

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
CHRISTCHURCH



The Third Sunday in Lent
20 March 2022

From the Priest-in-Charge....

Dear Parish Family
Kia Ora e te whanau

This Sunday's Gospel is about the need to repent! One of the desert fathers admonished the young monks to 'flee to your cell and weep for your sins'! Sometimes when I sit in our church and reflect on my own life and the life of the world and what we humans are perpetrating, I weep.

Destructive behaviours, violence, the lust for power, and the quest for vengeance and retribution has always led to appalling suffering in the world. The Church is called to speak out in opposition to these forms of suffering, and to do all in its power to combat them. But with all of that said, what sense can we make of the parable of the fig tree? If the fig tree were to represent the barrenness of our human predicament, then it's not surprising that the owner would want to cut it down. But rather than this, the gardener [Jesus?] offers a hope in the midst of this barren devastation. God is not turning away and destroying. God will not give up on us. God continues to tend his garden, working in and through the power of the Holy Spirit alive in the whole of humanity.

It is in God that the whole human race live and move and have our being, whether we know it or not. In all human beings as Paul speaks in Romans 8, the Spirit of God groans within us yearning for life and love and hope. It is this spirit which inspires people of all races and faiths – it inspires a human spirit which will not be denied. In the midst of the all the gone wrongness in our world, people respond to this spirit and work to ensure that all that separates and injures and destroys is overcome by all that unites and heals and creates. Let us pray for the people of the Ukraine and all who suffer through the inhumanity and cruelty of human beings. God is still working in and through God's people to bring light and life, love and peace to a broken and sinful world.

And in that, there is indeed hope for us all.

Fr Peter

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Red Traffic Light—Covid information

- We must adhere to only 100 parishioners at each service plus clergy with 1 mtr distancing.
- Everyone **must** scan the QR code or sign in via the sheets (at the door) and show the vaccine pass.
- Mask wearing is now mandatory and must cover your nose and mouth.
- Hand sanitizer is available for you to use on entering the church, during the service and after the service.
- There will be no singing during the service except by a Cantor.
- Communion will be one kind only (bread).
- The entire service is in the pew sheet.
- There will be no morning tea in the lounge after the service.
- We are not able to pass the collection plates around therefore the collection bowls are at the back of the church and you can place your donation there as you come in or leave. Otherwise you can use electronic banking. Account information in the pew sheet.

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Celebrant 8.00 am:	Mother Meg Harvey	Organ:	Paul Ellis
Celebrant 10.00 am:	Fr Peter Beck		
Cantor:	Helen Saunders		
Mass Setting:	A New People's Mass		<i>Dom Gregory Murray</i>
Organ Voluntary:	Adagio from Sonate II		<i>JS Bach</i>

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa ✠ o te Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Amine.
(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)
The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made—**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The people are invited to call to mind their sins.

Hear the teaching of Christ: a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. **Spirit of God teach our hearts.**

Silence

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.

Cantor:

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

Priest:

Through the cross of Christ, ✠ 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.

Priest:

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)* Isaiah 55: 1–9

Brenda Withell

The Lord says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Psalm: 63

1. My soul thirsts for you, my body yearns for you, like a land that is dry and thirsty for water. With this longing I have come before you in the sanctuary, that I may see your power and your glory.
2. Your steadfast love is better than life itself; therefore my lips will speak your praise.
As long as I live I will bless you, and lift up my hands to pray in your name.
3. My mouth shall praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and think of you in the watches of the night, how you have been my helper, how I am safe in the shadow of your wings.

Second Reading: (*sit*) 1 Corinthians 10: 1–13

Margaret Maclagan

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.

Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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Cantor: **Gospel Acclamation:** (*stand*)

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

Priest:

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel

The Lord bless you (spoken)

Praise and Glory to God (spoken)

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’

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

Sermon: Fr Bosco Peters

Affirmation of Faith: (*stand*)

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 (*all genuflect or bow*).

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: Barbara Moreton

The Peace

Priest:

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

At the Peace all are invited to exchange a non physical greeting with those near them.

Priest:

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.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Priest:

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.**

Priest:

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.

Priest:

Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness always be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

God's Spirit is with us.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Priest: *(remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving)*

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ your only Son.

Through our observance of Lent, you correct our faults and raise our minds to you; you help us grow in holiness, and offer us the reward of everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 singing:

Sanctus & Benedictus: (Cantor)

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.

Priest:

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.

Priest:

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.**

Priest:

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.

Hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children, wherever they may be. Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

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.**

Silence

Priest:

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.

Priest:

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.

Agnus Dei: (Cantor)

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.

Priest:

God's steadfast love is better than life itself.

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.**

Communion in one kind will be administered from the front step at the centre of the aisle. Please leave your seat by the side aisle, and approach the centre aisle from the rear crossing. Please leave a 2m distance between yourself and others and please use the hand sanitizer. when receiving the sacrament, please stretch your arms horizontally as much as possible.

Anthem: (Cantor) Song of the Tree of Life *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Lent Prose: (Cantor) Mode V

Prayer after Communion:

Gracious God, in the Eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. Strengthen our wills to resist evil and to follow in the way of Christ, so that we may show your love in our lives, and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

May the Lord fill your lives with peace, your hearts with love and your minds with light; and may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary: Fantasia in c minor BWV 562 *JS Bach*

Lenten Study Groups

“The Praying Life- Through Lent with Luke”

TODAY 11.15am in the Parish Lounge after Mass.

11.00am Thursday in the Parish Lounge.

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.

THIS WEEK**Notices**

- **Meditation Group**—Due to Covid we invite everyone to meditate for twenty minutes at home as close to midday on a Wednesday as possible in a virtual group. Contact: Margaret Maclagan 0275599216.
- **Vestry Meeting**—Wednesday 5.00 pm Parish Lounge.
- **Lenten Study**— Thursday 11.00 am in the Parish Lounge.
- **Pray the Rosary**—Thursday 12.00 midday, Church. Contact: Gilbert Wealleans—021338380.
- **Inasmuch Basket**—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

NEXT WEEK**Celebrating the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
on Mothering Sunday**

27 March 2022

8:00 am Mass**Celebrant:**

Mother Meg Harvey

10.00 am**Celebrant:**

Fr Peter Beck

Servers: **MC:** Robert Calvert **Th:** Jack Barrie**Ac:** Carol Fraser, Simon Green**First Reading:** Exodus 2:1-10

Peter Troon

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

Johnann Williams

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

Mother Meg Harvey

Sermon: Fr Peter Beck**Sides people:** Gail Chiswell**Scanner:** Michael Graveston**Intercessions:** Jenny Daniels**Offertory:** -**Eucharistic Ministers:** -**Morning Tea:** -**Sacristan:** Jenny Daniels**Sacristy:** -**Flowers:** -**Please pray for...****The Sick:**

Lynnette Apperley, Noeline Calvert, Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, John McNally, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Bert Riseley, Shirley Kember, Victoria, Thomas, Arthur and Esme Goatley.
 Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Matt Head, Geraldine Mullions, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Mary Lazarus, Ongloon Yee, Raylene Coochey, Rev John & Joyce Marcon, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson, Nola Bennett.

Departed: Alistair Harvey Snr.**Anniversaries:** (Wed) Sr Zoe (CSN), Marion Souter (Sat) Beryl Boshier.

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This Sunday	The Third Sunday in Lent
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Mass Vaccine Pass
Monday	Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Liturgist and Martyr, 1556
12:35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Poet, 1711
Wednesday	Feria
12:35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Gabriel, Archangel
12:35 pm	Mass
Friday	Annunciation of our Saviour to the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:35 pm	Mass
Saturday	Feria
Next Sunday	The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Mass Vaccine Pass

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Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass