Today's service

- Our hymns today are: **127, 369, 163** and **262**.
- Please follow the instructions if you would like to receive Holy Communion, in either one kind (bread) or two (bread and wine). The body and blood of Christ may be completely received in one kind only. If you wish to receive the wine, please drink from the chalice.
- Please place your donation in the collection basket/bag during the offertory hymn, or donate by bank transfer (account details on the front page).

This week

Tomorrow, 10am: The Stieldorf **Bible study group** meets.

Tuesday 12 March, 7.30pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom, followed by Lent prayer group at 8pm.

Friday 15 March, 6pm: **Evening Prayer** followed by **Bible study** (6.30pm to 7.30pm) at All Saints, Cologne.

Sunday 17 March, 9.30am: The **St. Boniface Sunday School** meets during the service in Bonn.

Holy Week and Easter services

Sunday 24 March (Palm Sunday):

Palm Sunday Eucharist in Bonn at 9.30am and Cologne at 11.45am.

Thursday 28 March (Maundy Thursday), Bonn:

7.30pm: **Liturgy of the Last Supper** with foot washing.

Friday 29 March (Good Friday), Cologne:

1.30pm: Stations of the Cross followed by the Liturgy of Good Friday.

Saturday 30 March (Holy Saturday), Cologne: 9pm: Easter Vigil.

Sunday 31 March (Easter Day):

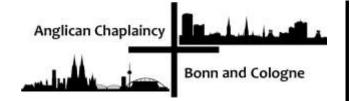
Easter Eucharist in Bonn at 9.30am and Cologne at 11.45am.

Adventures in Prayer: Walking the Labyrinth

We will meet in Schleiden on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in May/June (date to be determined) and walk together to the <u>Labyrinth</u>. After a short introduction, we will enjoy meditative walking through the Labyrinth, then end with Evening Prayer. The Labyrinth offers a wonderful walking meditation that can be seen as a metaphor of life. With its twists and turns taking us to the center, then returning to where we began, the Labyrinth weaves a path of prayer through movement. Contact Cate Johnson (johnson_cate@hotmail.com) if you would like to join us.

Are you new to Bonn or Cologne, or to this church? For up to date information, follow us on Facebook / X (formerly Twitter) and visit our website. To be added to the mailing list, let us have your contact details. Any data you give us will be kept securely and in no case given to any third parties.

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WELCOME

Welcome to Sunday worship, especially if you are joining us for the first time. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Sunday 10 March 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent

President: Revd Richard Gardiner Preacher: Jenny Knudsen

Collect

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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Old Testament reading - Numbers 21.4-9

⁴The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

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⁷The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

And gathered out of the lands from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were foolish and took a rebellious way, and were plagued because of their wrongdoing.

Their soul abhorred all manner of food and drew near to the gates of death.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them, and saved them from destruction.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer him sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

New Testament reading - Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.
³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — ⁴and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ¬so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.
8For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — 9not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹0For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Gospel reading - John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

Post-Communion prayer

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bishop Robert's Lent Appeal

This year, the Bishop's Lent Appeal is raising funds for the Anglican Centre in Rome. The Centre works closely with the Roman Catholic lay community, St Egidio in Rome, and makes a space for hospitality and the encounter between Christian traditions. Donations to the Centre will enable the continuation and deepening of a work greatly valued as a sign of the unity we already have, and the unity we pursue. For details of how to donate, see the letter at the back of church or go to:

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