

The Cathedral Church of St Paul the Apostle

8:00 am EUCHARIST

Sunday 22 March 2020

Laetare Sunday

Te Rātapu Tuawhā o Rēneti

Officiant and Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr Tony Curtis SCP

The Priest enters, welcomes the congregation and introduces the Service.

The Priest alone prays the following:

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. **Amen.**

We pray together

**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 thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it;

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Sentence of the Day:

'Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breast.'

Isaiah 66.10-11

The Collect for the Day:

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The First Reading - Exodus 2.1-10

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 for 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.'

The Second Reading - Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

We stand for the Gospel:

The holy Gospel is written in the Nineteenth Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the Twenty-fifth Verse.

Praise and glory to God

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

After the Gospel we remain standing and say the Creed together.

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God, Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made:
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man,
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
The Lord and giver of life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Sermon follows here.

The Priest then introduces the prayers of Intercession.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially thy servant Elizabeth our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Then shall the Priest say to them that come to receive the holy Communion,

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you 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 henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Then shall this general Confession be made:

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things, Judge of all men:**

**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by
thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking
most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.**

**We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our
misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the
burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord
Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we
may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the
honour and glory of thy Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God forgives us:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him;
Have mercy upon 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.
Amen.

Then shall the Priest say:

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *(St. Matthew 11.28)*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *(St. John 3.16)*

After which the Priest shall continue, saying,

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.**

Then shall the Priest, kneeling down at the Lord's Table, say this Prayer.

**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. Amen.**

The Priest alone continues:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son 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; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy 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, when he had given thanks, he brake 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.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of this;
for this is my Blood of the New Testament,
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins:
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.
Amen.

We receive the sacrament, and when all have communicated, the Minister shall return to the Lord's Table. Then shall the Priest and the people say together the Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

After shall be said as follows.

O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Then the Priest shall finish the Service with a Blessing.

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*After the service,
please use the Cathedral if you would like to find a quiet space to pray,
and perhaps light a candle for a loved one.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Beth Hutchinson, Doug Hutchinson, Clare,
everyone affected by COVID-19 here and throughout the
World.



For Those Who Have Recently Died

Max Hutchinson

The Anniversary of Those Who Have Died

David Jack (Sunday), Julia Harlow, Verneen Wilson (Tuesday), Jame Stuart,
Tom Rooney (Friday)

The Diocese

The Bishop (Daily), Stewart Island/Rakiura, The Diocese of Wellington (Sun), the Diocese of Auckland, St Martha's, St Matthew's (Mon), The Choir, Taieiri, Stewardship in the Diocese, the Bible Society, the RSCM (Tues), Upper Clutha, Social Justice Commission (Weds), Waikaia (Thurs), Waitaki-North Oamaru, Duntroon, Kurow, Prayer and Study Groups, the Diocese of Nelson (Fri), Wakatipu, Warrington-Waitati, NZ Missions Board, Authorised Lay Ministers, Lay Co-ordinators, Area Chaplains, Area Co-ordinators and Altar Servers (Sat)

Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal

This Lent, three projects are being supported by Anglican Missions – The Penman Medical Centre in Zababdeh, Palestine, The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for Children with Disabilities, and Roofing Churches in the Diocese of Mara, Tanzania. Please visit the AM website for more information www.angmissions.org.nz,

A letter from the Dean of Dunedin

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Dear sisters and brothers, please note that to keep everyone safe in our community, this is the last public service to be held at St Paul's Cathedral for the time being, and will be closing our doors to visitors at the end of Saturday 28th March, other than for set hours for private prayer and devotion – more details to follow.

You can find out the latest information and prayer resources via facebook - www.facebook.com/stpauls.net.nz - and on our website at www.stpauls.net.nz

The clergy will ensure that worship continues in the Cathedral, including a daily offering of the Eucharist, and we will be making more resources available online for you to join in at home. We will also be organising pastoral support and practical help for vulnerable members of the community.

Our volunteers will be contacting many of you to keep in touch, and I shall try to update everyone as often as possible on the changing situation.

Our Cathedral AGM cannot now go ahead, and for the time being, all office bearers and Synod reps will remain in situ.

If you have an especial concern for someone, please contact me via email, and I shall make sure that all requests for prayer or support are enacted while the Cathedral is closed to the public.

We will continue to keep our community, city and diocese, in our prayers each day, and encourage our sisters and brothers to continue in acts of kindness and love for everyone, while being careful to follow the latest advice from the ministry of health on how to reduce the risks to health of those around us. In particular, please telephone and email people when you can to keep in touch, and join in with daily and weekly acts of prayer. Together we shall continue the unbroken prayer and ministry of the church, in communion with all those who have gone before us, and those who are yet to come, until the day when all things are reconciled in Christ:

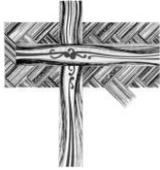
"I roto i te pouri te marama e whiti ana; heoi kihai i mau i te pouri."

Hoani 1:5 (John 1.5)

Noho ora mai,

Fr Tony.

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