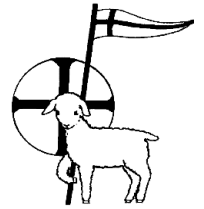


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 22nd March 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Priest: The Revd Mark Hayter

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

Setting: *Ireland in C*

Hymns: 94 We sing the praise of him who died; 64 Be thou my guardian and my guide

Gospel Acclamation and sentence for Passiontide *Stuart Robinson* Hymn 294 Just as I am

During Communion: Jhesu Lord that madest me (Richard de Castre's Prayer) R R Terry

Final hymn: 90 O sacred head sore wounded (verses 1, 4, 5)

Organ Voluntary: O Mensch beweine dein Sünde gross J S Bach

Next Sunday, 29th March

Palm Sunday

9.00am Parish Communion

Priest: The Revd Canon Tony Monds

10.00am Palm Sunday Procession at 10.00am

Volunteers needed! We are still short of volunteers to take part in the dramatised reading of the Passion Narrative during the procession. Please contact Judy (details below), as soon as possible, if you would be willing to take part. We're looking for people to read both solo and group parts. There will be a short rehearsal at 5.00pm on Saturday 28th March.

In Memoriam

The funeral of **Pat Ost** will take place at St John's on Friday 27th March at 1.00pm, followed by burial at Tisbury Cemetery. All who knew Pat are very welcome at the service. Please pray for Pat's family as they mourn.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of **Alan Dickins** early last week. A service of Thanksgiving for Alan's life will be held at St John's on Friday 10th April at 12 noon. All who knew Alan are very welcome. Please pray for Polly and all the family at this time of loss.



Wednesday 25th March 12 noon-1.30pm: Lent Lunch

The last of the Lent Lunches, with delicious home-made soup, takes place this Wednesday between 12 noon and 1.30pm in Tisbury Methodist Church Hall. St John's is 'on duty' this week, providing and serving the lunch. Proceeds to Naomi House and Jacksplace. Do come – and why not bring a friend?

Church Electoral Roll

If you would like your name to be added to the church Electoral Roll, please complete the form which is available in church, and return it to Trish Liddiard, our Electoral Roll Officer. The list of names currently on the Roll is displayed in the porch - if your name is already there, there is no need to fill in a form. Those on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote at the church Annual Meetings, to be held on Sunday 3rd May at 10.45am.

Flowers for Easter Day

If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one towards Easter lilies to decorate the church, please would you leave it in the basket by the North Door? Thank you.

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The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37.1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

The Gospel: John 11.1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' 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.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' 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. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

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.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 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. 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.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 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.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I 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.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The 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.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him