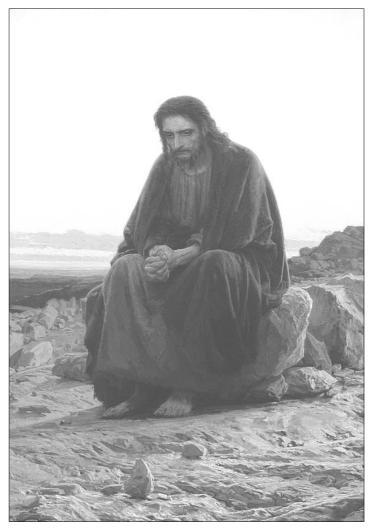
The Anglican Parish of St MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS



Christ in the Wilderness (Ivan Nikolaevich Kramskoy, 1872, Tretyakov Gall. Moscow)

The First Sunday of Lent 18 February 2024

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

56 of us gathered for our evening Ash Wednesday service this week as we once again committed ourselves to the season of Lent. Whenever Easter is early, as it is this year, there is a sense in which the new year has hardly begun and we dive head first into a season marked by self-denial and discipline. It is always a challenge in the Southern Hemisphere when we are in prime BBQ season and we may be giving up such things as meat! Of course, Lent is much more than just giving things up. It is also an opportunity to take something on. Pope Francis in his reflection for Lent this year underscored the centrality of the desert in the New Testament, observing that on the first Sunday of Lent, we are reminded that Jesus "was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom."

"The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken," the Pope added.

Tying the season of Lent to the setting of the desert, the Pope noted that the penitential season cannot be looked at just as an "abstract journey" but must, instead, be

"concrete," and this shift is predicated upon our capacity to "open our eyes to reality." For the Pope, this reality is centered on the quest to mitigate the suffering and various forms of social and economic oppression that are ubiquitous today, much of which, he said, is caused by "a deficit of hope." As we move into this time of Lent, we are mindful of a world that has 'a deficit of hope'. May our hope be reawakened as we journey with Christ through the desert, for the promise is that in this parched land we will find the living water, Christ our Lord.

May God bless you,

Fr. Jordan

If you would like a copy of the music for the mass setting and hymns please speak to one of the Sides People.

Parish Practices

- Mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use, and you are encouraged to use it - especially as you come to Communion.
- In greeting one another nearby at The Peace, please be conscious that some people may not wish to touch other people (even with a handshake).

Fr. Jardan

• You may receive Communion in one kind only (Consecrated Bread). You may come up for a Blessing (hold your hands crossed across your chest, rather than held out to receive the Bread). You may receive in both kinds (Consecrated Bread and Wine, by drinking or intinction).

Online Services

Sunday

facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch 10.00 am Solemn Mass—this is a livestreamed service (pews in front of the sound desk are not filmed)

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Celebrant 10.00 am: Mass Setting: Organ Voluntary:	Fr Jordan Greatba Fr Jordan Greatba St Mary's Mass		Nicholas Sutcliffe Anthony Caesar		
Introit Hymn:	507				
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 sinn'd against thee.		God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated bow down and hearken to thy children pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses. Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinn'd against thee.			
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grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinn'd 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 sinn'd against thee.

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa Φ o te Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Amine. (In the name of the Father, and of the Son, Φ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

Grace and peace to you from God. God fill you with truth and joy.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:

for we have sinn'd against thee.

Through the cross of Christ, arrow God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

First Reading:(sit)Genesis 9: 8-17Thomas Visakan

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: 25

R. Lord, your ways are loving and sure to those who keep your covenant.

Make known to me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in the way of your truth, and teach me. You are God my saviour, for you have I waited all the day long. **R.**

Call to remembrance, O Lord, your tender care and the unfailing love which you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins and offences of my youth, but according to your mercy remember me, Lord, in your goodness. **R.**

You, O Lord, are upright and good; therefore you show the path to those who go astray. You guide the humble to do what is right, and those who are gentle you teach your way. **R.**

Second Reading: (sit) 1 Peter 3: 18-22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Gospel Acclamation: (stand)

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God. One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**

The Lord be with youThe Lord bless youA reading from the Holy Gospel according to MarkPraise and Glory to God

Gospel: Mark 1: 9-15

Fr Geoff Paterson

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

This is the Gospel of Christ. Praise to Christ the Word.

Sermon: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Affirmation of Faith:

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and 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: Marla Hughes

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.** May they rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

At the Peace all may exchange a non physical greeting with those near them.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ. By one spirit we were baptised into one body. Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Offertory: Brenda Withell, Mary Stevenson

The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Offertory Hymn: 87

Forty days and forty nights You were fasting in the wild; Forty days and forty nights Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Shall not we your sorrow share And from worldly joys abstain, Fasting with unceasing prayer, Strong with you to suffer pain? Then if Satan on us press, Flesh or spirit to assail, Victor in the wilderness, Grant we may not faint nor fail!

So shall we have peace divine; Holier gladness ours shall be; Round us, too, shall angels shine, Such as served You faithfully.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear, Ever constant by your side, That with you we may appear At th'eternal Eastertide.

Pray, sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

May the Lord receive the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.	God's Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. Who though tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin; through him therefore we may triumph over sin and grow in grace.

In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and 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. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father. Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said: Drink this, all of you, for 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, to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest. United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

As Christ teaches us 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.

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka īnoi tatou: E tō mātou Matua i te rangi Kia tapu tōu Ingoa. Kia tae mai tõu rangatiratanga. Kia meatia tau e pai ai, ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite anō ki tō te rangi. Hōmai ki a mātou āianei he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā. Murua ō mātou hara. Me mātou hoki e muru nei i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou. Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia; Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino: Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria, Āke ake ake. Āmine

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

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 your peace.

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

For Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. You are encouraged to use the hand sanitiser.

Communion Anthem:	Prayer of St Richard of Chichester		Malcolm Archer		
Communion Hymn:	Make me a chanr	nel of your peace			
Make me a channel of yo Where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury, yo and when there's doubt, O Master, grant that I m so much to be consoled	ur pardon, Lord; , true faith in you: ay never seek as to console;	Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there's sadness, ever joy: O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console;			
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Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, In giving to all men that we received, And in dying that we're brought to eternal life. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Prayer after Communion:

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, by charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

The Father of mercies has given us an example of unselfish love in the sufferings of his only Son. Through your service of God and neighbour may you receive his countless blessings. **Amen.**

You believe that by his dying Christ destroyed death for ever. May he give you everlasting life. **Amen.**

He humbled himself for our sakes. May you follow his example and share in his resurrection. **Amen.**

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, \blacksquare and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Final Hymn: 234

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by thee; Joyless is the day's return, Till thy mercy's beams I see; Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief; Fill me, radiancy divine, Scatter all my unbelief; More and more thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

Organ Recessional:

7.00 pm

Evensong and Benediction

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

Knox Church Saturday 24 February 2024 at 4.00pm Dr Matthew Jack and Hugh Morris (Director of the RSCM) St Peter's Choir and congregational hymn singing.

THIS WEEK		NOT	ICES		
Lenten Daily Office-					
Women's Group— ⊤	uesday 10.30	am in the Paris	sh Lounge	. Speaker: J	ohnann Williams
followed by morning					
Meditation Group	Wednesday 1	12.00 noon in t	he church	. Contact: T	herese Aitchison
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Lenten Study— Thur	sday 11.00 a	m and 5.30pm	Parish Lou	unge.	
Pray the Rosary—⊤					
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NEXT WEEK	1	The Second Su	nday of L	.ent	25 February 2024
8:00 am Mass	Celebrant:	Fr Geoff Pate	rson Ser	ver: Andre	ew Moorhouse
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant:	Bishop Tom B	rown		
	Preacher:				
Servers:	SD: Rache	l Watson	М	: Michael	Graveston
	Th: Hugh	Munro	Cr:	Robert C	alvert
		w Morehouse	, Carol Fr	aser	
First Reading:	Ros Calvert			17: 1-7, 15	-16
Second Reading:	Barbara Mo	oreton		4: 13-25	
Gospel:	Deacon Sim		Mark 9:	2-9	
Eucharist Ministers	: Rachel Wat	son, Gloria Mo	oyle		
Sides people:	Joy Coulter	, Gail Chiswell			
Intercessions:	Jenny Danie	els			
Offertory:	Jenny and F	Peter Daniels			
Morning Tea:	Toni Stewa	rt, Vince More	ton		
Sacristan:	Jenny Danie	els			
Sacristy:	Joy Coulter				
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This Sunday 8.00 am	The First Sunday of Lent—18 February 2024 Low Mass
10.00 am	
	Solemn Mass
7.00 pm	Evensong and Benediction
Monday	
12.35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	Saints and Martyrs of Africa
12.35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Feria
8.00 am	Lenten Daily Office
12.00 pm	Meditation Group
12.35 pm	Mass
5.00 pm	Lenten Daily Office
Thursday	Confession of St Peter
8.00 am	Lenten Daily Office
11.00 am	Lenten Study
12.00 pm	Pray the Rosary
12.35 pm	Mass
5.00 pm	Lenten Daily Office
Friday	Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr
8.00 am	Lenten Daily Office
12.35 pm	Mass
2.30 pm	School Service
5.00 pm	Lenten Daily Office
Saturday	Feria
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