



Barrow and Wolds Group

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Combined notices, prayers and reading sheet March 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.

Please see page 4 for news on reopening

From the desk of Rev'd Clive...

When I was confirmed at the age of 14 I was given a book of contemporary Christian Poetry. Perhaps it was a little lost on me in my teenage years, but over time I have come to know the value of poetry, opening up our thoughts and reflections, inviting us to explore the words and leading us on a journey of understanding. Throughout Lent we are invited to reflect on our Christian Discipleship, to pray, to read, to listen, to learn. For me poetry is one of the ways I can enter into the journey of Lent, refocusing and refreshing my relationship with God, deepening my discipleship and preparing for the joy of Easter to come.

So, let me share with you the words of “Lenten Poem” by Ann Weems, may they be an encouragement and blessing as you journey through this Lent.

Lent is a time to take time to let the power
of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up
and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and
listen to his Word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....
Lent is a time to allow
a fresh new taste of God!

Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,
for thoughts come unbidden.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future
knowing our past.
Give us courage, O God,
to hear your Word
and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven
and give us the faith
to take up our lives and walk.

Prayers for the month

- ◆ DCC and PCCs
- ◆ Mothers' Union
- ◆ Organists and choirs
- ◆ Deanery Synod representatives
- ◆ Diocesan Synod representatives

From the Registers

Baptisms

Please pray for all those preparing for Baptism of Confirmation at the moment.

Weddings

Please pray for all those preparing for Marriage at the moment.

Funerals

Please pray for the families of those whose funerals have taken place this last month.

Enid Marcia Higgins

Re-opening of our Church Buildings.

I am delighted to be able to share with you that in light of the UK Government roadmap for coming out of the current pandemic restrictions, the Leadership Team have planned for our Church buildings to re-open on Easter Day.

Services between now and then will continue via Zoom and Telephone, and those options will continue after the buildings have reopened.

Easter Services

Palm Sunday, 10.30 - Via Zoom with Telephone Church at 4pm

Maundy Thursday, 7.30pm - Via Zoom only

Good Friday, Time TBC - via Zoom Only

Holy Saturday - New Fire Service 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Barrow and via Zoom

A special service of celebration as we start to come out of restrictions, with the light of the resurrection celebrated with New Fire and the lighting of all our Pascal Candles to be taken out to our different Church Buildings.

Easter Day - Eucharist Services

08.30, St Mary, Walton

09.15, St Andrew, Prestwold

10.30 Holy Trinity Barrow - also on Zoom

11.15, St Mary, Wymeswold

4.00pm, Telephone Church

Sunday 11th April, Usual Morning services resume.

There will also be a special service at 7.30pm on Zoom on Tuesday 23rd March to mark the first anniversary of the pandemic and first lock-down, more details will follow by email.

Notices

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

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

Marriage Preparation Day

Sunday 7th March 2021

via zoom.

There is still time to join the Lent Course. Please contact Rev's Clive or Rev'd Fiona if you would like to join

"Spot The Difference"

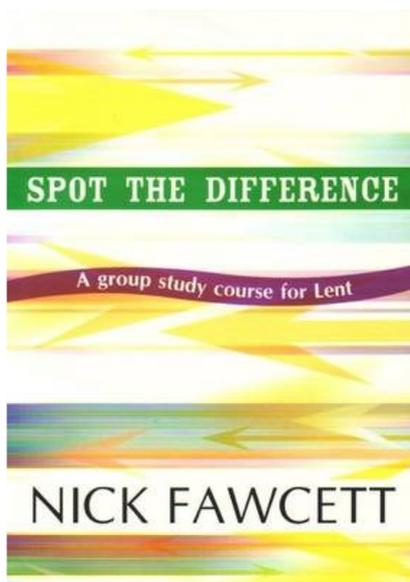
Virtual Lent Course 2021

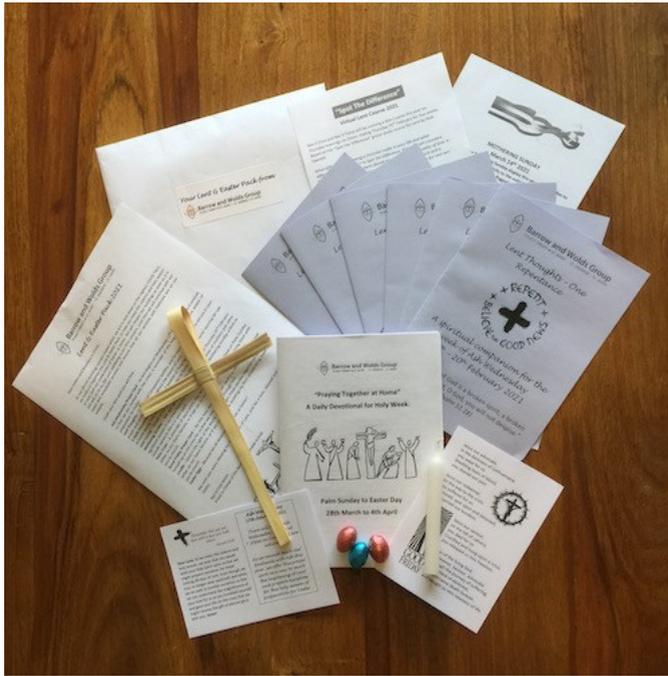
Rev'd Clive and Rev'd Fiona will be running a lent Course this year on Thursday evenings on Zoom, starting Thursday 25th February for five weeks. Based on the "Spot the Difference" group study course for Lent by Nick Fawcett.

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:

- 25th February A love that shows
- 4th March An allegiance that shows
- 11th March A joy that shows
- 18th March A concern that shows
- 25th 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.





If you haven't received a Lent pack and would like to please do contact Rev'd Clive as we have a small amount of spares.



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 or 07776 086448.



MOTHERING SUNDAY

March 14th 2021

We're changing our Mothering Sunday display this year from candles to ribbons and from inside Holy Trinity to the outside of the tower.

We intend to attach ribbons to the flagpole or some other part of the tower (trials have not yet taken place). On these ribbons will be written the names of mothers or other women

who have played a significant part in your life. You'll find on this sheet a form on which you can submit those names to us. A note to ladies completing this form – please put forward your own name; you don't need to leave it to someone else such as a relative to nominate you.

You can get your form to us by posting it through the letterbox of one of the addresses on this form. You'll see they are the same ones you could use for the Christmas Tree Festival raffle.

If you'd like to include a donation for church funds this would be very welcome but please don't feel under any obligation to do so.

We hope that the ribbons will be in place for the week following Mothering Sunday so we hope you'll be able to see it. We also intend to compile a short film of the project which you'll be able to see on the www.barrowandwoldsgroup.com website.

You're also very welcome to join us for our Zoom Mothering Sunday service at 10.30am on that day. If you've not done this before do contact rev.clive.watts@barrowandwoldsgroup.com

Please contact John and Ann Beaumont, Jean Cooke, Vicky and Jez Bowman, Pam Knowles, Richard Hudson or Rev'd Clive.

Or go online on www.justgiving.com/campaign/motheringsunday2021

Readings for March

Wednesday 3rd March

Jeremiah 18.18-20
Psalm 31.4-5, 14-18
Matthew 20.17-28

Sunday 7th March (Third Sunday of Lent)

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Old Testament reading: Exodus 20.1-17

¹Then God spoke all these words:² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the

thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.¹³ You shall not murder.¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.¹⁵ You shall not steal.¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

New Testament reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through

the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel reading: John 2.13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰ The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only
God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Psalm 19*

Wednesday 10th March

Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9
Psalm 147.13-end
Matthew 5.17-19

Sunday 14th March

(Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday)

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Old Testament reading: 1 Samuel 1.20-28

²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'²¹ The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.'²³ Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. ²⁴When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. ²⁷For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

New Testament reading: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any

affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Gospel reading: Luke 2.33-35

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink
of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Psalm 127.1-4

Wednesday 17th March

Isaiah 49.8-15

Psalms 145.8-18

John 5.17-30

Sunday 21st March (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Old Testament reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

New Testament reading: Hebrews 5.5-10

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you';
⁶ as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel reading: John 12.20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. ²⁷ 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"?

No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' ³⁰Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Post Communion Prayer

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.
Amen.

Psalm 51.1-13 or Psalm 119.9-16

Wednesday 24th March

Daniel 3.14-20, 24-25, 28
Canticle: Bless the Lord
John 8.31-42

Sunday 28th March (Palm Sunday)

Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen.

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a

⁴ The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.⁷ The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

New Testament reading: Philippians 2.5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not

regard equality with God as something to be exploited,⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel reading: Mark 15.1-39[40-end]

¹⁵As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ He answered him, ‘You say so.’ ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, ‘Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.’ ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. ⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, ‘Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?’ ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them

again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' ¹³They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁴Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ¹⁶ Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. ²¹ They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. ²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!' ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes,

were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. ³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

[⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. ⁴² When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the

centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.]

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Psalm 31.9-16*