

Monday 11th November

Prayer at airport JAN

May the God who called our father Abraham to journey into the unknown, and guarded him and blessed him, Protect us too and bless our journey. May his confidence support us as we set out, May his spirit be with us on the way, and may he lead us back to our homes in peace. Those we love, we commend to his care. He is with them, we shall not fear. As for ourselves, May his presence be our companion, so that blessing may come to us and to everyone we meet. Blessed are you, O Lord, Whose presence travels with his people. Amen. (From Canon Paul Miller.)

Tuesday. At Pater Nosta

Reading: Luke 11:1-9 MICHAEL

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Prayer at Mount of Olives (Dominus Flevit, Pater Nosta and Mary Magdalene) Light print: **TRISH** Bold print **ALL**

I was glad when my companions of faith ventured with me to the house of our God. Weary and tired, yet our feet will stand within the gates of the city of peace, Jerusalem the goal of our longing, where the pilgrims gather in unity. **Lift up your eyes and see: the city of all our dreams**

Drawn ever closer to the city, to the place of prayer and of presence, to faith renewed and hope restored, to the healing and peace of the promise, we your people climb to the gates, to the seat of your judgement and mercy. **Lift up your eyes and see: the city of all our dreams**

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May those who love you prosper. Peace be within your walls, prosperity in all your households. For the sake of my kindred and friends, I will pray from my heart for your peace. For the sake of the house of our God, I will do all that I can for your good. **Lift up your eyes and see: the city of all our dreams**

Bless the people of Jerusalem, **all who look to Abraham as their ancestor in faith. Take the energy of our prayers and deeds, and transform both place and people into a city of pilgrimage and peace for the whole world. Bring all of us there, so that we may taste and see your generous and gracious love. AMEN** (From Jim Cotter. Out of the Silence: Prayer's Daily Round)

Dominus Flevit

Reading: Luke 19:41-44 - BEVERLEY

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

*We go in peace to
love and serve the
Lord
AMEN*

On the coach on way to airport at Tel Aviv

Prayer: JAN

Dear Lord, how fortunate we have been to share this journey together. We give thanks for all we have seen, heard and experienced. For every sigh of wonder, for every moment of connection with your suffering, for every reminder of your time on earth and your resurrection. We give thanks for your example. We give thanks for our connections with each other: for the laughter and lightness, the care and concern for each other's well being. We ask your blessing again on Salim and Majdi and their families. As we part company at Heathrow, may we go to our homes safely and in the coming weeks, take time to reflect on our own pilgrimage. **AMEN**

Prayer: MARY

Lord Jesus Christ today we share your tears for the cities of the world: - still we have not loved the things that make for peace.

We weep for the divided cities: where brother fights with brother, where anger feeds on hatred, where prejudice blinds the eyes of compassion, and even religion divides, where children are taught to hate, and old men relish ancient wrongs. We weep for the cities of oppression: where iron law imprisons freedom,

Where thought is curbed and conscience stifled, where the questioning spirit is called a traitor, where art and civilising truth grows barren, and each must think in manner as his neighbour.

We weep for the cities of poverty: where children live, but die too soon, where eager hands can find no work, where hunger rules and aid is short, where mothers clutch uncomprehending young, and where the little we could do, we fail to do.

We weep for our cities, and for ourselves; we have not learned the things that make for peace. Lord, turn tears to love, and love to work. Turn work to justice, and all that makes for peace. **AMEN**

Gethsemane

Reading: Mark 14:32-52 - ANGELA

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.³ "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "*Abba*, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour?"³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The

spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!” Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. The men seized Jesus and arrested him. Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. “Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” Then everyone deserted him and fled. A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

Emmaus. **Reading:** Luke 24:13-35 - **MARK**

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.

made him get up. “Stand up,” he said, “I am only a man myself.” While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. He said to them: “You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?”

LATER.....(44-48)

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Prayer: GWEN

Lord, we give thanks for the faith of the disciples in ensuring that our Lord’s words, actions and being have continued to live throughout the world. We give thanks for our journey together through some of the places where our Lord, the Holy One, lived, healed, loved, challenged, suffered, died and rose. We pray for the people of the Holy Land, that there may soon be peace and justice for all. As our journey comes to an end, we pray that all we have reflected upon will continue to nourish us and that we can take back to those we know and love some of blessings of this pilgrimage. We give thanks for the knowledge, humour and efforts of our guide _____ and of our driver _____. We ask that you bless them and their families. We give thanks for each other, and pray that we continue to grow in your example. AMEN

Song: Hymn book 16 Guide me oh thou great Jehovah

On Sea of Galilee **Reading:** Mark 4:35-41 **MICHAEL**

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Song: Hymn book 22 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Wednesday Caesarea **Reading:** Acts 10:1-8 **JILL**

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea." When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.

AND LATER..... (24-29)

The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. But Peter

And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Wednesday

Reading: **John 5:2-17** **JAN** **Pool of Bethesda**

Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie – the blind, the lame, the paralysed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and

walk.’ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, ‘It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.’ But he replied, ‘The man who made me well said to me, “Pick up your mat and walk.”’ So they asked him, ‘Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?’ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, ‘See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.’ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. In his defence Jesus said to them, ‘My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.’

Service at Ecce Homo

Song Hymn 7 – When I survey the wondrous cross

We say together a prayer of repentance:

Oh God, Father in heaven

We repent, O God most Merciful, of all our sins; of every false, unclean or unjust thought; of every word spoken that ought not to have been spoken; for every deed done that ought not to have been done. We repent of every deed, word or thought inspired by selfishness; and of every deed, word or thought inspired by hatred. We repent of every lie; of all hypocrisy; of every promise made but not fulfilled, and of all slander and backbiting. Most specially also, we repent of every action that has caused harm to others; of every word and deed that has given others pain; and of every wish that pain should befall others. In Your Unbounded Mercy, we ask You to forgive us, O God, for all these sins committed by us, and to forgive us for our constant failures to think and speak and act according to Your Will.

AMEN

(adapted from Meher Baba, 1951)

Prayer: JAN

May God’s goodness be ours. Well, seven times well, may we spend our lives. May each of us be a star in the dark, may each of us be a staff to the weak.

May the love Christ Jesus gave fill every heart for us. May the love Christ Jesus gave fill us for every heart.

Candle out.

Convent of Beatitudes **Reading:** Matthew 5:1-11 **TRISH**

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Prayer: GARY

Lord, you said that we could be truly happy when we are poor in spirit, full of grief, meek, striving after righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers, persecuted for righteousness sake. Yes Lord, you said so. Here. We believe you. Let us be happy. AMEN

Song: Blest are the pure in heart, hymn book 20

Want us to look in the right and wrong places for signs of hope, For people who are hopeless, For visions of a better world that will appear among the disappointments of the world we know.
So, thank you...for the looking time.

You keep us loving.
You, the God whose name is love,
Want us to be like you –
To love the loveless and the unlovely and the unlovable; To love without jealousy or design or threat, And most difficult of all, to love ourselves.
So, thank you...for the loving time.

And in all this you keep us,
Through hard questions with no easy answers; Through failing where we hoped to succeed and making an impact when we felt useless; Through the patience and the dreams and the love of others; And through Jesus Christ and his Spirit, you keep us.
(Prayer of the Iona Community in Scotland)

We pass the candle to each other and all pray for the one holding the candle

Song:

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied
I will give my life to them whom shall I send?

Reading: **ROGER**

Because of the great, infinite love which God has for all humankind, he makes no distinction in love between the blessed soul of Christ and the lowliest souls that are to be saved. (Julian of Norwich, 1413)

Silent reflection

The Road Not Taken—Robert Frost

TWO roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less travelled by,

And that has made all the difference

(Robert Frost 1874–1963)

Silent Reflection

Reading: **MARLENE**

He who learns must suffer. And even in our sleep, pain that cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, and in our despair, against our will, comes wisdom to us by the awful grace of God.

(Aeschylus 5th Century BC – quoted by Robert Kenney in his speech announcing the death of Martin Luther King Junior)

Silent reflection

Song: (sung to the tune of the Londonderry air)

We shall go out with hope of resurrection. We shall go out, from strength to strength go on.

We shall go out and tell our stories boldly, tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted. We'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed

We'll weave a cloth of all the world united. Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken. We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed.

We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer, vibrating love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping. Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief

We'll leap and dance the resurrection story, Including all within the circles of our love.

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers: **TRISH & MARK**

You keep us waiting.
You, the God of all time,
Want us to wait for the right time in which to discover Who we are,
where we must go, Who will be with us, and what we must do.
So, thank you...for the waiting time.

You keep us looking.
You, the God of all space,

you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

Silent reflection

Reading 2 **Mark 4:1-9** **GARY**

Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water’s edge. He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: “Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times. Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

Silent reflection

We sing Peruvian Gloria

We say together the words of our creed:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

We all say

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN

Pass candle

Candle out.

Reading: Mark 14:12-26 - **ROGER** The upper room:

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?” So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.” They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely you don’t mean me?” “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.” While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. “Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

SONG – Spirit of the Living God No 37 in hymn book

Reading: Matthew 26:57-64 - **JILL**

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'" Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Reading on lectern in cell: **MICHAEL**

Garden Tomb - **prayer:** **DAPHNE**

Thanks be to thee, O Christ, because thou has broken for us the bonds of sin and brought us into fellowship with the Father. Thanks be unto thee, O Christ, because thou hast overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Thanks be unto thee, O Christ, because where two or three are gathered together in thy name there are thou in the midst of them. Thanks be unto thee, O Christ, because thou ever livest to make intercessions for us. For these and all other benefits of thy mighty resurrection, thanks be unto thee, O Christ. AMEN

Thursday

As the Via Dolorosa is so crowded, we will leave our guide to talk us through there and instead share this prayer on the coach.

Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead

Service at Tabgha

Candle

Opening hymn: Lord Jesus Christ (page 27 in hymn book)

JAN: Jesus said “I give you peace, my peace I give you”. Jesus gives his peace to us. His peace is different from the peace given by the world. We all talk about peace in the world, about the peace given by this world through treaties and pacts, and that is different from the true peace of Christ. The peace of the world is conditional, while the peace of Christ is unconditional. In this place of peace and serenity, an oasis in this troubled Holy Land, still awaiting peace – let us begin by sharing a sign of peace among us.

Song: Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console

To be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light, and where there’s sadness, ever joy.

CHORUS

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, In giving of ourselves that we receive and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

CHORUS

Prayer on coach: JAN

The way of sorrows: your sorrows, Lord, and our sorrows too. You said that anyone wishing to follow you must take up the cross daily. Here may we begin to understand what you meant when you spoke about taking up the cross and following. A street so much like any other in this ancient city: the busy shops in the bazaar expecting us to want a bargain. Was it like this when you passed along this way carrying the cross? The crowds indifferent to yet another criminal passing on his way to a cruel death. As we dare to follow in the steps you trod, be our companion on the way. May our prayers embrace not only the memory of your presence but the flesh and blood who jostle us today in a living city. Help us daily as we take up our cross to follow you. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

By your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

Lord Jesus, our Saviour, we need you.

Help us to see and serve you in everyone we meet.

AMEN

Service in Shepherd’s Field, Bethlehem

Candle

JAN

How blessed we are indeed to be in a place so close to where we learn of the Angel’s visit to the Shepherds. Let’s remind ourselves of what happened:

Luke 2:8-15 JACKIE

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And

this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!” When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

Silent reflection

Song: While shepherds watched their flocks by night 10 in hymn book

Prayer: **JILL** light print, **ALL** bold print

Father, we thank you for the privilege we have in being together and sharing this journey to the places you chose for your Son to come among us. We thank you for the fellowship we have shared so far and for what is to come. We pray for the people of Bethlehem and all who are living with the strain of daily oppression here and around the world. We ask that our presence may bring some hope to the people we meet. May they sense that we are here, not only to deepen our understandings of our Lord Jesus Christ’s life, but also to bear witness to those who live here – to acknowledge their continued struggle.

We pray for peace in this land.

Father, we give thanks that, despite their difficulties, there are people in the Land of the Holy One, who have worked across the centuries to ensure that these important sites are maintained and loved to the Glory of your name.

We pray for peace in this land.

Father, we give thanks for the openness of the Shepherds, who welcomed with wonder the message given them by the Angel, who trusted, believed and therefore sought out the infant Jesus in all humility.

We pray for peace in this land.

JAN Father, we bring to you all those you know we carry in our hearts. We ask your blessing on all those we love and care for – in a moment of quiet, we bring to our Father our own concerns

Tuesday Capernaun **Reading:** Luke 7:1-10 **MARLENE**

When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion’s servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, “This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.” So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: “Lord, don’t trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.” Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

Prayer: ANGELA

Lord Jesus, you came here to Capernaum with your disciples when you had been rejected from your home in Nazareth. You came to the home of Peter, and this became your temporary home – your base in Galilee. Here at Capernaum you taught in the synagogue and healed the people and silenced the demons of hatred and injustice. Lord, help us to make our homes like the simple home of Peter, a base, a place of love and justice, of teaching and healing. AMEN

Cana: **song** no 19, Love divine all love’s excelling

was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

Church of the Annunciation **Reading** - Luke 1:26-38 **TONI**

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Prayer: BEVERLEY

Father we stand in awe of the innocence, acceptance and trust of the young girl Mary. We reflect on the situation she found herself in and the danger she would have been in with her story of how she conceived our Lord Jesus. You protected her and your son and ensured her earthly support, care and protection in a man who accepted and trusted your word through her. We pray that we too, can listen to your will for us and that we will play our parts in nurturing and protecting the children and vulnerable around us – all of them miracles you have gifted. AMEN

Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hand but ours, no feet but ours
Ours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion cares for the people of the world.

Ours are the feet with which Christ is to go about doing good.
Ours are the hands through which Christ now brings a blessing.

So I promise this day to keep awake, to live each moment to the full, to look with the eyes of compassion, and to act with kindness.

AMEN

Song:

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
see the tender lamb appears, promised from eternal years

CHORUS *Hail, thou ever-blessed morn, hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem*

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies;
He who, throned in heights sublime, sits amid the cherubim. CHORUS

Say, ye lowly shepherds, say, what your joyful news today?
Wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep?
CHORUS

'As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels, singing peace on earth, told us of the Saviour's birth.' CHORUS

Sacred infant, all divine, What a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss, Down to such a world as this!
CHORUS

Virgin mother, Mary blest, By the joys that fill thy breast,
Pray for us, that we may prove Worthy of the Saviour's love CHORUS

Before we go out to explore the church and grounds **MICHAEL** will read this Poem:

God's Grandeur—Gerard Manley Hopkins

THE WORLD is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs—
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! Bright wings.

We pass the candle to each other as we say the Grace:

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore, AMEN

Candle

Friday

Visit to Masada, The Dead Sea and Qumran

Prayer: JACKIE

Jesus, you lived as a boy in your home in Nazareth; bless our homes and protect our families. Jesus you lived under the authority of earthly parents: help us build bridges of tolerance and understanding between the generations in our homes and families. Jesus, you lived in a carpenter's household: may we help each other to do our daily work honestly and wholeheartedly. Jesus, you were content to be brought up quietly and without the limelight; help us to be ready to be caring and considerate in our homes so that our service to others may be a service to you. AMEN

The Synagogue Church **Reading:** Luke 4. 16-30 **ROGER**

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, To proclaim liberty to *the* captives And recovery of sight to *the* blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." Then He closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." So all bore witness to Him, and marvelled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'" Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, *in the region* of Sidon, to a woman *who was* a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city

Prayer: MICHAEL light print, ALL bold print

Estranged from the light and the glory,
We miss the many-splendored presence.
We see through veils and mists,
We glimpse through glass but darkly.
Like the people of old we dare not look on the face
Of those who have dared the presence of God.
Yet with unveiled faces we may believe
We shall behold the transfigured one,
The human being in whose destiny we share,
The light of the divine shining through us all.
The God who said, Let light shine in the darkness,
Has shone in our hearts, has illumined our minds,
To give the light of the knowledge of the divine glory
In the face of Jesus transfigured on the mountain.
Our disfigured faces know affliction now,
Yet we are being prepared for a weight of glory,
As we look not to the things that are seen,
but to those that are as yet unseen,
Not to that which shall change and decay,
Disintegrating into dust in the wind,
But into that which is eternal,
Solid joys and lasting pleasure AMEN
(from Jim Cotter, Out of the Silence: Prayer's Daily Round)

Song: no 17 Then sings my soul

Nazareth – Mary's Well **Reading:** 1 John 4:7-11 TONI

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Saturday Bethany

Reading: Luke 10:38-42 Church of Mary, Martha and Lazarus GWEN

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Prayer MARLENE

Let us pray. Another of those homes visited by you, Lord and graced by your presence. The home of Martha, who was troubled and anxious about many things. The home of Mary, who sat at your feet. Lord, Help us to recognise those times when quiet attention and reflection are more important and those times when attending to the needs of others would be the more important focus. Finding balance in our lives can be so difficult – Lord, help us to be like Martha and Mary, doing and listening. AMEN

Song: no 11: Tell out my soul

Reading: John 11:17-27 At Lazarus' Tomb MARY

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever be-

believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

Prayer: JAN

Heavenly Father, we give thanks today for all that we have experienced in Jerusalem. We give thanks for all the people throughout the years since our Lord Jesus walked these streets, taught, healed and surrendered his life for us – the people who have preserved these Holy sites so that we may visit them. In the bustle and, at times, irreverence and clamour to get close to the sites, we have experienced also some of the behaviours our Lord came to teach about. May each of us, in the coming days, develop our own understandings of what our pilgrimage in and around Jerusalem means for us personally. As we move on to Tiberius, we pray especially that the improvements we have seen and heard about continue here, and that the people of Palestine will find justice and be able to live equally alongside their Israelie neighbours. This we ask in Jesus’ name. **AMEN.**

Sunday Jericho **Reading:** Mark 10:46-52 **JACKIE**

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

President: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

All: I believe and trust in Him.

President: This is our faith

All: We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

President: We give you thanks for the gift of baptism. In this water we became one with Jesus Christ and were incorporated into Christ’s body the church; through this water we were made temples of your Spirit. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and joyful in our living out our faith in our everyday lives. We look to the day when the whole of creation shall be made perfect in our Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

Song: no 24 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Monday

Mount Tabor Basilica of the Transfiguration **Reading:** Mark 9:2-8
DAPHNE

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

of creation's birth. Over them the Spirit brooded, bringing forth life in all its fullness.

All: Blessed be God forever

President: We bless you for these waters of Jesus' baptism. In them he was anointed as Christ by the Holy Spirit that he might make the whole creation new and open to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

All: Blessed be God forever

President: We give thanks that we can stand together today by the river Jordan and renew our baptismal promises

All: Blessed be God forever

President: Therefore I ask these questions: Do you turn to Christ? **All: I turn to Christ**

President: Do you repent of your sins? **All: I repent of my sins**

President: Do you renounce evil? **All: I renounce evil**

President: And now I ask that we make the profession of Christian Faith into which we were baptised and in which we live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?

All: I believe and trust in Him

President: Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ who redeemed humankind?

All: I believe and trust in Him

Prayer: JAN

Father we give thanks that we can turn to you in our fear and concern for those we love and care for. We give thanks for the miracles of healing that surround us every day. We pray for the strength and humility to accept your will as our own when we witness suffering that seems endless. We pray that, when faced with the challenge of witnessing ongoing illness or suffering, we can find a deeper well of compassion, and that we can see healing as complex a gift as is suffering. We give thanks for the gifts of love and compassion and pray that we can offer this freely with anyone we meet who is suffering. In Jesus' name. **AMEN**

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows on banks of River Jordan

Reading: Mark 1:1-11 Jordan River – **GARY**

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

President: We give you thanks, generous God and mother of all, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things. We give you thanks for the waters