Anglican Church of Freiburg March 13, 2022 The Second Sunday of Lent

Silent Preparation

Prelude:

Oh Lord my God – How Great Thou Art https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cc0QVWzCv9k

Opening Words

Come beloved of the Lord
Let Us Worship the Lord Our God
Let Us Try to Live in Peace in Everyone
Let Us Remember All Who are Not in Peace
Let us live a clean and just Life being peacemakers
Let us make sure we do not miss out on God's
wonderful kindness
Let us not be bitter with anyone
Let us not cause trouble to anyone
Let Us be Tranquil and Worship the Lord
(Hebrews 12:14-15)

Here we are to worship,
Here we are to bow down,
Here we are to say that You're our God.
And You're all together lovely,
All together worthy,
All together wonderful to us.

Opening Hymn:

Light of the world – Here I am to worship https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CKCThJB5w0

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: 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.

All Amen.

Prayer for Peace

Let us pledge ourselves today for all hostilities to end and to live as good neighbours, to honour the past, to care for all who are in need, and to live at peace among ourselves and with all people.

All Lord God, Father of all, we pledge ourselves to serve you and this neighbourhood, to bring relief to all who are in need, and comfort to the sad, lonely, and distressed; Keep us ever mindful of the struggles and achievements of former generations, and of this place where we make our home, now, and in the days to come. Amen.

Strengthen our hearts, and hands, and minds, O Lord, to work together for peace; to see you in one another; and to seek your kingdom above all things; that your will may be seen to be done and your kingdom come, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings. **Amen.**

(https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/church-england-world-war-one/outline-service-around)

Prayers of Penitence

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather at the Lord's table we must recall the promises and warnings given to us in the Scriptures. Let us therefore examine ourselves and repent of our sins.

Let us give thanks to God for his redemption of the world through his Son Jesus Christ, and as we remember Christ's death for us, and receive this pledge of his love, let us resolve to serve him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

Invitation to Confession

You then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from this day forward in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

All Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we acknowledge and lament our many sins and the wickedness we have committed time after time,

by thought, word and deed against your divine majesty.

We earnestly repent,
and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings;
the memory of them weighs us down,
the burden of them is too great for us to bear.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that from this time forward
we may always serve and please you in newness
of life,
to the honour and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Absolution

Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins

to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on *you*, pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins, confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness, and bring *you* to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who now disrupt peace of others that they may reject those things that are contrary to peace, and follow all such things as are agreeable to peace; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Canticle/Psalm

Psalm 27

Refrain: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? ◆
The Lord is the strength of my life:

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
- came upon me to eat up my flesh, ◆ they stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid, ◆ and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: ◆ that I may dwell in the house of the Lord

all the days of my life,

- 5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord ◆ and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter; ◆ in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high upon a rock.
- 7 And now shall he lift up my head above my enemies round about me;
- 8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; ◆

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

- 9 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy upon me and answer me.
- 10 My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' ◆ Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 11 Hide not your face from me, ◆ nor cast your servant away in displeasure.
- 12 You have been my helper; ◆ leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 13 Though my father and my mother forsake me, ◆ the Lord will take me up.
- 14 Teach me your way, O Lord; ◆ lead me on a level path, because of those who lie in wait for me.
- 15 Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries, ◆ for false witnesses have risen up against me, and those who breathe out violence.
- 16 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord ◆

in the land of the living.

17 Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; • wait patiently for the Lord.

Refrain: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

God, our light and our salvation, illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and, looking on your beauty, may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The reading is taken from Phil 3:17-4:1

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

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

By gracious powers

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVZhYAXQbaM

The Gospel

The reading is taken from Luke 13:31-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to

it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

The Homily

The Intercessions (by Lauren)

Father, it is with great dismay, horror and incredulity that we witness, albeit from a distance, all the atrocities taking place in the Ukraine. Today our hearts turn to the Ukraine and to its people. We pray for those fleeing and those who have already fled, we pray as well for those who have remained behind. Give courage and resilience to all and may Your hand of peace descend upon this situation. We ask You to intervene and preserve lives.

We affirm – the Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

We pray for the world leaders at this crucial time. Grant wisdom, dignity, justice and fairness to their decisions and actions. And we pray for our church leaders, especially those in the Ukraine and in Russia. Be their stronghold in times of darkness, help them to not fear, to be strong and to take heart, so that they in turn can strengthen others in need.

We affirm – the Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

Father, we live in such uncertain times. As if the pandemic were not enough, we now have to contend with a war within European borders. Even as our thoughts and hearts are in turmoil, help us to seek Your face, for it is seeking Your face, that we find rest for our souls. We pray today for those we know personally who are not well and ask You to bring healing. We

continue to pray for Margaret and we now lift to You other individuals who are on our hearts.

We affirm – the Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

Jesus, during this time of Lent, may we remember that it is a time of turning towards you as we prepare for Easter. Even as You steadily approached Jerusalem, setting Your face and will towards the cross, let us make use of these days. Help us to sense more of Your presence, help us to give up what we need no longer and help us to embrace what enhances meaning and goodness in our lives - trusting that in You is fullness of life and life itself...and finally, believing that we will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Amen

The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

(Peace May Be Shared)

Hymn in Preparation of the Table

Come let us return to the Lord https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuBdLAv2l88

The Eucharist Prayer

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,

it is our duty and our joy,

at all times and in all places

to give you thanks and praise,

holy Father, heavenly King,

almighty and eternal God.

And now we give you thanks

because you give us the spirit of discipline, that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace, as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed.

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

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom.

All Amen.

Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered

a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue.

a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,

in remembrance of his death and passion,

may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you, 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, in remembrance of me.

Amen.

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken.

O Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Giving of Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

Post Communion

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn:

In Christ alone https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2ld1wl2hT8

Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Announcements (below)

Sending

May God the Father prepare your journey, Jesus the Son guide your footsteps, The Spirit of Life strengthen your body, The Three in One watch over you, on every road that you may follow.

Send Us with your Peace O Lord

Postlude

This week at the ACF...

Ecumenical Pilgrimage on zoom (in German)

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with Giska Breyer of the Climate Neutrality Office of the City of Freiburg

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