

Welcome to the



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Bible Readings for the Coming Week

- Monday, April 8: Psalm 20; Exodus 40:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-25
- Tuesday, April 9: Psalm 20; Judges 9:7-15; 1 John 2:18-28
- Wednesday, April 10: Psalm 20; Habakkuk 3:2-15; Luke 18:31-34
- Thursday, April 11: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 53:10-12; Hebrews 2:1-9
- Friday, April 12: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 54:9-10; Hebrews 2:10-18
- Saturday, April 13: Psalm 31:9-16; Leviticus 23:1-8; Luke 22:1-13

A Lenten Prayer

Living God, may we hear you calling for justice:
 through the poor in a world of plenty;
 through those oppressed by harsh regimes;
 in the voices of the victims of religious legalism;
 in the cries of the earth polluted by human greed;
 in places where economics downgrade talent,
 and efficiency outweighs care;
 in the voices of the vulnerable in our hamlets and cities. Amen.

Chris Polhill (from *Eggs and ashes*)

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2019

Sunday 7th April 2019 Sacrament of Holy Communion on the 5th Sunday in Lent

Call to Worship (congregational responses **in bold**)

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

We gather, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to life in all its fullness,
ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength and
mind.

We listen, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,
sometimes startling and unexpected,
sometimes still and quiet,
but always dwelling among us.

We watch and wait for the Word of God.

Watch and wait no longer, for the Word of God
now enters into your midst.

Choir - Introit: **Psalm 126**

When God first brought us back from ex-ile,
we were as dazed as those who dream.
Then were our mouths brim-ming with laugh-ter;
joy from our lips gushed like a stream.
The god-less cried in en-vious won-der,
“Look what the Lord has done _ for _ them!”
In-deed our God has great-ly blessed us;
re-joice and sing, Je-ru-sa-lem!

Once more, O Lord, re-store your peo-ple;
come with your sav-ing help a-gain,
as to the brook-beds in the des-ert
you bring the sweet, re-viv-ing rain.

Let those who sow with tears and sigh-ing
sing as they reap and _ joy pro _ claim:
may those who weep when seed is scat-tered
gath-er their sheaves and praise your name.

Welcome & Prayer of Approach

Hymn 192i All my hope on God is founded

Children's Message

Hymn Talk to God

(SSS2014-82)

Blessing on the Children

*Prayer of Confession - Elder -
concluding with The Lord's Prayer*

Hymn 198 Let us build a house where love can dwell

Reading: **Isaiah 43: 16 - 21** (p.730)
followed by Reflection

Hymn 713 Come, all who look to God today

Reading: **John 12: 1 - 8**
(p.1079)
followed by Reflection

Anthem (Choir): **My goal is God Himself** (Plaintive)

1 My goal is God Himself, not joy nor peace,
nor even blessing, but Himself, my God:
'tis His to lead me there, not mine, but His,
'At any cost, dear Lord, by any road!'

- 2 So faith bounds forward to its goal in God,
and love can trust her Lord to lead her there;
upheld by Him my soul is following hard,
till God hath full fulfilled my deepest prayer.
- 3 No matter if the way be sometimes dark,
no matter though the cost be oft-times great,
He knoweth how I best shall reach the mark,
the way that leads to Him must needs be strait.
- 4 One thing I know, I cannot say Him nay;
one thing I do, I press toward my Lord:
My God, my glory here, from day to day,
and in the glory there my great reward.

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Church News followed by Prayer for Others

The Invitation

MP 723 We come as guests invited (MP-'Passion
Chorale')

The Story - followed by

Prayer of Thanksgiving - *beginning:*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

After the words, "we join together in saying", please say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

The Fraction followed by The Sharing of the Peace and Prayer

Hymn 512 To God be the glory

Benediction (Three-fold Amen) followed by **Go now in peace**

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Thursday 18 Apr 19h30 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Friday 19 Apr 19h30 Worship for Good Friday

Sunday 21 Apr 10h30 Worship for Easter Day

**- including Baptisms & Admission by Profession of Faith
Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?**

Or do you know someone who is? Please put your requests in the prayer box on Sundays. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or Minister,
contact your Elder, the Church Office or the Minister.

Birthdays

This week we congratulate Elizabeth & Karen and Olaf on their birthdays.

Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!

What's on the agenda?

Tuesday 9 April 20h00 Property Working Group
Sunday 14 April 10h30 Worship for Palm Sunday
Wed 17 April 19h30 Joint Lenten Series – St Mary's

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Draft Church news announced by the Elder 07.04.19

Please take the Order of Service home, so you can refer to it for our activities over the coming weeks and follow the Daily Bible reading shown on the front.

Let me briefly list our agenda for this week as included in the Order of Service.

Thanks to all that worked so hard to make the After Work Dinner Show of last Friday a success.

Thanks to Erna Booman and her team for preparing and serving the delicious meal.

Thanks to Molly Foster for organizing, others to set the hall, provide the drinks, the participants, the eaters and last but not least the performers for giving us a wonderful theatrical evening.

Our **Mission Offering** after the Communion Service today will benefit the victims of cyclone **Idai** in Southern Africa.

If you didn't hear these announcements correctly, find them on the notice board with a copy to take away.