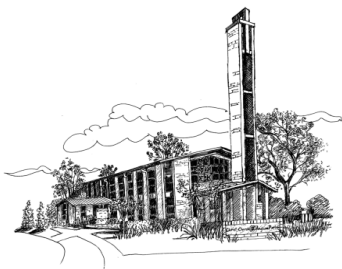


CHRIST CHURCH, ST LUCIA

Sunday 28th February 2021



The 2nd Sunday in Lent

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PRELUDE

Christe, alle Welt Trost, BWV 670 - J.S.Bach

(Christ, comforter of the world; have mercy)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

INTROIT HYMN

TIS 559 (t.558)

- 1 A new heart, Lord, create in me, a heart from sin and guilt set free;
O close the gate and guard the door, that sin may enter in no more.
- 2 To you my soul I open wide; come, Jesus, and in me abide,
and from the temple of my heart make all unrighteousness depart.
- 3 O let your Holy Spirit's light, with all your heavenly radiance bright,
flow through my spirit like a flood, eternal source of every good
4. Thus to my cleansed and contrite heart your heavenly riches, Lord, impart,
so that your wisdom, truth, and grace may make my heart a fruitful place.
5. Then I will tell in grateful song the praises that to you belong;
my joy will be, my whole life through, to consecrate myself to you.

Heinrich Georg Neuss 1654-1716 tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox 1812-97 alt

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
whose mercy endures forever.

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself,
take up your cross, and follow him.

Mark 8.34

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the commandments which God gave his people Israel.

1. I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of slavery; you shall have no other gods but me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shall you labour and do all you have to do, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God.
5. Honour your father and your mother.
6. You shall do no murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
10. You shall not covet anything that is your neighbour's.

**Lord, have mercy on us:
and write your law in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:**

**we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**

Father, forgive us.

**Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**


(sung at 9am)

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

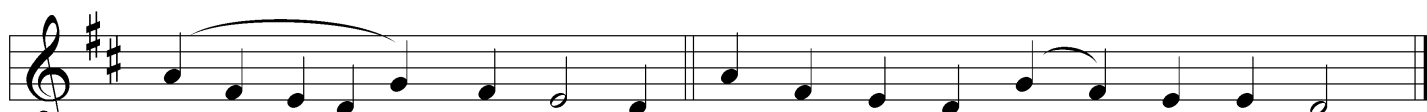
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, have mercy on us.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Ho - ly God have mer - cy on us.

THE COLLECTS

for the Second Sunday in Lent

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ,
who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life:
grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may
joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledge our brokenness,
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17.1-7, 17.15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 22: 24-32

said at 7am; sung by the choir at 9am

Chant: E.J.Hopkins

- 24 O praise the Lord, all you that fear him:
hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob,
and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.
- 25 For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery:
nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.

- 26 From you springs my praise in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;
- 27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him –
may their hearts rejoice for ever!
- 28 Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
- 29 For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he shall be ruler over the nations.
- 30 How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?
- 31 But he has saved my life for himself:
and my posterity shall serve him.
- 32 This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

The HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8.31-38

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful

generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON The Rev'd Canon Libbie Crossman

ORGAN REFLECTION (*at 9.00am*)

O Jesu Christ, meines Lebenslicht (var.2&3), op.55 – C.H. Rinck (1770-1846)

THE 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; through him all things were made.**
**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**
**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

concluding with The Lord's Prayer:

Trusting in the compassion of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. *Amen.***

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

(A COVID-safe greeting is offered without leaving our seats)

OFFERTORY HYMN (TIS 684)

Tune: PICARDY

- 1 Love will be our Lenten calling, love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed cold spirit, stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers what our Easter birth can mean.
- 2 Peace will be our Lenten living as we turn for home again,
longing for the words of pardon, stripping off old grief and pain,
till we stand, restored and joyful, with the Church on Easter day.

3 Truth will be our Lenten learning: hear the Crucified One call!
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion, images and idols fall,
and, in Easter's holy splendour, God alone is all in all.

Elizabeth J. Smith

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

He was tempted in every way as we are, yet he did not sin.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin

and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,

and to walk in the way of his love.

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

TEXT as SAID at 7am

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

TEXT as SUNG at 9am

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

*Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.*

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

In faith we acclaim you, O Christ:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit
unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. *(sung by the CHOIR alone at 9am)*
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (7am)

Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 636 – J.S.Bach (1685-1750)

COMMUNION MOTET (9am) *Ave verum corpus - William Byrd (1539/40-1623)*

*Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine:
Vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
Cujus latus perforatum,
vero fluxit sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
O Clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu Fili Mariae.*

All hail true Body,
born of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
which in anguish, to redeem us
did suffer upon the cross:
From whose side, pierced by spear,
came forth water and blood:
Be to us at our last hour
the source of consolation.
O merciful, O holy, O sweet Jesu,
Son of Mary.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

Compassionate and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ
you have fed us and have reconciled your people to yourself.

Following his example of fasting and prayer,
may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love.

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your spirit.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

TIS 583

- 1 'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said,
'if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart
and humbly follow after me.'
- 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
- 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still:
your Lord refused not even to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength
and calmly every danger brave;
it guides you to a better home
and leads to victory o'er the grave.
- 5 Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Charles William Everest 1814-77 alt.

NOTICES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Prelude in f, BWV 534 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)*

Mass Setting (9am): de Angelis (K) / Schubert (S/B/A) / Darke in a (Agnus)

Choral Evensong will be conducted at tonight - 5.30pm.

Preacher: The Rev'd Bill Crossman

Services on **Sunday 7th March** (Third Sunday in Lent):

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7 and 9am.

Preacher: The Rev'd Bill Crossman

COVID-19 safe practices are still required before, during and after the services.

*The Parish Office will be attended from 8.30am to 12pm
Monday to Friday.*

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