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thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew 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. ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The 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.

After a reflective silence

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ!

Prayer for today: 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

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**

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QUIET DAY: 01 April. St Ninian's,
10.00 am - 3.30 pm

EUCCHARIST OF CHRISM: Maundy
Thursday 12 pm @Cathedral.

Holy week beginning 3rd April

Events of Holy Week

Monday April 3rd 7pm St Matthews

Tuesday April 4th 7pm St George's

Wednesday April 5th 7pm St Thomas'

Maundy Thursday April 6th 7pm

Reflective Holy Communion

Good Friday April 7th 10.30am

Service of the Word

Saturday

Decorating the church for Easter

Easter Sunday 9th April

Ecumenical Dawn Service on the
beach at 6am

Easter Breakfast at St Thomas
after the service at 7am

9.30am Brunch

11am Family Communion service

Easter Egg hunt after the service

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WELCOME TO ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Weekly Notices

March 26th 2023

YEAR A

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Service today

11am HOLY COMMUNION

Hymns: Complete Anglican

1. **666** The Spirit lives to set us free

2. **611** Spirit of God-

3 **OFFERTORY HYMN 84** Breath on

me Breathe of God

4. **433** Love's redeeming work is

done

Next Sunday

Palm Sunday

Brunch@9.30am

Family Service: @ 11am

If you are visiting us for the first
time a very warm welcome to you.

We hope that you enjoy our service
today. Everyone is welcome to

Communion at the Lord's Table. We
use gluten free wafers. We are not

permitted to dip the wafer into the
wine. Please do not partake in the

wine if you are unwell. If you have
difficulty walking communion can

be brought to you in the pew.

Please inform me of any upcoming
events to add to the weekly notices

Prayer:

We have a prayer corner in church
where you may light a candle and
there are several resources there
for prayer.

We are very pleased to pray for
individuals in the service, but this
requires the express consent of the
person concerned or their relative if
they lack capacity to consent.

What's on this week:

Monday

2pm Craft Group

Tuesday

7pm PCC Meeting

Friday

10.15am Ellan Vannin Communion Liz

10.30am Coffee and Chat

11am Lent Morning Prayer

12-1.30pm Lent lunches

EDIT TO SERVICES AND EVENTS

On Fridays in Lent we have Morning
Prayer at 11am (not Holy Communion
at 9.30am). On Good Friday there will
be no Coffee and Chat or lunches.

A reading from the New Testament

Romans 8.6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death,
but to set the mind on the Spirit is life
and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind

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that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot,⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

After a reflective silence

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A reading from the Gospels:

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God. O that you today would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts. Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glorify to you O Lord!

John 11.1-45

1 | Now 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

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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 for 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 for 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