

The Anglican Church of Freiburg
The Sunday next before Lent
February 27, 2022

Silent Preparation

Prelude

I will enter his gates (SOF 268)
YouTube [here](#)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Opening Hymn:

Light of the Word You Step Down Into Darkness
You Tube Link [here](#)

Let us pray.

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.

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ Jesus said this is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 99 (responsively)

Praise to God for His Holiness

¹ The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

² **The LORD is great in Zion;**

he is exalted over all the peoples.

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

⁴ **Mighty King, lover of justice,**

you have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵ Extol the LORD our God;

worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

⁶ **Moses and Aaron were among his priests,**

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept his decrees,

and the statutes that he gave them.

⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered them;**

you were a forgiving God to them,

but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹ Extol the LORD our God,

and worship at his holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen

1 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴ If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?^[a] ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸ Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

“He catches the wise in their craftiness,”

²⁰ and again,

“The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,
that they are futile.”

²¹ So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, ²³ and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

The Ministry of the Apostles

4 Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. ² Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.

Gradual Hymn

These are the days of Elijah
YouTube Link [here](#)

Gospel Lesson Luke 9:28-36

The Transfiguration

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake,^[b] they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,^[c] one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Homily

Intercessions

(We today focus on Ukraine and on Peace and Justice)

Intercessions

Dear Lord,

Speechless and in disbelief we watch the news about the situation in the Ukraine.

Another lingering conflict has escalated and countless people pay an inhumane price for greed, pride and the craving for power.

Even sadder it is that armed conflicts have to come that close before we even notice them.

The lowest estimated numbers of casualties only in the Afghanistan conflict, the Yemeni Crisis, the Tigray War and the Internal conflict in Myanmar in 2021 add up to 75.000.

Only you know about those who are hurt beyond healing and don't show up in the statistics.

Helpless we cry to you: Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Lord, let us not stay help- and powerless.

Help your church to witness your love and peace among the peoples.

Let our bishops be brothers and sisters to those who are voiceless *and* the high and mighty who have entangled their lives in violence and need people who help them find their way out.

Let us - people without a public office - serve our neighbours right next to us and sow the seeds of peace.

In daring hope we cry to you: Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Let us now join our brothers and sisters in the worldwide Anglican Church in the peace prayer that is offered on [our website](#):

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations,

that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation,
that they may have discipline and discernment,
courage and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm,
that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for the wounded and the captive,
the grieving and the homeless,
that in all their trials they may know your love and support.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.

Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Preparation

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:35

Let us pray.

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our
own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not
worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you
are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us,
therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus**

Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness. **Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Jesus said: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'
(John 14:27)

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

HYMN IN PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Have Thine Own Way Lord (SOF 156)
YouTube Link [here](#)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever living God. We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'
After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

In remembrance of Christ we proclaim together

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

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

We who are many are one body.

for we all share in 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 peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Standing at the table.

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us to grow in love and obedience

that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you for ever.

Father,

we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Final hymn:

We are walking in the Light of the Lord

YouTube Link [here](#)

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Announcement

The Sending Out

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

The Postlude

This week at the ACF...

Tue
7 pm

**Prayers across Europe
for Peace in Ukraine**

Led by Bishop Robert Innes

with Rev'd Canon Malcolm Rogers,
Chaplain of St Andrew's, Moscow,
Area Dean of Russia and Ukraine

and Representatives of Christ Church,
Kyiv

Wed
8 pm

Ash Wednesday
Communion Service (in person & on zoom)

Thu
8 pm

Lent Group
on zoom

LIVE LENT Embracing JUSTICE

This week at the ACF...

Fri

World Day of Prayer

6 pm at Christuskirche
or that day at a church locally where you live.

Sat
8 am

Men's Breakfast

Get in touch if you want to take part.

Sun
11:30 am

Morning Worship

led by Rev'd Vinod Victor (person & on zoom)

Visit anglican-church-freiburg.de/news
for more information on all events this week

LENT & HOLY WEEK 2022

ASH
WEDNESDAY
2nd March, 8pm
Communion Service

LENT GROUP
Every Thursday, 8pm
on zoom

WEEKLY
WORSHIP
Every Sunday, 11:30am
Every Wednesday, 9pm
Compline (zoom)

PALM SUNDAY

10th April, 11:30am
Communion Service & Palm Cross Procession

HOLY WEEK COMPLINE

10th - 13th April, 9pm (on zoom)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

14th April, 8pm - Communion Service

GOOD FRIDAY

15th April, 5pm - Meditations on the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY

17th April, early morning - Sunrise Service
at Kanonenplatz (Schlossberg)

17th April, 11:30am - Easter Recital
led by the ACF Youth

As we leave...



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the
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