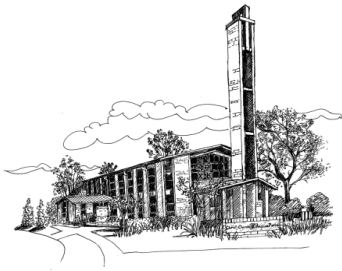


CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA



Sunday 25th February 2024

Second Sunday in Lent
Year B



Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Turrbal & Jagera people, traditional custodians of the Country on which we gather for worship. We pay our respects to elders past, present, and emerging, and extend that respect to all First Nations people present today.

MASS SETTING: K: Boughen (choir); S/B/A: Schubert; Agnus: Darke (choir)

PRELUDE: *Christe, aller Welt Trost, BWV 670 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)*

Introit Hymn: 559 (t.558)

Tune: TALLIS' CANON

The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer Book, APBA

The TEN COMMANDMENTS (APBA, p101) are followed by the response:

**Lord, have mercy on us:
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Following the 10th Commandment:

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

Kryie eleison (sung by the choir at 9am)

Music: R.K.Boughen (3-pt)

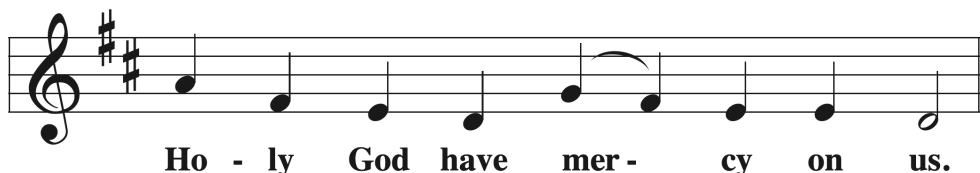
Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Confession & Absolution, APBA p120

The Trisagion (sung at 9am)

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

ALL: **Holy God, have mercy on us.**



The Collect

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.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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.'

Psalm 22 (24-32) *sung by the choir (9am) to a chant by George C Martin*

APBA p.242

New Testament Reading

Romans 4.13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’) – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’

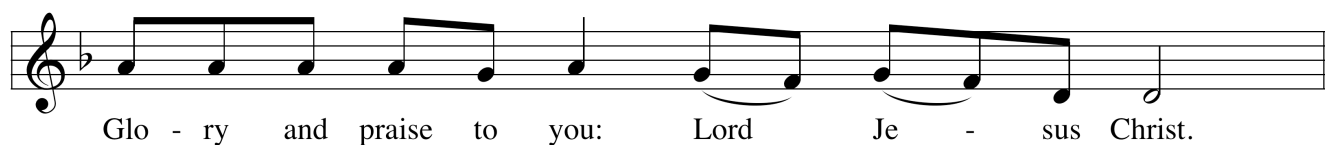
He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’, were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gradual Hymn: 485

Tune: ST PETER

The Gospel Acclamation (9am)



Choir: **Glory and praise to you: Lord Jesus Christ.**

ALL: Glory and praise to you: Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir: *If anyone would come after me,
they must take up their cross and follow me.*

Choir/ALL: Glory and praise to you: Lord Jesus Christ.

The HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8.31-38

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.'

The Sermon: Father Shane Hübner

REFLECTION HYMN:

Tune: FINLANDIA (t.123)

- 1 I have a dream that people will be free
no longer prey to greed and tyranny;
when structures of oppression will fall down,
and seeds of justice on this earth are sown.
I dream a world where all can live as one;
where love is known, God's will is surely done.**

- 2 I have a dream that children will be fed,
both young and old receive their daily bread,
a home be found for every refugee,
all humankind know greater dignity.
I dream a world where deeds of love are found
and acts of kindness everywhere abound.**

- 3 I have a dream that valleys will arise
and mountains fall before our very eyes,
where rough is smoothed,
and crooked places straight
when Christ shall reign, and love replaces hate.
I dream the fears that tear us all apart
shall be dissolved by love within each heart.**
- 4 I have a dream that knows the lasting worth
of every person living on this earth,
but dreams will fade like mists in morning sun
without the will to see that right is done -
so, wide awake, I seek the just and true,
that all God's children might receive their due.**

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The Creed is on p.123 APBA, followed by the prayers on p.124

Offertory Hymn: 139

Tune: BOW BRICKHILL

The Greeting of Peace is on p.127 APBA, followed by the Thanksgiving is on p. 128

The Breaking of the Bread & the Communion ABPA p. 141

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ORGAN: *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland (3.Versus) - Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)*

MOTET: *Ave verum corpus - William Byrd (1539/40-1623)*

*Ave verum Corpus, natum de Mari Virgine:
Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homimine:
Cuius latus perforatum, unda fluxit sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae; Miserere mei. Amen.*

Hail, true Body, born of the blessed Virgin:
which in anguish to redeem us, did'st suffer upon the cross;
From whose pierced side, flowed water and blood:
at our last examining be for us a foretaste (*of heaven*).
O Jesu sweet, O Jesu pure,
O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

Post-Communion Sentence

Jesus said he who finds his life will lose it,
and he who loses his life for my sake will find it.

The Sending Out of God's People follows on p.143

Thanksgiving Hymn: 583

Tune: O JESU CHRIST

The Blessing & Dismissal, p.144

POSTLUDE: *O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, BWV 656 - J.S.Bach*

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Readings for Sunday 3rd March 2024 (Lent 3)

Exodus 20.1-17 | Psalm 19 | 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 | John 2.13-22

Sunday EVENINGS in LENT at 5.30pm

25 Feb - CHORAL EVENSONG (tonight)

3 Mar - TAIZÉ

10 Mar - IONA

17 Mar - ORGAN MEDITATION (Bach & St Patrick)