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Sunday 26th February 2023
LENT 1

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rector

Readings: Christina Rogers

Sidespeople: Val & Robert Nellist

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Johann Nicolaus Hanff: Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey, Lord,
baptised in grace, in grace renewed,
by your most holy word.

2 Through fasting, prayer, and charity,
your voice speaks deep within,
returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.

3 From desert to the mountaintop
in Christ our way we see,
so, tempered by temptation's might,
we might transfigured be.

4 For thirsting hearts let waters flow,
our fainting souls revive;
and at the well your waters give –
our everlasting life.

5 From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey still;
through cross and tomb to Easter joy,
in Spirit-fire fulfilled.

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Opening

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind and with all your strength."

The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

There is no other commandment greater than these.


Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie (*please stand*)

Slowly ♩=60



1,3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - - - - son.
Chri - ste e - lei - - - - son.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 2.15-17;3-1-7 (*please sit*)

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm 32 (please join in saying the text in **bold**, pausing shortly at the ***asterisk**)

Refrain: I will confess my transgressions **to the Lord.**

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. *
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

**Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Refrain: I will confess my transgressions **to the Lord.**

Second Reading: Romans 5.12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore just as one

man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel

Acclamation

(please stand)



Praise to you, O Christ our Sa- viour, Word of the Fa- ther,
calling us to life; Son of God, who leads us to free- dom:
glo - ry to you, Lord Je- sus Christ.

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Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11 *(please stand)* **When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ⁷Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Give thanks to the Lord for this glorious Gospel. **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Sermon: The Rector

Nicene Creed *(please 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 substance with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made 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.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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. *(please sit)*

Intercessions led by Bob Piper

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children, there is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. *Silence*

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *(please stand)*

We meet in Christ's name. **Let us share his peace.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn *(please stand)*

1 Again we keep this solemn fast,
a gift of faith from ages past,
this Lent which binds us lovingly
to faith and hope and charity.

2 The law and prophets from of old
in figured ways this Lent foretold,
which Christ, all ages' Lord and Guide,
in these last days has sanctified.

3 More sparing, therefore, let us make
the words we speak, the food we take,
our sleep, our laughter, every sense;
learn peace through holy penitence.

4 Let us avoid each harmful way
that lures the careless mind astray;
by watchful prayer our spirits free
from scheming of the Enemy.

5 We pray, O blessed Three in One,
our God while endless ages run,
that this our Lent of forty days,
may bring us growth and give you praise.

ascribed to St Gregory the Great, c.540-604;
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Offertory Prayer (*please stand*)

Let us present our offerings to the Lord. **Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own we give you.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house. We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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. (*please sit*)

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world. Lord, unite us in this sign.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Flowing, but unhurried ♩ = 63 *mp* John Harper

Je- sus, Lamb of God, have
mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear-er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.
Je- sus, re - deemer of the
world: grant us peace. grant
us peace.

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Communion is administered in both kinds at the bottom of the chancel steps. Hand sanitiser is provided. It is perfectly acceptable to only receive the bread, should you so wish. Please do not intinct (dip the bread into the wine) as this is not considered to be a hygienic practice. The communicant may respond with **Amen** when receiving the bread and wine.

1 For forty days Christ kept the fast,
fed by the Father's every word,
all for the joy that lay ahead;
such were his pleas, his prayer was heard.

2 Though one with God, his heart was plunged
deep in the world's unfathomed pain;
he wrestled demons, hunger, thirst,
that we in him may do the same.

3 Christ's face is on Jerusalem
where death awaits him on the Tree.
In him our journey is revealed:
where goes our head, then so must we.

4 O Abba, food of those who fast,
O Christ in whom the least are known,
O Spirit-spring, earth's rising sap:
come raise to life what you have sown!

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

1 Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled:

2 Sunbeams scorching all the day
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about the way;
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

3 Shall not we thy sorrows share
and from earthly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
glad with thee to suffer pain?

4 And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before,
grant we may not faint nor fail.

5 So shall we have peace divine;
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

6 Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side,
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

G.H. Smyttan & Francis Pott

The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude Georg Andreas Sorge: Fughetta in G minor

NOTICES

Tonight

6.30 p.m. **Choral Compline**
(at St Mary's Dunblane)

Monday 27th February

10 – 11.30 a.m. **HT Tots Café**

Wednesday 1st March

10.30 a.m. **Lent Group** (Session 1)

Thursday 2nd March

11 a.m. **Holy Communion**
8 p.m. **Lent Group** (Session 1)

Sunday 5th March

LENT 2
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

Readings

Genesis 12.1-4a; Romans 4.1-5,13-17;
John 3.1-17

The Bishop's Lent Appeal 2023:

The USPG, as part of this year's Lent Appeal, encourages us to acknowledge that our neighbours are not just those in our hometowns. Your neighbour is the person that God calls you to love despite your differences. We pray with our Church partners around the world and stand with their mission to support vulnerable people in their local communities. Please join the global Anglican church in transforming lives. To find out more about this year's Lent appeal and make a donation, visit www.uspg.org.uk/lent