meet on Zoom  
6pm on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

## **The Wymeswold House Group**

Will take place on zoom.

If people would like to be invited then please contact Mike and Ruth Hyde on either 01509 880795 or 07411133420 or by e mail [Mike.hyde2@btinternet.com](mailto:Mike.hyde2@btinternet.com)

## **Baptism Preparation Day**

Saturday 6th February 2021  
via zoom.

## **Marriage Preparation Day**

Sunday 7th March 2021  
via zoom.

The Barrow and Wolds group of Churches would like to invite you to an evening of...

# Virtual Bingo!



**Date?** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Time?** The Zoom will be open from 7pm to begin play at 7.30pm

**How?** For the Zoom details please e mail Jez Bowman at [jez.bowman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jez.bowman@hotmail.co.uk) letting him know how many players you would like Bingo cards for.

This annual evening held at Holy Trinity Church in Barrow Upon Soar is ordinarily accompanied by a fish and chip supper. Whilst we regret we are unable to provide that this year, please feel free to enjoy your own throughout the evening.



### **Ash Weds Service**

We will be holding an Ash Wednesday service at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 via Zoom Video Conferencing. Using the same link as for our Sunday morning services. More information will be distributed on email nearer the time. If you would like more information and the link for [this](#) please contact the church office.

## “Spot The Difference”

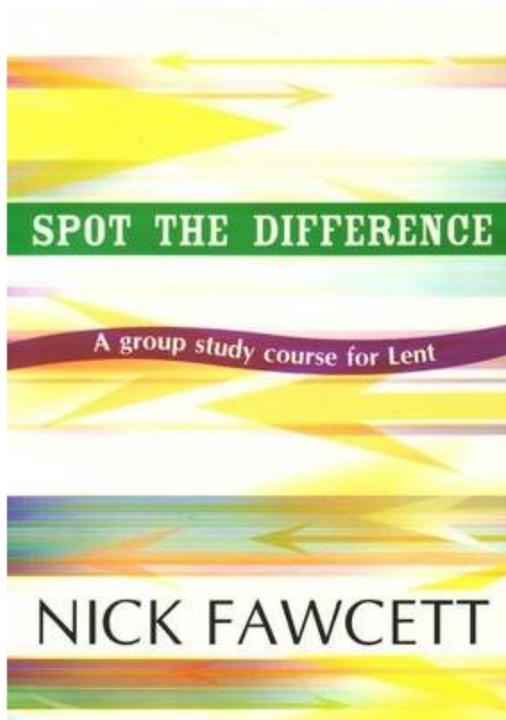
### Virtual Lent Course 2021

[Rev'd Clive](#) and [Rev'd Fiona](#) will be running a lent Course this year on Thursday evenings on Zoom, starting Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February for five weeks. Based on the “Spot the Difference” group study course for Lent by Nick Fawcett.

What difference does [being](#) a Christian make to your life and what difference should it make? In Spot the Difference, Nick Fawcett considers five ways in which commitment should manifest itself: in a quality of love, a spontaneity of witness, a disposition of joy, a generosity of spirit and a vibrant inner faith. The five sessions in this group study course for Lent are:

- 25<sup>th</sup> February A love that shows
- 4<sup>th</sup> March An allegiance that shows
- 11<sup>th</sup> March A joy that shows
- 18<sup>th</sup> March A concern that shows
- 25<sup>th</sup> March A faith that shows

To register to join the course, or for more information please contact either [Rev'd Fiona](#) or [Rev'd Clive](#).





## **Lent and Easter 2021**

We are currently making plans for Lent, Holy Week and Easter this year, thinking about how we can share this important season in the Church's year in the midst of lock-down and COVID 19 pandemic.

We are planning to put together packs of materials and other things to help you mark Lent, Holy Week and Easter and are planning to deliver these soon.



## **World Day of Prayer.**

The World Day of Prayer (formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer) is on 5th March 2021. The theme and focus of prayer this year is the South Pacific, archipelago of 80 islands called Vanuatu.

There won't be a shared service this year, however if you would like a copy of the prayer materials and service for the World Day of Prayer please contact Richard Hudson who would be delighted to deliver these for you. Richard can be contacted on [Richardhudson847@btinternet.com](mailto:Richardhudson847@btinternet.com) or 07776 086448.

# ***Readings for February***

## **Sunday 7th February (Second Sunday before Lent)**

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Old Testament reading: Proverbs 8.1,22-31**

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding  
raise her voice?

<sup>22</sup> The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set  
up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped, before the  
hills, I was brought forth—<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made  
earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.<sup>27</sup> When  
he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew  
a circle on the face of the deep,<sup>28</sup> when he made firm  
the skies above, when he established the fountains of  
the deep, <sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit, so  
that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

### **New Testament reading: Colossians 1.15-20**

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### **Gospel reading: John 1.1-14**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true

light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.<sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.<sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,<sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly  
paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on  
earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Psalm 104.26-37**

### **Wednesday 10th February**

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-17  
Psalm 104.11, 12, 29-32  
Mark 7.14-23

## **Sunday 14th February (Sunday before Lent)**

### **Collect**

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your  
glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Old Testament reading: 2 Kings 2.1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'<sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them

went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. <sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' <sup>10</sup>He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

### **New Testament reading: 2 Corinthians 4.3-6**

<sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## **Gospel reading: Mark 9.2-9**

<sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and  
save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Psalm 50.1-6**

## **Wednesday 17th February (Ash Wednesday)**

### **Collect**

Holy God,  
our lives are laid open before you:  
rescue us from the chaos of sin  
and through the death of your Son  
bring us healing and make us whole  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Old Testament reading: Isaiah 58.1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God.<sup>3</sup> 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers.<sup>4</sup> Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor

into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

### **New Testament reading: 2 Corinthians 5.20b – 6.10**

<sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no

fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

### **Gospel reading: Matthew 6.1-6,16-21**

<sup>1</sup>‘Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.’ <sup>2</sup>‘So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.’ <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup>‘And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.’ <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is

in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup> 'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>19</sup>'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## **Psalm 51.1-18**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God,  
you have given your only Son to be for us  
both a sacrifice for sin  
and also an example of godly life:  
give us grace  
that we may always most thankfully receive  
these his inestimable gifts,  
and also daily endeavour  
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **Sunday 21st February (First Sunday of Lent)**

### **Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and  
prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Old Testament reading: Genesis 9.8-17**

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' <sup>12</sup>God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all<sub>19</sub>

flesh that is on the earth.’ <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

### **New Testament reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22**

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### **Gospel reading: Mark 1.9-15**

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’ <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup> Now after John was

arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,<sup>15</sup> and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from  
heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and  
living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
    that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Psalm 25.1-9**

### **Wednesday 24th February**

Jonah 3  
Psalm 51.1-5, 17-18  
Luke 11.29-32

## **Sunday 28th February (Second Sunday of Lent)**

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Old Testament reading: Genesis 17.1-7,15,16**

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

<sup>15</sup> God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her

name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

### **New Testament reading: Romans 4.13-25**

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup> Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not

for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### **Gospel reading: Mark 8.31-38**

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help  
ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
    which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt  
the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Psalm 22.23-31**





