*Eucharist for Lent 2, Year B, 28.02.21*

*The Gathering*

*Hymn At the name of Jesus*

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

*The Greeting*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

*Prayers of Penitence*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,

and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,**

**through negligence, through weakness,**

**through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,**

**forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life**

**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Kyrie Eleison*

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

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

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.*

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s religion,  
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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**

*Genesis 17.1-7,15-16*

1When 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. 2And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.’ 3Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4‘As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 6I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7I 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. 15God said to Abraham, ‘As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16I 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.’

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Second Reading**

*Romans 4.13-25*

13The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16For 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, 17as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’).

Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations,’ according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ 19He 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. 20No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ 23Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him,’ were written not for his sake alone, 24but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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.**

*Mark 8.31-38*

31Jesus began to teach his disciples 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. 32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But 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.’ 34He 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. 35For 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. 36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38Those 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.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

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 the Diocesan Working Groups and the World Mission Agencies and their representatives covering Southwark Diocese. We also pray for the Diocesan Training Centre; for Richard Ellis (Centre Manager) and his team at Wychcroft House who are the heart of the operation of the House*

*In the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Bishops, priests and people of Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. The Province, one of the newest in the Anglican Communion, is made up of the dioceses of Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama. With the exception of Costa Rica, all had been part of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America. The Church was introduced by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel when England administered two colonies in Central America, Belize (1783-1982) and Miskitia (1740-1894). In later years Afro-Antillean people brought their Anglican Christianity with them. The Province is multicultural and multiracial and is committed to evangelization, social outreach, and community development.*

*In the Christ Church Cycle of Prayer, we pray for those who live in Brook Square.*

*We also pray for Leslie Cory and all whose year’s mind falls at this time.*

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church … let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel

to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world … that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow

among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer …

for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,

let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness …

let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline,

and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 I, the Lord of sea and sky*

*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: Women and Men As God Intended (tune Kom Nu Met Zang by Valerius)*

*Prayer after Communion*

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Will you come and follow me*

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