



SUNDAY
FEBRUARY
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LENT 1

2021

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

Forty days and forty nights

*Tune: Heinlein, melody from the 'Nürnbergisches Gesang-Buch', 1676
attrib. Martin Herbst (1654-1681)*

WELCOME

Priest:

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end,
in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Liturgist:

We gather as a community of faith
to make our Lenten journey.
May God be with us in our letting go
and in our living with hope.

Eternal Spirit, living God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been,
and shall be is known to you,
to the very secret of our hearts
and all that rises to trouble us.

**Living flame, burn into us,
cleansing wind, blow through us,
fountain of water, well up within us,
that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.** ¹

Please be seated.

¹ ANZPB p.168

RECONCILIATION

“Put away your former way of life,
be renewed in the spirit, and clothe yourself with a new self,
created according to the likeness of God.”

Ephesians 4:22-24

Kyrie (from Puriri Mass)

Michael CW Bell

Silence.

God forgives and heals us.
**We need your healing, merciful God:
give us true repentance.**
Some sins are plain to us;
some escape us,
some we cannot face.
Forgive us;
set us free to hear your word to us;
set us free to serve you.

Priest:

God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.
Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
approach your God in peace. ²

² ANZPB p.458

PSALM 25:1-17

Setting: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

To you Lord I lift up my soul, my God I have put my trust in you;
let me not be disappointed, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

For all those who hope in you shall not be ashamed,
but only those who wantonly break faith.

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.

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.

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.

All your ways are loving and sure
to those who keep your covenant and your commandments.

For your name's sake O Lord pardon my guilt, which indeed is great.

If there are any who fear the Lord,
to them the Lord will show the path they should choose.

They themselves shall dwell in prosperity,
and their children shall inherit the land.

Your friendship O Lord is for those who honour you,
and to them you reveal your covenant.

My eyes are always on you O Lord,
for you will release my feet from the net.

Turn to me Lord and have mercy, for I am lonely and oppressed.

Relieve the sorrows of my heart and bring me out of my distress.

Look at my affliction and my trouble, and forgive me all my sins.

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THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19

God of the wilderness,
protect us and guide us as we walk your way in this world.
Give us hope and courage for the Lenten journey.
Amen.

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Genesis 9:8-17

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Mark,
chapter one, beginning at verse nine.

Be a lamp to my feet.

Mark 1:9-15

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Be a light for my path.

THE SERMON

THE ANTHEM

Tantum ergo

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: Let us pray for those far and near,
people and places, powerful and powerless,
all for whom we are concerned.

THE PEACE

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace
who breaks down the walls that divide.

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te ariki ki a koutou
A ki a koe ano hoki.

*Please turn and greet those around you with peace.
Please refrain from shaking hands.*

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC ³

³ *There is a donation bowl on the back table.*

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THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

No one comes as a stranger to this holy table.
All of us are honoured and expected guests.
Each of us is invited to come as we are,
holding nothing in our hands
other than these humble offerings of bread and wine,
the food and drink of ordinary life
made with human hands
from the gifts which lie in God's creation. ⁴

Blessed be God forever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God meets us here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

⁴ Dorothy Mc Rae-McMahon "Liturgies for High Days" p.122

We thank you, desert Mother,
for in the valley of dry bones you create hearts of flesh
quickenened by the Spirit's breath.

We thank you, wise Sister,
that you walk in cloud and fire with your lost and faithless people.

We thank you, Son of Heaven,
that you empty yourself of might and glory
and set **your face towards the fickle crowd**,
the cruel empire, the faithful despisers.

We welcome you as **God's own fool**
whose cross brings to nothing the violence of the world
and reveals another wisdom outside the city walls.

Therefore, with all who follow your way
with the traders and tax collectors,
the soldiers and prostitutes,
and all who caught a glimpse of glory in the humanity you shared,
we worship **God's own holiness** revealed in sweat and tears:

Holy, holy, holy is the love called God, the sparks of hope.
Blaze justice, blaze.
Blessed is Jesus who lit up our world.
Hosanna to the lowest and the least.

On the night that Jesus was betrayed,
he gathered with his faltering friends
for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table,
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
'This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.'

As on that night, so here and now
he offers himself in touch and taste
beyond all words can hold.

**We offer bread to eat with eyes and hand held open.
We pass this cup the share.
We take, break, bless and give kindling hope everywhere.**

We ask that your Holy Spirit
fall upon us and upon these gifts
that through these fragile, earthly things
we may be the body of Christ.

We come in memory and hope,
responding to your call
and the promise that echoes from the dawn of all time.

May mind and heart be held by your self-giving love
as we stand before the cross, approach the empty tomb
and praise the one whose name is lifted high
above all earthly power.

Receive our broken offering through his all-powerful grace
and bind us in communion with all who share your gifts;
through Jesus Christ, in whom all ages and all the worlds
are drawn into the ceaseless love
of Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen. ⁵

⁵ *Steven Shakespeare*

Please be seated.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tātou e to tātou Ariki, ka inoi tātou:

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi,

kia tapu **tōu** Ingoa.

Kia tae mai **tōu** rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia **tāu** e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,

kia rite anō ki **tō** te rangi.

Hōmai ki a mātou **āiane**i

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:

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,

Āke, ake, ake. **Āmine**.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the hope of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share the one bread.

THE INVITATION

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,

tangohia enei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Come, bringing your varied faiths and backgrounds,

for all are welcome to share in this act of communion.

The bread will be brought to you – please stay seated in the pews.

If you do not wish to receive the bread the priest will offer a blessing.

Te Taro o te Ora. The bread of life.

Te Kapu o te Ora. The cup of salvation.

Those who wish to can move to the Peace Chapel for the imposition of ashes.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Stabat mater dolorosa Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God,
when we are afraid, walk beside us.
When we are empty, restore us.
When we lack purpose, give us strength.
For you meet us in the wilderness
and, with Christ, you bring us home.
Amen. ⁶

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

Go now to live the gospel, go in peace.
Amen. We go to serve in love.

RECESSIONAL MUSIC | VOLUNTARY

Voluntary in C minor

Maurice Greene (1695-1755)

*You are invited to keep this copy of the liturgy and take it home with you
to share with another member of your family, or with a friend.*

⁶ *Jenny Blood*