

COLDSTREAM PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 8 March 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome

Call to worship from Psalm 96 verses 1-5 said together:

O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

Hymn 167: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

We say together from Psalm 95 verses 6-7:

O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep of his hand.

Prayer of Approach

Prayer of gathering and gratitude – we say together the words in bold:

Lord I am thirsty

Come to the well

My soul is weary

Come to the well

Bruised and battered

Come to the well

Tired and discouraged

Come to the well

Misunderstood

Come to the well

Judged and found wanting

Come to the well

Wounded and withdrawn

Come to the well

Ready to quit

Come to the well

Come to the well

where there is water that is

thirst quenching

wound healing

soul soothing

life giving

Water of life

found in the One

who knows our name

and calls us back

to drink deeply

of the Wisdom of the Well.

Three threads

Hymn 133: Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7 (page 75)

The thread of water

Hymn 525: Have you heard the raindrops

Reading: John 4: 5-42 (page 1066)

The threads of Grace and transformation

Hymn 540: I heard the voice of Jesus say – we make our offering as we sing

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 622: We sing a love that sets all people free

Blessing

Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

The week ahead

Sunday 15 March – Sunday Service for Mothers' Day in the Church Hall at 10.30 a.m. We will be joined by our friends from St Mary's.

Tuesday 10 March – The third of our Lent Reflections "Worship in the Wilderness" together with our friends from St Mary's in the Church Hall at 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday 11 March – the Guild meets at 7.00 p.m. in the Church Hall: Very Rev Dr Susan Brown will be giving a talk entitled "A night in India".

Coming Sunday Services in Coldstream at 10.30 a.m.

Sunday 22 March Sunday service followed by the
 Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday 29 March Palm Sunday service

Gift Day: our annual gift day will be held on Saturday 21 March 10.00-12.00 a.m. in the Church Hall, when you are invited, if you are able, to make a special gift to support the work of our church. Pop in at any time during the morning, and if you have time stop for a chat and a cuppa.

Lent Reflections: We are holding a series of Lent Reflections “Worship in the Wilderness” jointly with St Mary’s on Tuesday evenings till 24 March at 7.00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Please feel free to come on whichever evenings you can manage.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast: Saturdays 21 March and 4 and 18 April, 8.00-9.00 a.m. in the Church Hall.

Sunday Sing: on alternate Sundays before the service at 9.30 a.m. in the hall, next on 22 March.

Ladies@10: alternate Wednesday mornings, next meeting on 18 March.

Services at Lennel House: Wednesday afternoons once a month at 3.00 p.m. – next service on 18 March.

Taize services of stillness and reflection: on the fourth Sunday of the month with St Mary’s. Next service on 22 March in our Church Hall at 5.00 p.m.

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