

**St. Thomas à Becket**  
Anglican Church Hamburg

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021  
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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- **Service Details Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

- **10.30 Service of the Word for Lent,**

- on Zoom: Click here to join the congregation, from 10.15 onwards

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85272524481?pwd=S3o5cmhaZTZyVkJPNUlrZFVaSHphZz09>

- Meeting ID: 852 7252 4481

- Passcode: 198947

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Dear members and friends of St. Thomas à Becket church, Hamburg, this is to greet you

wholeheartedly, now that I am officially in post as your new Chaplain. And, to invite you to join me this coming Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30, for our first service together: a Service of the Word for the last Sunday of the season of Lent.

As you are probably aware, I have not yet been permitted to travel to Hamburg myself, but I look forward to being there with you in person just as soon as the Covid restrictions allow. In the meantime, we will be holding a service each Sunday morning via Zoom, so that we can start to get to know each other. I will also be sending you a short news sheet like this one each week,

so that you know what is planned, and have the link to the Sunday morning Zoom worship.

Many of you will be familiar with using Zoom by now, if not, I do encourage to give it a go. It is what we CAN do to meet as church at the moment, so let's embrace it, and the opportunities for worship and fellowship it affords. (God will meet us where we are!) It's also free, safe, live and interactive, which means that you the congregation - readers, intercessors and musicians can take part - albeit in a different way than when we are in the church building.

All you need to do to join the service is to click on the Zoom link, either as given at the top of this news sheet, or in the main body of the accompanying email. We'll 'open doors' on Sunday from around 10.15, so that everyone has time to be admitted before our service start time of 10.30. If all goes to plan, there will be some recorded organ music from Yotin as we gather, and further opportunities for singing, later on in the service. One of the benefits of Zoom, is that while we still may still not sing in church, we can all join in together and sing along with gusto from our homes.  
[Revd Jules A. Barnes](#)

### **Service of the Word For the last Sunday of Lent**

*You may wish to look at the readings in advance, so here they are, along with the Collect, the special prayer for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent.*

### Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.

### New Testament Reading: John 12:20-33

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.' 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.

### The Collect for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

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.**

### **Notices and News**

Make your own Palm Cross this week – for our Palm Sunday service. Next Sunday we will be recalling our Lord's entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, as the crowd strewed palm branches before him, and waved them enthusiastically in greeting. So, during the coming week, I invite you each to make a cross yourself, to be blessed in the 10.30 Palm Sunday Zoom service: be ye young or old! You could construct it from paper, or twigs, or palm branches ...

Or, you could use a traditional pre-folded palm cross instead of course, if you have one saved from a previous year. Here is mine, which I have made from twigs taken



from a pink bush in the garden of the house where I am staying (*anyone know what it is?*) and bound together with some green ribbon. If you make a cross

too, feel free to post a picture of it on our STB Facebook page ahead of Sunday, so that others can have a look at it and share in your creativity.

Wednesday Morning Prayer (Common Worship), coming soon. Every Wednesday at 08.30 on Zoom, starting from 7<sup>th</sup> April. Why not think about starting your morning with this short said service, of Scripture, quietness and prayer. It will last about 20 minutes and really sets you up for the day ahead. If you have any questions, do get in touch and I will try to answer them.

\* Traditionally, the Priest gathers up the Palm Crosses from the previous year, burning and then mixing with olive oil, to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday. The ashes are used to make the sign of the cross on our foreheads, reminding us as we move into the penitential season of Lent, that our forgiveness and salvation come through the crucifixion and sacrifice of our Lord.

Meeting you! Quite a number of you have already been in touch, and invited me to various meetings and chats. Thank you. It was great to join the Choir for their last monthly meeting, and to spend time with Becket Mix earlier this week on Zoom, for example. So don't hesitate to get in touch, either as an individual or as a church group, if you'd like to talk too. Email and Zoom are the easiest while I'm still in the UK, and you'll find my details at the end of this sheet.

### The week ahead

#### Services on Zoom:

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Evensong, 18.00**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March, Palm Sunday, 10.30**

Commemoration of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem and Passion Gospel, 10.30

*Make your own cross, and have it with you for the Blessing of Palms.*

#### **And advance notice: Holy Week and Easter**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, Maundy Thursday, 19.00**

The Lord's Supper and (optional) Watch

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Good Friday**

Liturgy of the Cross 11.00

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Day**

Easter Liturgy for Easter Day, 10.30

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