



**ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY OF SAINT ANDREW,  
COSTA DEL SOL EAST, SPAIN**



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Collect**

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All: Amen.***

**Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 55:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God.***

## **Psalm 63:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul is athirst for you.

<sup>2</sup>My flesh also faints for you, as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

<sup>3</sup>So would I gaze upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

<sup>4</sup>Your loving-kindness is better than life itself and so my lips shall praise you.

<sup>5</sup>I will bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

<sup>6</sup>My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,

<sup>7</sup>When I remember you upon my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

<sup>8</sup>For you have been my helper and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>My soul clings to you; your right hand shall hold me fast.

## **New Testament Reading—1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will

not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God.***

### **Gospel Reading—Luke 13:1-9**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Blessed are those who have endured temptation; they have stood the test and will receive the crown of life.

***All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***All: Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ <sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” <sup>8</sup>He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***All: Praise to you, O Christ.***

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All: Amen.***

**Scriptures for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday**

Joshua 5:9–12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Luke 15:1–3,11b–32

**Lent Course**

The Lent Course started on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and will run on Zoom at 18:00 for the next four weeks until Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. The course is based on the Nicene Creed, as 2025 is the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea when the first version of the Creed was formulated. Could those who are interested in participating on the course and who have not yet left their name and e-mail address please do so to either the Ministers, the Church Wardens or the Stewards, as there is material that will be sent out to be read before each session. The Zoom link and a link to this material will also be made available on our website, our Facebook page, and in print.

**Anglican Chaplaincy of Saint Andrew—Charity of the Month**  
**for February and March 2025**

**Saint Andrew Aid Fund (SAAF)**

This fund was initiated towards the end of 2024 for the purpose of offering financial assistance to those in our community who find themselves in financial difficulties.

We have successfully provided assistance to people who have been in dire need of basic necessities, and would like to replenish the fund in order to continue to provide much needed and appreciated assistance.

Suggestions for those whom you think may benefit from the SAAF may be brought to the attention of any of the members of the Chaplaincy Council, and each case is carefully and prayerfully considered before any assistance is provided.