

The United Benefice of St Michael on Greenhill, Lichfield  
with St John, Wall

**PSALMS AND READINGS**  
**Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

These psalms and readings may be used as part of any personal act of worship or as part of the service of Compline. This **service** and the **addresses** to go with each day of Holy Week can be found on <https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/holy-week--good-friday.html>

**Monday in Holy Week**

**Psalm 36**

1 Sin whispers to the wicked, in the depths of their heart; \*  
there is no fear of God before their eyes.

2 They flatter themselves in their own eyes \*  
that their abominable sin will not be found out.

3 The words of their mouth are unrighteous and full of deceit; \*  
they have ceased to act wisely and to do good.

4 They think out mischief upon their beds  
and have set themselves in no good way; \*  
nor do they abhor that which is evil.

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.

7 How precious is your loving mercy, O God!\*  
All mortal flesh shall take refuge  
under the shadow of your wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; \*  
they shall drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life \*  
and in your light shall we see light.

10 O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you \*  
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, \*  
nor the hand of the ungodly thrust me away.

12 There are they fallen, all who work wickedness. \*  
They are cast down and shall not be able to stand.

## **John 12:1-11**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

9 When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, <sup>11</sup>since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

## **Tuesday in Holy Week**

### **Psalm 71**

1 In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; \*  
let me never be put to shame.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*  
incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort; \*  
send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*  
from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, \*  
my confidence, even from my youth.

6 Upon you have I leaned from my birth,  
when you drew me from my mother's womb; \*  
my praise shall be always of you.

7 I have become a portent to many, \*  
but you are my refuge and my strength.

8 Let my mouth be full of your praise \*  
and your glory all the day long.

9 Do not cast me away in the time of old age; \*  
forsake me not when my strength fails.

10 For my enemies are talking against me, \*  
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

11 They say, 'God has forsaken him;  
pursue him and take him, \*  
because there is none to deliver him.'

12 O God, be not far from me; \*  
come quickly to help me, O my God.

13 Let those who are against me  
be put to shame and disgrace; \*  
let those who seek to do me evil  
be covered with scorn and reproach.

14 But as for me I will hope continually \*  
and will praise you more and more.

15 My mouth shall tell of your righteousness  
and salvation all the day long, \*  
for I know no end of the telling.

16 I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord God; \*  
I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

17 O God, you have taught me since I was young, \*  
and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

18 Forsake me not, O God,  
when I am old and grey-headed, \*  
till I make known your deeds to the next generation  
and your power to all that are to come.

19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; \*  
in the great things you have done, who is like you, O God?

20 What troubles and adversities you have shown me, \*  
and yet you will turn and refresh me  
and bring me from the deep of the earth again.

21 Increase my honour; \*  
turn again and comfort me.

22 Therefore will I praise you upon the harp  
for your faithfulness, O my God; \*  
I will sing to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will sing out as I play to you, \*  
and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.

24 My tongue also will tell of your righteousness all the day long, \*  
for they shall be shamed and disgraced  
who sought to do me evil.

## John 12: 20-36

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

<sup>27</sup> 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. <sup>34</sup>The crowd answered him, 'We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?' <sup>35</sup>

Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.'