

*ACF Morning Worship  
February 20, 2022  
The Sunday called Sexagesima  
Second Sunday Before Lent*

*Silence*

## Prelude

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### **Morning has broken**

Cat Stevens

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Rifby1tVE8>

## Opening Words

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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 (you).  
Isaiah 55:3

## Opening Hymn

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### **I am a new creation**

Dave Bilbrough – SoF 197

CCLI 48425

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i\\_HzzEan2Cw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_HzzEan2Cw)

## Praise and Thanksgiving

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Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us:

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and time to rest and worship,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all who earnestly seek after truth, and all who labor for justice,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is good and gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing  
the image of Christ,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

**We thank you, Lord.**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to  
us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

**To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father,  
and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen**

*(A Litany of Thanksgiving (2019 BCP, pg. 680))*

## Penitence

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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.

Isaiah 55:6-7

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**Almighty and most merciful Father,**

**we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own  
hearts.**

**We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things that we ought to have done;**

**and we have done those things that we ought not to have done;**

**and there is no health in us.**

**But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our  
Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

## Absolution

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May the God of love and power  
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,  
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,  
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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## Collect

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Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

## Canticle/Psalm

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Psalm 65

Refrain: **Be joyful in God, all the earth.**

1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; ♦  
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

**2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; ♦  
when our misdeeds prevail against us,  
you will purge them away.**

3 Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there. ♦  
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,  
even of your holy temple. [R]

**4 With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, ♦  
O hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.**

5 In your strength you set fast the mountains ♦  
and are girded about with might.

**6 You still the raging of the seas, ♦  
the roaring of their waves  
and the clamour of the peoples.**

7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth  
tremble at your marvels; ♦  
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. [R]

**8 You visit the earth and water it; ♦  
you make it very plenteous.**

9 The river of God is full of water; ♦  
you prepare grain for your people,  
for so you provide for the earth.

**10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; ♦  
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.**

11 You crown the year with your goodness, ♦  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

**12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness ♦  
and the hills be girded with joy.**

13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep ♦  
and the valleys stand so thick with corn  
that they shall laugh and sing.

Refrain: **Be joyful in God, all the earth.**

May the richness of your creation, Lord,

and the mystery of your providence  
lead us to that heavenly city  
where all peoples will bring their wealth,  
forsake their sins and find their true joy,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN**

## Old Testament Reading

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The reading is taken from Gen 2:4-25

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God  
**Our hearts and our minds are open**

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but 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."

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

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### **Still**

Reuben Morgan

CCLI 3940963

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQ9QrV\\_rlqc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQ9QrV_rlqc)

## Gospel

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The reading is taken from Luke 8:22-25

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

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

## Homily

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*(based on Luke 8:22-25)*

## Hymn after Homily

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### **Calm me Lord**

Margaret Rizza, ACF 16

CCLI 3879876

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fu6Z-P2y2WU>

## Intercessions

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For those who 10 days ago watched the Tagesthemen, there was a nice surprise as there was a report about the United World Colleges, and specifically the one in Freiburg. You probably all heard about it already.

Which meant that our very own Lawrence Nodder appeared on screen and was interviewed.

In a way, what he said was already the equivalent of a set of intercessions. He started by saying “This is the job I have wanted to do all my life” – How many times have we heard anybody say that recently? And more precisely, a school principal? – Lord, we pray for the school principals in this country and around the world. They have probably had – are still having - the worst time of their lives, with their students calling in sick by the droves, and one third of their staff constantly either in quarantine, actually sick, or otherwise indisposed. Let them find the strength and trust in themselves that they need to do their job, in good faith and always for the good of their students and their staff.

We pray for the teachers – one of them briefly visible in the report looked like Malcolm – who have likewise been subjected to a lot of extra work and effort these past years. Who had to learn how to operate Zoom or Big Blue Button, or Teams, or whatever even though most of them are not exactly digital natives. Lord, help them to remain steadfast in their conviction that for them, too, this is the job they have wanted to do all their lives.

Let us pray for “all these students with their different ideas” as Lawrence calls them: their generation will be the one on whom the success or the failure of turning life on this planet more sustainable depends.

Let us pray for the students and their teachers. That there will indeed be provoking conversations, but in an amiable and cooperative spirit.

Let us pray for all students, and teachers, and principals – it will need all of them to study, and to learn, how to be Weltverbesserer / Gamechangers in what is coming our way over the next few decades.

## Closing Hymn

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### **Jesus Lover of my Soul**

Daniel Grul, John Ezzy, Steve McPherson

CCLI 1198817

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5jxwHjC6Xk>



## Closing Prayers

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Lord God, you are always with us. You are with us in the day and in the night. You are with us when we are happy and when we are sad. You are with us when we are healthy and when we are weak and ill. You are with us when we are peaceful and when we are worried.

As we depart from here and continue in our day to day encounters with you help us to remember that you love us and are with us every step of the journey. Amen.

*(Prayer and Resources Merton College 2020)*

## The Blessing

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The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you his peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

## Announcements

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*See below*

## Sending

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Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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This week at the ACF...

Wed  
9 pm **COMPLINE**  
on zoom

Thu  
8 pm **WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**  
on zoom

Sun  
11:30 am **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
led by Rev'd Vinod Victor  
in person & on zoom

Visit [anglican-church-freiburg.de/worship](http://anglican-church-freiburg.de/worship)  
for more information & the zoom link

Coming up...

Get  
involved **MAKE LENT SPECIAL!**  
- Invite others to your home for lent group.  
- share your thoughts on Good Friday

Save  
the date! **JOINT SERVICE**  
with the Petrusgemeinde on 1st May  
(Followed by shared lunch)  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
15th May after the service  
**ACF WEEKEND AWAY**  
26th - 29th May

*Further details will follow soon!*

This information is also available  
in the news section of the ACF website.

Coming up...

Alpha

## ALPHA COURSE

together with  
Calvary Chapel Freiburg  
starting on 25th April  
every Monday, 7-9pm

### How can you help?

- ... facilitating small groups
- ... praying
- ... cooking
- ... leading sessions
- ... inviting friends
- ...

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As we leave...



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