

ST ANDREWS MOSCOW

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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S

Sunday 15 March, Third Sunday of Lent

If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to the chaplain. Refreshments are served after our Sunday services. Toilets are downstairs.

Jesus said "The water that I will give will become ... a spring of water gushing up to eternal life".

8:30 Holy Communion (traditional language)

11:00 Holy Communion with group for children. There is also a play area for children under 5 in the room next to the church. From today, in view of coronavirus, only bread will be offered at communion, and we will not 'share' the peace.

Leader: Josh Cleaver; Preacher: the Chaplain;

Intercessions: Kirill Karpenko

Followed by a simple lunch, donations in aid of the Barnabas fund.

After lunch: study group looking at the liturgy

Hymns

263 - Here is love

77 - Breathe on me, Breath of God

333- Jesu, lover of my soul

458 - Name of all majesty

During Communion

387 - Let your living water

190 - Glory be to Jesus

787 - The Lord is my song

Collect: Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A prayer for Lent from St Ephraim the Syrian:

O Lord and Ruler of my life, do not give to me a spirit of laziness, discouragement, lust for power, or of idle talk.

But give to me, Your servant, the spirit of self-control, humility, patience and love. O Lord and King, grant that I may see my own sins and not judge my brother or sister. For You are blessed now and forever. Amen.

Exodus 17.1-7 (Ksenia Volkova)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Psalm 95

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker
- 7 For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
- 8 O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, on that day at Massah in the wilderness,
- 9 'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.
- 10 'Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
 "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
- 11 'So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest." 'Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen

Romans 5.1-11 (Dan Culbertson)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we

stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 4.5-30, 39-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must

worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ... ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Services this week

Morning prayer will be said in church, Monday – Thursday at 8:30am

Wednesday 18 March

19:00 Holy Communion

20:00 A reflective bible study group, at which we will also use the Jesus Prayer.

Sunday 22 March

8:30 Holy Communion (traditional language)

11:00 Holy Communion with groups for children, followed by a simple lunch, youth group and Lent course on the Beatitudes.

Charity Pub Quiz

Monday 30 March, 19:00, at Katie O'Shea's Irish pub at 7 Mokhovaya. Tickets on door, or from Liz Bearman, outreach@standrewsmoscow.org, 1500 rub/team of 4, or 500/individual. A meal is included in the ticket price.

Daily Prayer and bible readings can be found on The *Daily Prayer* app. There is also a Church of England app *livelent*.

In our prayers

Pray for wisdom for governments as they make decisions to delay the spread of coronavirus. For all who have been affected, especially those known to us. For health workers and those who are vulnerable. For strength, peace and hope.

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