

READINGS

St James', Southbroom

Sunday 7 May 2017

Daily Readings

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| <u>Monday 8th</u> Deuteronomy 9:1-12 | Psalm 103 Ephesians 4:1-16 |
| <u>Tuesday 9th</u> Deuteronomy 9:23-10:5 | Psalm 139 Ephesians 4:17-end |
| <u>Wednesday 10th</u> Deuteronomy 10:12-end | Psalm 135 Ephesians 5:1-14 |
| <u>Thursday 11th</u> Deuteronomy 11:8-end | Psalm 118 Ephesians 5:15-end |
| <u>Friday 12th</u> Deuteronomy 12:1-14 | Psalm 33 Ephesians 6:1-9 |
| <u>Saturday 13th</u> Deuteronomy 15:1-18 | Psalm 34 Ephesians 6:10-end |
| <u>Sunday 14th</u> Ezekiel 37:1-12 | Psalm 30 John 5:19-29 |

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Collect – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

John 2:1-11

² On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." ⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

⁸ The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."