

The Benefice of Glastonbury with Meare

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Psalm 46

As we continue to follow the Daily Office during Lent, may we take time to enter the stillness and to dwell in the silence with God.

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St John of the Cross*

*“We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls.”
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Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Daily readings

Sunday 15 th March:	John 4.5-42
Monday 16 th March:	Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday 17 th March:	Matthew 18.21-end
Wednesday 18 th March	Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday 19 th March	Matthew 1.18-end
Friday 20 th March	Mark 12.28-34
Saturday 21 st March	Luke 18.9-14

Collect for Sunday 22nd March – Saturday 28th March

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
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Daily readings

Sunday 22 nd March	John 9
Monday 23 rd March	John 4.43-end
Tuesday 24 th March	John 5.1-3,5-16
Wednesday 25 th March	Luke 1.26-38
Thursday 26 th March	John 5.31-end
Friday 27 th March	John 7.1-2,10,25-30
Saturday 28 th March	John 7.40-52

Additional reading:
Wednesday 25th March: The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary: Luke 1.26-38

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