

Anglican Church of Freiburg
Sunday the 27th of March, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Silent Preparation

Prelude

SoF 475 Purify my Heart

Opening Words

Show, O heavens, from above,
and let the skies rain down righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation may spring up,
and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also
(Isaiah 45:8)
Come, let us worship the Lord.

Opening hymn

ACF 5 All I once held dear
<https://youtu.be/Merf00qcQik>

Praise and Thanksgiving

(We Thank Thee
By: Ralph Waldo Emerson)

For flowers that bloom about our feet,
Father, we thank Thee.
For tender grass so fresh, so sweet,
Father, we thank Thee.
For the song of bird and hum of bee,
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky,
Father, we thank Thee.
For pleasant shade of branches high,
Father, we thank Thee.
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For this new morning with its light,

Father, we thank Thee.

For rest and shelter of the night,

Father, we thank Thee

For health and food, for love and friends,

For everything Thy goodness sends,

Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to Confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,

and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our
neighbour,**

in what we have thought,

in what we have said and done,

through ignorance, through weakness,

through our own deliberate fault.

We have wounded your love,

and marred your image in us.

We are sorry and ashamed,

and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

who died for us,

forgive us all that is past;

and lead us out from darkness

to walk as children of light.

Amen.

Absolution

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 for today,
 the Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Merciful Lord,
 you know our struggle to serve you:
 when sin spoils our lives
 and overshadows our hearts,
 come to our aid
 and turn us back to you again;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Canticle/Psalm

Psalm 34:11-20

Refrain: **O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.**

11 Come, my children, and listen to me; ♦

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 **Who is there who delights in life ♦
 and longs for days to enjoy good things?**

13 Keep your tongue from evil ♦
 and your lips from lying words.

14 **Turn from evil and do good; ♦
 seek peace and pursue it.**

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous ♦
 and his ears are open to their cry.

16 **The face of the Lord is against those who do
 evil, ♦**

**to root out the remembrance of them from the
 earth.**

17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them ♦
 and delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 **The Lord is near to the brokenhearted ♦
 and will save those who are crushed in spirit.**

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous; ♦
 from them all will the Lord deliver them.

20 **He keeps all their bones, ♦
 so that not one of them is broken.**

Refrain: **O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.**

*Send your holy angels
 to watch over us, O God,*

*that on our lips will be found your truth
and in our hearts your love;
so we may ever taste your goodness
in the land of the living;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

The Reading

The reading is taken from Exodus 2:1-10

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God

Our hearts and our minds are open

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

Gradual hymn

He's Got The Whole World (spiritual)

[https://youtube.com/watch?](https://youtube.com/watch?v=kDBJNQiugnM&feature=share)

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Gospel

The reading is taken from Luke 2:33-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Intercessions

Loving Lord, you made us all in your own image and we give you thanks for our own mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters. Help us love, honour and respect each other, even when times are fraught. We pray for those who have left home and become lost. We remember those living on the streets of Freiburg. We remember those from whom we have become estranged. Turn our hearts and help us stretch out a hand of reconciliation. Lord we ask for your healing for broken relationships. Lord, we turn to you.

Enfold us in your peace.

We pray particularly for all the mothers in war torn Ukraine who have left behind their homes, their husbands, partners and families. They have left behind all

that was loved and cherished by them to embark on a terrifying journey into the unknown. We pray for the children experiencing such fear and terror through what they see and hear. We pray for the fathers who live through heart breaking moments as they say goodbye to their loved ones. Lord, hear their cries, be ever present around them, keep them safe and may your unfathomable peace break through their fear, dread and heartbreak and calm them. May the Holy Spirit stir them to feel your presence and turn to you, the God of love and peace.

Lord, we turn to you.

Enfold us in your peace.

We pray for our community here in Freiburg, for friends and family. Open our eyes and ears to be sensitive to the needs of others. Help us to be kind and generous to all we meet, and may our actions be determined by our love for you.

Lord, we turn to you.

Enfold us in your peace.

We pray for the sick, the lonely, the depressed. We remember Margaret and pray for her healing from cancer. We remember those dear to us who are suffering

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Lord, we turn to you.

Enfold us in your peace.

Lord of compassion, when we wander from the way, call us back; when we stray from the truth, redirect us; when we do not live life to the full, inspire and refresh us. May we and your whole church follow Him who is the way, the truth and the life.

Lord, we turn to you.

Enfold us in your peace.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,

that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
 We pray for those with power over war or peace,
 for wisdom, discernment and compassion
 to guide their decisions.
 Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk
 and in fear,
 that you would hold and protect them.
 We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
 Amen.
 (Archbishop Justin Welby/Archbishop Stephen Cottrell)

Peace

Introduction to the Peace

Since we are justified by faith,
 we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus
 Christ,
 who has given us access to his grace.

*(The symbol of the seed will be used during the
 sharing of the peace)*

*The most hopeful sign in this world is the seed. It has
 within it the potential that no person can even dream
 of. We will share a seed with each other and offer
 peace praying that the seeds of peace that we sow
 today would be cherished by the generations yet to be
 and the generations here and now.*

In preparation to sharing the peace

Taizé 33 Nunc dimittis
<https://youtu.be/XkVoRt73-4U>

Preparation of the Table

SoF 520 Tell out my soul
<https://youtu.be/vz-FkqobgXY>

The Eucharist

The Lord is here.
All His Spirit is with us.
 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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in
glory,

send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Sanctus

SoF 182 Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord

https://youtu.be/YY_0uWju3rU

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume
 to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,
 trusting in our own righteousness,
 but in thy manifold and great mercies.
 We are not worthy
 so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.
 But thou art the same Lord,
 whose property is always to have mercy:
 grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
 so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
 and to drink his blood,
 that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
 and our souls washed through his most precious
 blood,
 and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us,
 we are bold to say
All **Our Father, which art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come;
 thy will be done,
 in earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive them that trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation;
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 the power and the glory,
 for ever and ever.
 Amen.**

All **O Lamb of God
 that takes away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God
 that takes away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God**

**that takes away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace.**

During communion

ACF 22 Come, let us return to the Lord
<https://youtu.be/GuBdLAv2l88> (Medley: Come, let us
return to the Lord & Turn our hearts)

Post Communion

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present
time
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Final hymn

ACF 66 I, the Lord of sea and sky
<https://youtu.be/2zr9SMm1gll>

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.
All **Amen.**

Announcements

The Sending

Take His hand and go where He calls you to
And whatever comes, seek Him with all your heart
This will be my prayer for you

Postlude

A mother's prayer by Keith & Kristyn Getty

This week at the ACF...

Wed
6 pm

Prayers for Peace

30 min Vigil by the Diocese in Europe

Wed
9 pm

Compline

on zoom

Thu
8 pm

Lent Group

on zoom

LIVE Embracing
LENT JUSTICE

Sat
8 am

Men's Breakfast

Get in touch to receive more details.

Sun
11:30
am

Morning Worship

led by **Christine Ghinn**
in person & on zoom



Kids at the ACF...



**Let's make our children
feel welcome!**

As we leave...



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