

**Hymn 517** *Through the night of doubt and sorrow*

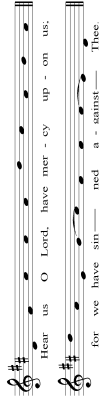
### COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way to life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING** **Isaiah 55: 1–9**

The Lord says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts

### THE LENT PROSE



To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications  
O thou chief corner-stone, right hand of the Father, way of salvation, gate of life celestial.  
Cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement  
God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.  
Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.  
Innocent, captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us, we pray thee, Jesus our Redeemer

**SECOND READING** **1 Corinthians 10: 1–13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as

examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

**GOSPEL** **Luke 13: 1–9**

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

**Hymn 516** *Through all the changing scenes of life*

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, by the grace of this sacrifice may we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another: through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

### COMMUNION SENTENCE

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom all is my delight: listen to him

**Hymn 117** *Faithful Shepherd, feed me*  
**Anthem** *Comfort the soul of thy servant...Crotch*

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, by the grace of this sacrifice may we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another: through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

**Hymn 158** *Glorious Things of thee are spoken*



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## Please pray for our two Church Aided Schools

Nyewood Junior School, (in special measures), for the acting head teacher, Sandra Jones and Nyewood Infants School, for the head teacher, Jacqui Cobb and for all the teaching staff, governors, parents and pupils. Father Andrew takes assemblies at 9.10 on Wednesdays at the Infants School and at 9.00 on Thursdays at the Junior School

## Please pray for those who are sick or in need, including:-

Christine Harris, Oliver Baxter-Smith, Joyce Brett, Christine MackKay, Christine Thomas, Joan Soothill, James Inwood, Edna Moody, the Bonthrone family

Father Andrew is available for those who wish to make their confessions. Please arrange this with him and note his day off is Monday. He is also available from 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm in the Lady Chapel on Saturdays.

**TODDLER CORNER** This area in church is for pre-school children. There are activity sheets on the table by the south porch for older children to use in their places during the service. Please collect them before the service begins.

**JUNIOR CHURCH** - the children's topic for today is Generous God.

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm. on Wednesday evenings followed by a short Eucharist.

The charity collection for March will be for the Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work.

**8 MARCH** – House Group Meeting 2-4pm. in the Committee Room

**11 MARCH** – House Group meeting 7.15pm. hosted by Peter & Linda Beckley at 6 Fursefield, phone 840772

**15 MARCH** – House group meeting 2-4pm. in the Committee Room

**17MARCH** – PCC meeting 7pm.

**18 MARCH** – House Group Meeting 7.15pm hosted by Jean Rose at 98 Nyewood Lane, phone 265644

**13 MARCH –QUIZ EVENING** in the Hall at 7.00pm. Tickets will be £4 for adult and £2 for children, (bring your own wine) and will be available from Chris Sheppard after the Eucharist each Sunday morning

## 7th March 2010

# The Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome to the parish church of St Wilfrid.

We welcome all our visitors today and invite you to join us for refreshments in the Hall after the service.

### SERVICES TODAY

Holy Communion	08.00
Parish Eucharist	10.30
Nyewood Knox Concert	15.00
The Cross: meditations on a theme	18.00
Readings: Isaiah 53 1-12; The Killing – Edwin Muir	

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday	8 March	Eucharist	10.00
Tuesday	9 March	Eucharist	10.00
Wednesday	10 March	Evening Prayer Stations of the Cross followed by a short Eucharist	18.00 18.30
Thursday	11 March	Eucharist Unity Holy Communion at Sandmartins	10.00 10.30
Friday	12 March	Funeral of Ron Thomas Eucharist The Cross	11.00 13.00 10.00
Saturday	13 March	Holy Communion at Homebeech & Cherington Eucharist Mary Evening Prayer	14.30 11.30 17.00

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY- 14 March

The Fourth Sunday of Lent. Mothering Sunday

### Holy Communion

Family Eucharist -Mothering Sunday: reunion service for Baptisms	10.30
Choral Evensong followed by The Cross: meditations on a theme	18.00
Readings – Isaiah 53 1-12; Fellowship in Suffering - Fr. Gilbert Shaw	

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, THE EXITS ARE THE NARTHEX, EAST DOOR, CHOIR VESTRY AND SOUTH PORCH. FIRST AID BOXES ARE OUTSIDE THE CHOIR VESTRY, AND IN THE HALL