



Sunday 11th March 2018 Lent 4

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice in her joy, all you who mourn over her, that you may drink deeply with delight from the abundance of her glory. *Isaiah 66.10-11*

Prayer of the day

Almighty God, grant that we, who justly deserve to be punished for our sinful deeds, may in your mercy and kindness be pardoned and restored; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

2 Chronicles 36.15-21 *Gai Scott*

¹⁵ The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy. ¹⁷ He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians, who killed their young men with the sword in the sanctuary, and spared neither young man nor young woman, old man or aged. God handed all of them over to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁸ He carried to Babylon all the articles from the temple of God, both large and small, and the treasures of the LORD's temple and the treasures of the king and his officials. ¹⁹ They set fire to God's temple and broke down the wall of Jerusalem; they burned all the palaces and destroyed everything of value there. ²⁰ He carried into exile to Babylon the remnant, who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. ²¹ The land enjoyed its sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah.

Acts 4.23-37 *Angela Illgner*

²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

" 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. ²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now,

250 All creatures of our God and King
163 All hail the power of Jesu's name
627 Ye servants of God,

Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. ³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. ³⁶ Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), ³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

John 3.14-21 *Matthew Heazlewood*

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, ¹⁷ that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁸ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁹ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ²⁰ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²¹ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²² But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.

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Prayers

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thess 5:16-18

Government leaders

Please pray for our Federal, State and Local Government leaders, thanking God for their commitment to serving in public life, praying for their personal and public integrity, praying that as they pray the Lord's Prayer that they will believe and obey it.

facing refugee status, either fleeing their country due to war or because of persecution motivated by race, religion, nationality and political Beliefs.

For our Church and Community

Pray for the newly elected wardens and parish council. Pray that God would send out the light and truth of Jesus through us and bring many to saving trust in Christ. Pray we would commend the gospel ourselves by what we say & do. Pray for a successful Playtime in the Park to make connections with the community.

For the work of CMS

Pray for opportunities for believers to share about the meaning of Easter and would grow in their faith. For Syrian women who attend support groups, that they would have seeking hearts. For more connections with people who are spiritually hungry and local friendships would grow in depth of understanding. Praise the Lord Jesus for the close relationship with our link missionaries Tim & Kylie. Pray for them to work together to further the gospel and express Christlike love and service.

Pray for those in special need

Ask God to comfort, strengthen and deepen the trust of those who are sick and grieving. For the lonely or in special need at this time including Greta Quan, Margaret Dunton, Jean Ditchfield, Jill Clapin, Shirley Wilson, Graham & Margaret Shirley, John & Betty Allerton and John Reynolds.

St Martin's Mission Prayer

*Our heavenly Father, please bless St Martin's as we seek to make disciples of Christ, and see changing lives through grace, so that everyone reaches maturity in Christ. By your Spirit enable us to **connect** to Jesus and one another, **grow** in Christ-likeness, **serve** and meets the needs of others with the gifts you have given us, and **share** the love of Christ in our community and all the world. **Amen***

For displaced people and refugees

Pray for the millions of people living in or

Action Items and Upcoming Events

- **Christianity Explored Course**, Wednesdays 7.30pm at 14 Springdale Rd.
- **Playtime in the Park - 17 March 10am-12 Noon**, Greengate Park, Bruce Avenue, Killara.
- **Evensong to Celebrate Palm Sunday – 25 March at 3.30pm** followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.
- **Maundy Thursday Supper – 29 March** from 6.45pm – 8.30pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Good Friday Service – 30 March at 9.30am** followed by morning tea + hot crossed buns
- **Easter Day – 8am & 10am**

Daily Bible Reading Plan

- ☐ Mar 11 Num 7, Ps 66, John 6
- ☐ Mar 12 Num 8-9, Ps 67, John 7
- ☐ Mar 13 Num 10-11, Ps 68:1-18, John 8
- ☐ Mar 14 Num 12-13, Ps 68:19-36, John 9
- ☐ Mar 15 Num 14, Ps 69:1-18, John 10
- ☐ Mar 16 Num 15, Ps 69:19-36, John 11
- ☐ Mar 17 Num 16, Ps 70, John 12
- ☐ Mar 18 Num 17-18, Ps 71, John 13

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