

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Tune: 165 O Waly Waly

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown!
- 4 His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree:
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.
- 5 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748)

The Collect

Merciful God, look upon your family as we travel to the foot of the cross: and, by your great goodness, guide us in body; that, by your protection, we may also be preserved in heart and mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Readings Year A

Hebrew Scripture Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14

Psalm Psalm 130

Sung refrain 'Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice'.

Gospel

John 11: (1 - 16) 17 - 45

- 1 When human voices cannot sing
and human hearts are breaking,
we bring our grief to you, O God,
who knows our inner aching.
- 2 Set free our spirits from all fear —
the cloud of dark unknowing,
and let the light, the Christ-light show
the pathway of our going.
- 3 Make real for us your holding love,
the love which is your meaning,
the power to move the stone of death,
the hope of Easter morning.

(continued overleaf)

4 And let the one we love now go
 where we, in faith, shall follow,
to travel in the Spirit's peace,
 to make an end to sorrow.

Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931)

Ezekiel 37: When looking at this community what do you see, and what does God see?

Lent review

- What do you treasure most about this community?
- What has surprised you most during Lent?
- How do we integrate all of this when we return to worship in the church building?

1 How deep the Father's love for us,
 how vast beyond all measure,
 that he should give his only Son
 to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
 the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One
 bring many souls to glory.

2 Behold the man upon a cross,
 my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
 call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there,
 until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life —
 I know that 'it is finished'.

3 I will not boast in anything,
 no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
 his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
 I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart,
 his wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
 like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
 which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
 are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
 have such kindly judgement given.

- 2 For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he would not own.
- 3 There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.
- Second half of tune:
- 4 If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814–1863)

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TROON CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

Evening service in St Meddan's Sanctuary at 7pm
Troon Church Of Scotland.

Good Friday 3rd April

WALK OF WITNESS from Troon Beach (Kiosk) at 2.15pm to
Our Lady of the Assumption for a united service at 3pm.

Saturday 4th April

Easter Vigil at St Ninian's Episcopal Church at 8pm

Easter Sunday 5th April.

6.30am Dawn Communion service on the beach hosted by
The Church of the Nazarene followed by breakfast in Seagate .

THIS WEEK AT ST NINIAN'S - W/C SUNDAY 22 MARCH

Monday

10.00am Morning Prayer with music from the global church
and discussion of the readings.

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion (Scottish Prayer Book) with a
discussion of the readings.

Thursday

10.00am Story & Song (for all those of a pre school age with
their carer)

7.30pm Eucharist with prayers and anointing for healing.

Sunday 29 March Palm Sunday

10.30am Sung Eucharist in the church

CHRYPEL LUCAS

Following the sad passing of Chrystel her funeral will take place here at St Ninian's on **Monday 23 March at 12 noon** followed by a burial at Ayr Cemetery at 1.30pm to which all friends are invited.

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL

The Bishop's Lent Appeal is for Daisy, a charity based in Glasgow supporting Women and Children to Heal from Domestic Abuse. Full details about the charity can be found at :

www.glasgow.anglican.org/bishops-lent-appeal-2026-the-daisy-project/ and details about the charity and donating can be found on the supplementary leaflet and the Diocesan website page.

EASTER OFFERING

Easter Offering envelopes are available on the Welcome Desk and table at the back of the hall this morning. Gift Aid slips for the Easter Offering, to be given to River Garden, Auchincruive & Water Aid, are also available.

MEDITATION GROUP & COMPLINE

The next Meditation Group is on **Monday 30 March** at 10.30am in the church. Also on **Monday 30 March** there will be service Candles & Compline (Night Prayer) at 7.30pm.

BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Book Group is on **Tuesday 21 April** from 2.30 to 4pm at 5 Darley Cres. Troon. The book we will be discussing is The Sealwoman's Tale by Sally Magnusson. The group would welcome new members. If you think you would be interested please contact Emma Cassidy.

THANK YOU

Keith is delighted that a total of £380 was donated at the recent organ recital in aid of St Mary's Organ Fund and £352.50 which was donated at the World Day of Prayer service for the work of the World Day of Prayer organisation and funding of grants that support social justice initiatives for women and children both locally and internationally.

SEASCAPE MONTHLY QUIZ

Copies of the monthly Quiz to support SeAScape are available on the Welcome Desk. The topic for the March Quiz is Poets' Corner with the clues leading to the name of poets, names or poems or terms associated with poetry.

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