



CHRIST CHURCH

THE ANGLICAN/EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN VIENNA

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
13 MARCH 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

LENTEN PROSE

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:
way of salvation, gate of life celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

Innocent captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu, our Redeemer.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

GREETING

In the name of the living God:
Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The celebrant welcomes those in attendance.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people and examine your hearts. God spake these words and said:

I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt have none other gods but me.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image,
nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above,
or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.
Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.
For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God,
and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children
unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,
and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me

and keep my commandments.

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

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain
for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

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

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do;
but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.

In it thou shalt do no manner of work,
thou, and thy son, and thy daughter,
thy manservant, and thy maidservant,
thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates.
For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that in them is,
and rested the seventh day:
wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

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

Honour thy father and thy mother
that thy days may be long in the land
which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

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

Thou shalt do no murder.

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

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

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

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

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

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house,
thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant,
nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

COLLECT

The celebrant prays the collect set for the day.

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.

LESSON

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis:

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.'² But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?'³ And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.'⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.'⁵ He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him,

'So shall your descendants be.'⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.⁷ Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.'⁸ But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?'⁹ He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.'¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ...¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 **When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh,
they stumbled and fell.**

3 Though a host encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid,
and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.

4 **One thing have I asked of the Lord
and that alone I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek his will in his temple.

6 **For in the day of trouble
he shall hide me in his shelter;
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me
and set me high upon a rock.**

7 And now shall he lift up my head
above my enemies round about me;

8 **Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation
with great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

9 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy upon me and answer me.

10 **My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.'
Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

11 Hide not your face from me,
nor cast your servant away in displeasure.

12 **You have been my helper;
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

13 Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.

14 **Teach me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path,
because of those who lie in wait for me.**

15 Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and those who breathe out violence.

16 **I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

17 Wait for the Lord;
be strong and he shall comfort your heart;
wait patiently for the Lord.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever. Amen.**

GRADUAL HYMN 131

- 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 **What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,
how sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.**
- 3 **Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest:
I hate the sins that made thee mourn
and drove thee from my breast.**
- 4 **The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne
and worship only thee.**
- 5 **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.**

GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

Har the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:
Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³² He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work." ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.'" ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

CREED

The Nicene 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

A member of the congregation offers prayers.

CONFESSION

The celebrant uses an invitation to confession.

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.

**God our Father,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour**

**We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

PEACE

The celebrant introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence:

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.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange an appropriate sign of peace.

HYMN 806

- 1 **There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.**
- 2 **For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he would not own.**
- 3 **There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.**
- 4 **If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

EUCCHARIST

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 *singing*:

**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.]

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of [*N and*] all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
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.

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

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

INVITATION

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.
Amen.

The celebrant distributes communion.

ORGAN INTERLUDE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

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.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice .
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit**

**to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

NOTICES

BLESSING

The celebrant gives a suitable blessing:

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN 791 (vss. 1, 8-10)

- 1 **The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love:
Jehovah, great I AM,
by earth and heaven confest;
we bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blest.**
- 8 **The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, Holy, Holy,' cry,
'almighty King,
who was, and is the same,
and evermore shall be.
Jehovah, Father, great I AM,
we worship thee.'**
- 9 **Before the Saviour's face
the ransomed nations bow,
o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace**

for ever new;
he shows his prints of love —
they kindle to a flame,
and sound through all the worlds above
the slaughtered Lamb.

- 10 **The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
'hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,'
they ever cry:
hail, Abraham's God, and mine,
(I join the heavenly lays)
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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Your contributions make a difference and we are thankful for them.