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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50. 4-9a; Philippians 2. 5-11; Luke 19. 28-40

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St Clement's Anglican Episcopal Church Prague

6th April 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev'd Nathaniel N

Choir Coordinator: Adenubi Babatunde

Organist: Professor Michal Novenko

Hymns:

572 Praise to the Holiest in the height *Gerontius*

169 Fight the good fight *Duke Street*

195 From heaven you came, helpless babe *The Servant King*

32 And can it be that I should gain *Sagina*

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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

📖 FIRST READING: Isaiah 43. 16-21

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.

📖 SECOND READING: Philippians 3. 4b-14

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.

📖 HOLY GOSPEL: John 12. 1-8

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.'

Notices & Forthcoming Events

This morning, following worship, there will be **Coffee Hour** in the **hall on the third floor of Klimentská 18**.

Tuesday 8th April from 18.00 to 20.00 hrs – Lent Bible Study Course- 'Living Hope'. This will be held **in the hall on the first floor of Klimentška 18**. If the outside door is locked, please press the bell marked **Sborový Kancelář** & we'll buzz you in!

Friday 11th March at 19.00hrs. -Prayer Meeting on Zoom.

Sunday 30th March at 11.15hrs. – Morning Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Lent with parallel **Children's Ministry** followed by **Coffee Hour** in the hall on the third floor of Klimentská 18. John Noonan, our 'Reader' will be your **preacher**.

Palm Sunday 13th April - Sung Eucharist will be followed by Coffee Hour- in the hall on the third floor of Klimentška 18.

Wednesday 16th April at 17.00 St Clement's Evensong [BCP 1662]

Thursday 17th April at 18. 00–Sung Eucharist for Maundy Thursday commemorating the last supper.

Friday 18th April at 14. 00 – Good Friday Service- Last hour on the cross

Sunday 20th April at 11.15 – Sung Eucharist for Easter

Annual Church Meeting (ACM) will be held on Sunday 27th April 2025, following our Sung Eucharist that morning. To take part in and vote at the ACM, you need to be a member of the **Church Electoral Roll (CER)**. The **application form** to join the CER is available at the back of the church.

St. Clement's Choir: If you wish to join the choir please get in touch with the coordinator -**Adenubi Babatunde**, by phone- **+420 608 172 773** or email- choir@anglican.cz

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