

son.”But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’

SERMON

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY HYMN # 668 Sons of praise the angels sang

The service continues on Page 12 of the Service Booklet

FINAL HYMN # 666 Sing we of the blessed mother

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

Nos offices sont filmés et publiés sur internet, vous pouvez apparaître dans nos vidéos. Our services are videoed and posted on the internet. You may appear in our videos.

If you are a believer in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; or Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; we welcome you to take Communion with us. It is also perfectly acceptable to take only the bread, or only the wine, if you so wish
If you would like to receive a blessing instead of taking Communion, or would like a prayer for healing at the altar rail, please ask the priest when he comes to you.

If you require a gluten free wafer for communion, please notify the welcome person at the back of the church before the service begins. The music edition of the Hymn Book is available at the back of the church

Readings for Sunday 6th April : (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

Isaiah 43:16-21 ; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

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Sunday 30th March 2025
Fourth Sunday in Lent

**A VERY WARM
WELCOME
TO OUR SERVICE
THIS MORNING**

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Often you weep over our sins and our pride,
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,
in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,

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COMMUNION SERVICE

NOTICES & MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 605 Our Father God in heaven

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION

(No GLORIA during Lent)

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever .Amen

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

(5:9-12)

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

A READING FROM ST PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

(5:16-21)

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 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. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL HYMN # 383 Jesus good above all other

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke
All: Glory to you, O Lord

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

(15:1-3, 11b-32)

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your