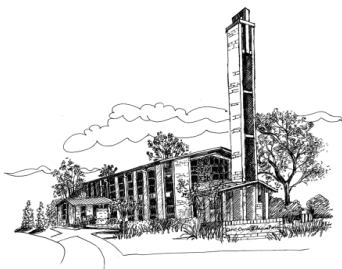


CHRIST CHURCH, ST LUCIA

Sunday 14th March 2021

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(Mothering Sunday)



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PRELUDE: *Wo soll ich fliehen hin, BWV 646 - J.S.Bach*
(Where shall I flee from my sins?)

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, BWV 647 - J.S.Bach
(Who trusts in God will be wonderfully sustained)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

INTROIT 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

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

The Son of Man must be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3.14-15

**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.

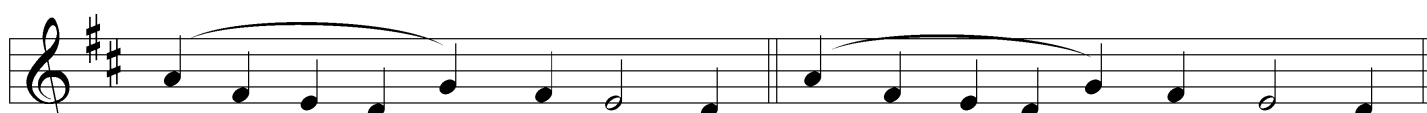
**Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

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

(sung at 9am)

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Everlasting God
in whom we live and move and have our being,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you:
give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,
no weakness prevent us from doing it;

that in your light we may see light,
and in your service find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and 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

Numbers 21.4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way.

The 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.'

Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

The 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.

And 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.' So 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.

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

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his loving mercy is for ever.
- 2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so:
whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
- 3 And gathered in from every land,
from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Fools were far gone in transgression:
and because of their sins were afflicted.
- 18 They sickened at any food:
and had come to the gates of death.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble.
- 20 He sent his word and healed them:
and saved their life from the Pit.
- 21 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does for the children of Adam;
- 22 Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving:
and tell what he has done with shouts of joy.

The HOLY GOSPEL*John 3.14-21*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For 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. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Those 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.

And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But 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.'

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

SERMON The Rev'd Bill Crossman

ORGAN REFLECTION *(at 9.00am)*

Meine Seele erhebt den Herren, BWV 648 – J.S.Bach
(The Song of Mary – Magnificat)

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

Please pray for –

Julia, Gwenda, Michelle, Sophie, Fr.David, Darrel, Jarman, †David, Daniel &family.

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 576

Tune: CAITHNESS

- 1 O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb.
- 2 Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view of Jesus and his word?
- 3 What peaceful hours I once enjoyed, how sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void the world can never fill.
- 4 Return, O holy dove, return, sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
- 5 The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne and worship only thee.
- 6 So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper 1731-1800

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,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

TEXT as SAID at 7am

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)*

Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BuxWV 198 – Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
(Jesus Christ, our saviour, overcame death for our sake)

COMMUNION MOTET (9am): *God so loved the world - Bob Chilcott (b.1955)*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son that
whoso believeth, believeth in him, should not perish
but have everlasting life. God so loved the world. *John 3.16*

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 609

ST LEONARD'S

- 1 May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling all I do and say.
- 2 May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through His power.
- 3 May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
- 4 May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self denying, this is victory.
- 5 May I run the race before me strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

Katie Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928), alt

NOTICES

Blessing of Simnel cake

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 *Canzona in d, BWV 588 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)*

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

*Services on **Sunday 21st March** (Fifth 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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