

Parishes of Kirkby Ireleth and Broughton & Duddon

# THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Second Sunday in Lent

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## Holy Communion

### Hymns

626 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said  
314 Immortal, Invisible  
In Christ Alone  
387 Let us break bread together  
635 The Church of God a kingdom is

### 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 to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to  
the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

*An Old Testament reading – Julie R-J*

### Lamentations 2: 1-3,6-7,9,11,13-17,19-22

<sup>1</sup> How the Lord in his anger  
has humiliated daughter Zion!  
He has thrown down from heaven to earth  
the splendour of Israel;  
he has not remembered his footstool  
on the day of his anger.  
<sup>2</sup> The Lord has destroyed without mercy  
all the dwellings of Jacob;  
in his wrath he has broken down  
the strongholds of daughter Judah;  
he has brought down to the ground in dishonour  
the kingdom and its rulers.  
<sup>3</sup> He has cut down in fierce anger  
all the might of Israel;  
he has withdrawn his right hand from them  
in the face of the enemy;

he has burned like a flaming fire in Jacob,  
consuming all around.

<sup>6</sup> He has broken down his booth like a garden,  
he has destroyed his tabernacle;

the LORD has abolished in Zion  
festival and sabbath,  
and in his fierce indignation has spurned  
king and priest.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord has scorned his altar,  
disowned his sanctuary;  
he has delivered into the hand of the enemy  
the walls of her palaces;  
a clamour was raised in the house of the LORD  
as on a day of festival.

<sup>9</sup> Her gates have sunk into the ground;  
he has ruined and broken her bars;  
her king and princes are among the nations;  
guidance is no more,  
and her prophets obtain  
no vision from the LORD.

<sup>11</sup> My eyes are spent with weeping;  
my stomach churns;  
my bile is poured out on the ground  
because of the destruction of my people,  
because infants and babes faint  
in the streets of the city.

<sup>13</sup> What can I say for you, to what compare you,  
O daughter Jerusalem?  
To what can I liken you, that I may comfort you,  
O virgin daughter Zion?

For vast as the sea is your ruin;  
who can heal you?

<sup>14</sup> Your prophets have seen for you  
false and deceptive visions;  
they have not exposed your iniquity  
to restore your fortunes,  
but have seen oracles for you  
that are false and misleading.

<sup>15</sup> All who pass along the way  
clap their hands at you;  
they hiss and wag their heads  
at daughter Jerusalem;  
'Is this the city that was called  
the perfection of beauty,  
the joy of all the earth?'

<sup>16</sup> All your enemies  
open their mouths against you;  
they hiss, they gnash their teeth,  
they cry: 'We have devoured her!'

Ah, this is the day we longed for;  
at last we have seen it!

<sup>17</sup> The LORD has done what he purposed,  
he has carried out his threat;  
as he ordained long ago,  
he has demolished without pity;  
he has made the enemy rejoice over you,  
and exalted the might of your foes.

<sup>19</sup> Arise, cry out in the night,  
at the beginning of the watches!

Pour out your heart like water  
before the presence of the Lord!

Lift your hands to him  
for the lives of your children,  
who faint for hunger  
at the head of every street.

<sup>20</sup> Look, O LORD, and consider!  
To whom have you done this?

Should women eat their offspring,  
the children they have borne?  
Should priest and prophet be killed  
in the sanctuary of the Lord?

<sup>21</sup> The young and the old are lying  
on the ground in the streets;  
my young women and my young men  
have fallen by the sword;  
on the day of your anger you have killed them,  
slaughtering without mercy.

<sup>22</sup> You invited my enemies from all around  
as if for a day of festival;  
and on the day of the anger of the LORD  
no one escaped or survived;  
those whom I bore and reared  
my enemy has destroyed.

*A New Testament reading – Sue*

### **1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*This is the word of the Lord*

### **Thanks be to God**

*The Gospel reading – Stuart*

### **John 2: 13 - 22**

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So, he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

### **Post Communion**

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to  
help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault  
and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**