

Wednesday Word

In reflection on the message for Sunday 26th March 2023

Extracts from Matthew 20, v20-28, **A Mother's Request.**

v20f: **Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons
and, kneeling down, asked a favour of him.**

**She said, "Grant that one of my sons may sit at your right
and the other at your left in the kingdom."**

v23f: **Jesus said, "You will drink from my cup, but the places beside me
belong to those for whom have been prepared by my Father."**

v24: **The disciples were indignant with the two brothers.**

But Jesus told the disciples:

v26f: **"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,
and whoever wants to be first must be your slave ---
--- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many."**

Sermon for Passion Sunday: **Serving Others.**

The reading reminds us that Jesus was The Servant King. We were born with the gifts which God gave us. Our God-given gifts should be used to serve others. We will have our own problems, but God is always there to help us. The chosen hymns were selected to illustrate how we can serve, like Jesus: e.g. MP1261, v2:

We are pilgrims on a journey and companions on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.