

Sunday 31st March 2019

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Today's service will be led by the Rev'd Dr Walter Houston

Oder of service

Please stand when the Holy Bible is brought into church, then sit for the welcome and notices

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hymn: R & S 104: Praise my soul, the King of heaven.

Prayers of approach, praise and confession, assurance of forgiveness

Introduction to the theme, for children and adults

The children leave for their own activities or crèche.

Psalm 32 (REB) said responsively

Happy is one whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is blotted out!

**Happy is one to whom the LORD imputes no fault,
in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I refused to speak, my body wasted away with day-long moaning.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
the sap in me dried up as in summer drought.**

When I acknowledged my sin to you,

when I no longer concealed my guilt,

but said, 'I shall confess my offence to the LORD,'

then you for your part remitted the penalty of my sin.

So let every faithful heart pray to you in the hour of anxiety;

when great floods threaten they shall not touch them.

You are a hiding place for me from distress;

you guard me and enfold me in salvation.

I shall teach you and guide you in the way you should go.

I shall keep you under my eye.

Do not behave like a horse or a mule,

**unreasoning creatures whose mettle must be curbed with bit and
bridle,**

so that they do not come near you.

Many are the torments for the ungodly,

but unfailing love enfolds those who trust in the LORD.

Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous ones;

sing aloud, all you of honest heart.

New Testament reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

The Anthem: O love, how deep (Johann Schein, arr. Harrison Oxley)

Gospel reading: Luke 15: 1-2, 11-13

Hymn R & S 108 :The love of God is broad as beach and meadow

The Sermon

Hymn R & S 646: Help us accept each other, Lord

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession, using the response no 401

Through our lives.

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and doxology R & S 21

Hymn R & S 285: O for a thousand tongues

The Benediction and Three-fold Amen