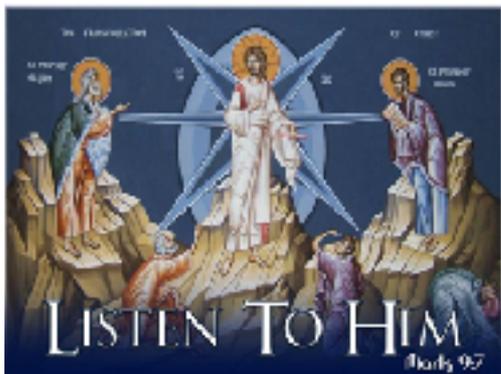


St Saviour's Church

25 Feb 2018 - Lent 2



Affirmation and Secrets - The ministry of Jesus on earth was to heal the broken hearted and restore every person to right relationship with God. Today's gospel and the event it describes was important to Jesus, the first disciples and also countless ages of Christians since. We hear again the messianic secret but this time the disciples were obedient although wondered amongst themselves. Yet, the voice from heaven affirming Jesus, the beloved Son reveals that his ministry is really that of the Trinity itself. Jesus is affirmed yet in many ways so are we.

Parish Notes:

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter Many thanks to all who continue to support our Nightshelter. Please keep our guests and helpers in your prayers over the remaining winter weeks and months. Last night for our Nightshelter will be Sat 17 March 2018 (St Patrick's Day).

Prize Draw - Please support our parish draw which will be drawn on 15 April after mass. Proceeds will be used to support the work and mission of our parish. Tickets now available.

Confirmation Classes - The next meeting will be this Thursday 1 March at 6:30pm in St Saviour's. This is also for those wanting to deepen their understanding of our faith.

PCC Meetings and Vestry AGM - the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be: Tues 27 Feb at 7:30pm (N.B the time change to allow for the Stations of the Cross). We will also have a short PCC meeting after mass on 18 March to approve the audited accounts.

Annual Vestry Meeting (AGM) at Easter - Tuesday 17 April at 7:30pm.

Lent Charity - This year we will support the Lasallian Developing World Project which looks to build schools and education provision in the developed world. See poster in the hall and please take a collection box home.

Lenten Supper & Quiz - Sunday 18 March at 5pm. Please join us for this time of support and fellowship. Tickets now available.

Lent Stations of the Cross - We pray the Stations of the Cross each week preceded by a talk: St Saviour's - Tuesdays at 6:45pm; St German's - Mondays at 6:45pm.

Lent Courses - St Martin's, Roath will host a Lent talk by Mr John Guess on Thursdays at 7pm. Bishop June is also leading a Lenten course in Llandaff Cathedral on the first four Thursdays of Lent also at 7pm.

Walsingham Pilgrimage July 2018 - we need deposits (£20) very soon. Please see Liz or Bill for details.

Gill and Fr Alan Rabjohns invite you to join them in a continuation of their Golden Wedding Celebrations at an open house at 40 Cwmgelli Close on Saturday 3 March any time between 11 a.m and 2 p.m. for tea and coffee and welsh cakes etc. "We do hope you can come: it is your presence not presents we want".

Recently Departed: Beryl Denning, Maria May Churcher, Joan Sylvia Ford *RIP*

This week:

Mon 26:

6pm Mass (St G)

6:45pm Stations of the Cross

Tues 27:

10am Mass (St S)

6:45pm Stations of the Cross

Wed 28:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 1:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

ST DAVID, PATRON OF WALES

Fri 2:

6:00pm Mass (St S)

Sat 3:

11am Mass (St S.)

Sun 4: Sunday

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

8:00 am Said Mass

(Nightshelter);

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
Ps 116:10,15, 16-19
Rom 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

READINGS NEXT WEEK

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PSALM RESPONSE

I will walk in the
presence of the Lord
in the land of the
living. (3vv)

COLLECT:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant that all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, may reject those things that are contrary to their baptism, and follow in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

GATHERING:

1 Be Thou my Vision,
O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me,
save that Thou art;
be Thou my best thought
in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

2 Be Thou my Wisdom,
and Thou my true Word;
be Thou ever with me,
and I with Thee, Lord;
be Thou my great Father,
and I Thy true son;
be Thou in me dwelling,
and I with Thee one.

3 Be Thou my Breastplate,
my Sword for the fight;
be Thou my whole armour;
be Thou my true Might;
be Thou my soul's Shelter,
be Thou my strong Tow'r,
O raise Thou me heav'nward, great
Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise;
be Thou mine inheritance,
now and always;
be Thou and Thou only
the first in my heart,
O high King of heaven,
my Treasure Thou art.

5 High King of heaven,
Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys,
after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever
befall,
still be Thou my vision,
O Ruler of all.

OFFERTORY:

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst
me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon,
cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height
to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

COMMUNION:

Beauty for brokenness
hope for despair
Lord, in the suffering
this is our prayer.
Bread for the children
justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak

*God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love*

From a spark to a flame

Refuge from cruel wars
havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary
freedoms to share
Peace to the killing-fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future, our dreams
Lord, end our madness
Carelessness, greed
Make us content with
The things that we need

Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until your justice burns brightly again
Until the nations learn of your ways
Seek your salvation
And bring you their praise

FINAL HYMN:

Lord, for the years
your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years,
we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word,
the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts
and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains,
rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word,
receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed
by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old,
for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land,
be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world
when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength,
and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless,
lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world,
we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves;
in living power remake us -
self on the cross and
Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us,
for the future take us:
Lord of our lives,
to live for Christ alone.

1ST READING :

A reading from the book of
Genesis.

God put Abraham to the test.
'Abraham, Abraham' he called.
'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your
son,' God said 'your only child
Isaac, whom you love, and go to
the land of Moriah. There you
shall offer him as a burnt
offering, on a mountain I will
point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place
God had pointed out to him,
Abraham built an altar there, and
arranged the wood. Then he
bound his son Isaac and put him
on the altar on top of the wood.
Abraham stretched out his hand
and seized the knife to kill his
son.

But the angel of the Lord
called to him from heaven.
'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I
am here' he replied. 'Do not raise
your hand against the boy' the
angel said. 'Do not harm him, for
now I know you fear God. You
have not refused me your son,
your only son.' Then looking up,
Abraham saw a ram caught by its
horns in a bush. Abraham took
the ram and offered it as a burnt-
offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called
Abraham a second time from

heaven. 'I swear by my own
self – it is the Lord who
speaks – because you have done
this, because you have not
refused me your son, your only
son, I will shower blessings on
you, I will make your
descendants as many as the stars
of heaven and the grains of sand
on the seashore. Your
descendants shall gain possession
of the gates of their enemies. All
the nations of the earth shall
bless themselves by your
descendants, as a reward for
your obedience.'

This is the word of the Lord.
Genesis 22

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*I will walk in the presence of
the Lord in the land of the
living.*

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted'.
O precious in the eyes of the lord
is the death of his faithful. **R/**

Your servant, Lord, your servant
am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **R/**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the
Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R/**
Psalm 116

2ND READING :

A reading from the letter of St
Paul to the Romans.

With God on our side who can be
against us? Since God did not
spare his own Son, but gave him

up to benefit us all, we may be
certain, after such a gift, that he
will not refuse anything he can
give. Could anyone accuse those
that God has chosen? When God
acquits, could anyone condemn?
Could Christ Jesus? No! He not
only died for us – he rose from
the dead, and there at God's
right hand he stands and pleads
for us.

This is the word of the Lord.
Romans 8

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Mark.

Six days later, Jesus took with
him Peter and James and John,
and led them up a high mountain
apart, by themselves. And he was
transfigured before them, and his
clothes became dazzling white,
such as no one on earth could
bleach them. And there appeared
to them Elijah with Moses, who
were talking with Jesus. Then
Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is
good for us to be here; let us
make three dwellings, one for
you, one for Moses, and one for
Elijah.' He did not know what to
say, for they were terrified. Then
a cloud overshadowed them, and
from the cloud there came a
voice, 'This is my Son, the
Beloved: listen to him!' Suddenly
when they looked around, they
saw no one with them any more,
but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the
mountain, he ordered them to
tell no one about what they had
seen, until after the Son of Man
had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Mark 9

