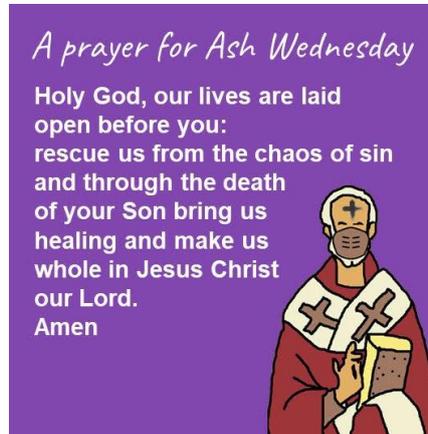


**Worship at St. Nicholas, Sutton  
for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, 21 March 2021  
*Passiontide begins***

**Collect, hymns & readings**



**Collect** (prayer of the week)

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.**

**Hymns**

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

**Readings**

**Jeremiah 31.31-34** *A New Covenant*

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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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.

### **Hebrews 5.5-10**      *Jesus the Great High Priest*

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';  
<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

### **John 12.20-33**

#### *Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus, Jesus Speaks about His Death*

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.'  
<sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now

is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people\* to myself.' <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

There is a **National Day of Reflection** on **Tuesday 23 March**, the first anniversary of the UK lockdown, to commemorate this tragic loss of life and to stand together with everyone who's grieving.

Organised by Marie Curie, the National Day of Reflection looks to reflect on our collective loss, support those who've been bereaved, and hope for a brighter future.

Dear God,

Be with us as we think about all that has changed this year,  
And help us to trust that you are always with us.

Be close to us as we remember those who have died,  
And help us to trust they are at peace with you.

Show us how to reach out to others with kindness and care,  
So that hope shines out in every heart and home, **Amen**

God of Love,

As we think about all that has changed this year,  
help us to trust that you are always with us.

As we remember those who have died,  
help us to trust they are at peace with you.

As we reach out to others with kindness and care,  
may hope shine out in every heart and home. **Amen**

I encourage you to make a habit of daily prayer, whether *A Way of Daily Prayer*  
(attached, or on website under Useful Information-Service Sheets);  
Common Worship *Daily Prayer* <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>;  
or *Book of Common Prayer*.

Bible readings for Morning and Evening Prayer:

**Sunday 21 March** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

MP Exodus 24.3-8, Hebrews 12.18-end

EP Exodus 7.8-24, Romans 5.12-end

**Monday 22 March**

MP Jeremiah 21.1-10, John 11.28-44

EP Exodus 8.1-19, Hebrews 11.17-31

**Tuesday 23 March**

MP Jeremiah 22.1-5, 13-19, John 11.45-end

EP Exodus 8.20-end, Hebrews 11.32-12.2

**Wednesday 24 March**

MP Jeremiah 22.20-23.8, John 12.1-11

EP Wisdom 9.1-12, Galatians 4.1-5

**Thursday 25 March Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

MP 1 Samuel 2.1-10, Romans 5.12-end

EP Isaiah 52.1-12, Hebrews 2.5-end

**Friday 26 March**

MP Jeremiah 24, John 12.20.36*a*

EP Exodus 10, Hebrews 13.1-16

**Saturday 27 March**

MP Jeremiah 25.1-14, John 12.36*b*-end

EP Exodus 11, Hebrews 13.17-end