*Eucharist for Lent 4, Year B, 14.03.21*

*The Gathering*

*Hymn 13 (tune 1) All hail the power*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Greeting*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

*Prayers of Penitence*

*Kyrie Eleison*

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me:

*cf Psalm 51*

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Absolution*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Collect**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

*Silence is kept.*

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences,

that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins

which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father,

for Jesus Christ’s sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading**

**Numbers 21: 4-9**

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. 5The 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.’ 6Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 7The 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. 8And 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.’ 9So 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**

## Ephesians 2: 1-10

1You were dead through the trespasses and sins 2in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. 3All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. 4But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – 6and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – 9not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 10For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Mark*.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## John 3: 14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 14‘Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16‘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. 17‘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. 18Those 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. 19And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21But 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.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

The president says

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**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.**

*Intercessions*

*In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St George’s, Camberwell; Sarah Dawson (PiC)*

*In the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Bishops, priests and people of Iglesia Anglicana de Chile. The Most Revd Hector Zavala Primate of the Anglican Church of Chile and Diocesan Bishop of Santiago.*

*British immigrants brought Anglicanism to South America in the 19th and there was strong work by the South America Missionary Society among the indigenous peoples throughout the century. The Archbishop of Canterbury handed over his metropolitical authority for the dioceses of the Southern Cone in 1974 and a new province – including Chile – was established within a decade. Chile became a separate province in November 2018.*

*In the Christ Church Cycle of Prayer, we pray for those who live in Cairns Mews and in Campbell Close*

*We also pray for Mollie Forder; John Passmore; Alastair Henderson; Ron Moulson; Frederick Grogan; Walter Uduku and Tendia Synthia Vera and all whose year’s mind falls at this time.*

*We pray for the repose of the soul of Peggy and we pray for her family and friends that God may comfort them in their grief.*

We pray to the Lord for courage to give up other things

and to give ourselves to him this Lent.

Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself

and to give more time to your mission in the world.

[We pray for …]

May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people

and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and to seek peace.

[We pray for …]

May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers,

bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy

in our families, neighbourhoods and communities.

[We pray for …]

May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole,

bring peace and direction as we live with one another.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others,

and to give time, care and comfort to the sick.

[We pray for …]

May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch,

and the light of his presence fill their rooms.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death

and to rejoice with those who have died in faith.

[Especially we hold Peggy in our minds.]

May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross,

walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony,

and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer,**

**here and in eternity. Amen.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*The Peace*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

*Hymn 452 Soul of my saviour*

*Preparation of the Altar*

*Prayer at the preparation of the altar.*

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.

accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

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 thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service

you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and saying:

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

**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.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;

who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again. Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion,

the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins

and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,

to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come; thy will be done;**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Breaking of the Bread*

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*Agnus Dei*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

*Giving of Communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Quiet Music: Only by grace*

*Prayer after Communion*

*Silence is kept.*

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then we pray together:*

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,**

**that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your love,**

**gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**

**so we and all your children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Dismissal*

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. **Amen.**

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Hymn Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*

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