

CHRIST CHURCH, ST LUCIA

Sunday 7th March 2021

9am Service



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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PRELUDE *Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot, BWV 678 - J.S.Bach*
(These are the Holy Ten Commandments)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

INTROIT HYMN 485

ST PETER

- 1 My God, accept my heart this day, and make it still your own,
that I from you no more may stray, but follow you alone.
- 2 Before the cross of him who died in penitence I fall;
let every sin be crucified, and Christ be Lord of all.
- 3 Anoint me with your heavenly grace, and seal me for your own,
that I may see your glorious face, and worship near your throne.
- 4 Let every thought and work and word to you be ever given;
then life shall be your service, Lord, and death the gate of heaven.

Matthew Bridges 1800-94 alt.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

There is one Body and one Spirit;
there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,
one God and Father of all.

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us.

We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring William for baptism. Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their children in the faith and practice of the Church.

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

Sung by the choir with congregational response in bold:

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.
Forgive us when we turn away from you.

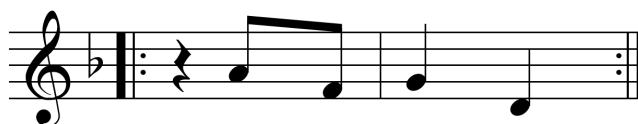
Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.
Rescue us from slavery to sin.

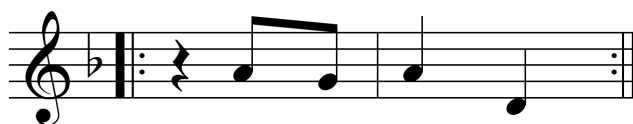
Christ, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy.



Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord God, by your spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breath your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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

THE COLLECTS

for the Third Sunday in Lent

Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit write your commandments upon our hearts and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness, we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Exodus 20.1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form 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 worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

PSALM 19

sung by the choir

Chant: Richard Woodward

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- 2 One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.

- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey, than the honey
that drips from the comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
- 14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The GOSPEL

John 2.13-22

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'

The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?'

But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

SERMON The Rev'd Bill Crossman

ORGAN REFLECTION *(during the Procession to the Font)*

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend, BWV 632 – J.S.Bach (1685-1750)
(Lord Jesus Christ, turn to us with your Spirit)

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

We welcome William who come to be baptised. I invite his sponsors to present him now.

We present William Maxwell Bajram to be baptised.

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing William for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on William's behalf?

I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage William in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

(To the congregation)

You have heard these, our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

We will.

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that William may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in him. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in him. **Amen.**

Give to his sponsors and their families the desire to share with him what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May he know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May he proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called William to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.
**This is our faith:
We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

William Maxwell, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

William, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked
as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ:
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

God has brought you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

God has called you into his Church.
**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

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 626

Tune: SLANE

- 1 Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.
- 2 Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfill.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song;
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.
- 3 Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses man's knowledge to find,
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

- 4 Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart;
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.
- 5 Lord of all being, I give you my all;
if ever I disown you, I stumble and fall;
but, led in your service your word to obey,
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Jack Copley Winslow, alt.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

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,
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.**

Agnus Dei - sung by the CHOIR

(Setting by Harold Darke in a)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy 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

Mensch, willst du leben seliglich, BuxWV 206 - Dietrich Buxtehude
(Man, if you live a holy life, obeying the Ten Commandments, your God will uphold you)

COMMUNION MOTET

Ave verum corpus – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*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.*

All hail true Body,
born of the 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.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

in baptism you make us one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and his blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.

Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.

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 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 NOTICES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted;
give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
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 *Ciacona in e, BuxWV 160 – Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

Mass Setting: Wrench (Kyrie) / Schubert (S/B/A) / Darke in a (Agnus Dei)

*Services on **Sunday 14th March** (Fourth Sunday in Lent):
Holy Eucharist (7am & 9am). Preacher: The Rev'd Elaine Farmer*

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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