

## 2nd Sunday of Lent – 28 February 2021

17.00 CHORAL EVENSONG

Leader and Preacher: Revd. Guy Diakiese

*Musicians for this service: Nelleke Roeleveld & Kieran Hill, singers; Christina & Fred Edelen, Beverly & Herre-Jan Stegenga, musicians*

**PRELUDE** J. S. Bach: Sarabande for cello solo, played by *Herre-Jan Stegenga*

**OPENING HYMN** CP 18 – O Strength and Stay

O strength and stay upholding all creation,  
who ever dost thyself unmoved abide,  
yet day by day the light in due gradation  
from hour to hour through all its changes guide.

Grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending,  
an eve untouched by shadows of decay,  
the brightness of a holy death bed blending  
with dawning glories of eternal day.

Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,  
through Jesus Christ thy coeternal Word,  
who with the Holy Ghost by all things living  
now and to endless ages art adored.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.*

*Psalm 51.17*

INVITATION TO  
CONFESSION

*Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.*

CONFESSION

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like  
lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and  
desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against thy holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we  
ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought  
not to have done; and there is no health in us.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
miserable offenders.  
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their  
faults. Restore thou them that are penitent;  
according to thy promises declared unto  
mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,  
and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.  
Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION**

*Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who desireth not the death of a sinner,  
but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and  
live;*

*and hath given power, and commandment, to his  
ministers to declare and pronounce to his people,  
being penitent, the absolution and remission of their  
sins:*

*he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent  
and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel.*

*Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true  
repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may  
please him which we do at this present;*

*and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and  
holy;*

*so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

**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 those that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**Amen.**

**PRECES &  
RESPONSES**  
(Traditional)

*O Lord, open thou our lips*  
**and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

*O God, make speed to save us.*

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

(stand) *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be,**

**world without end. Amen.**

*Praise ye the Lord.*

**The Lord's name be praised.**

**PSALM**

*Psalm 135:1-14 single chant by W. Hine*

1. Alleluia. [*or: Praise the Lord.*] Praise the ' name of the ' Lord ;  
give praise, you ' servants ' of the ' Lord,
2. You that stand in the ' house of the ' Lord ;  
in the ' courts of the ' house of our ' God.
3. Praise the Lord, for the ' Lord is ' good ;  
make music to his ' name, for ' it is ' lovely.
4. For the Lord has chosen Jacob ' for him'self ;  
and Israel ' for his ' own pos'session.
5. For I know that the ' Lord is ' great ;  
and that our Lord ' is a'bove all ' gods.
6. The Lord does whatever he pleases in heaven ' and on ' earth ;  
in the seas ' and in ' all the ' deeps.
7. He brings up the clouds from the ' ends of the ' earth ;  
he makes lightning with the rain and brings the ' winds ' out of his '  
treasuries.
8. He smote the ' firstborn of ' Egypt ;  
the ' firstborn of ' man and ' beast.
9. He sent signs and wonders into your ' midst, O ' Egypt ;  
upon ' Pharaoh and ' all his ' servants.
10. He smote ' many ' nations ;  
and ' slew ' mighty ' kings:
11. Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, the ' king of ' Bashan ;  
and ' all the ' kingdoms of ' Canaan.

12. He gave their land ' as a ' heritage ;  
a ' heritage for ' Israel his ' people.
13. Your name, O Lord, en'dures for ' ever ;  
and shall be remembered through ' all ' gene'rations.
14. For the Lord will ' vindicate his ' people ;  
and have com'passion ' on his ' servants.  
*Glory be to the Father, and ' to the ' Son ;  
and ' to the ' Holy ' Ghost ;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ' ever ' shall be ;  
world without ' end. ' A'men.*

**1<sup>ST</sup> LESSON**          Genesis 12:1-9    Read by Ed Frettingham

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

**HYMN** CP 13 - Before the ending of the day

1 Before the ending of the day,  
 Creator of the world, we pray,  
 that with thy wonted favour thou  
 wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

2 From all ill dreams defend our eyes,  
 from nightly fears and fantasies;  
 tread under foot our ghostly foe,  
 that no pollution we may know.

3 O Father, that we ask be done,  
 through Jesus Christ thine only Son,  
 who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,  
 doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

**MAGNIFICAT** 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :  
*Evening Canticles* and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
*à 3 by Charles* 2 For he hath regarded :  
*Wood* the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
 3 For behold, from henceforth :  
 all generations shall call me blessed.  
 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
 and holy is his Name.  
 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
 throughout all generations.  
 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their  
 hearts.  
 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
 9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant  
 Israel :  
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his  
 seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

**2<sup>ND</sup> LESSON**     *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 read by Mary Bentham*

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith<sup>[a]</sup> our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**NUNC DIMITTIS**     1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
*Charles Wood*     according to thy word.  
2 For mine eyes have seen :  
thy salvation;  
3 Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;  
4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

**APOSTLES'  
CREED**

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only  
Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of  
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell; the third day he rose  
again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick  
and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic  
Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of  
sins;  
the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting.  
Amen.**

**PRAYERS**

*The Lord be with you.*  
**And with thy spirit.**  
*Let us pray. (kneel)*  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
**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.**

*O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.*

**And grant us thy salvation.**

*O Lord, save the Queen.*

**And mercifully hear us when we call upon  
thee.**

*Endue thy ministers with righteousness.*

**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

*O Lord, save thy people.*

**And bless thine inheritance.**

*Give peace in our time, O Lord.*

**Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.**

*O God, make clean our hearts within us.*

**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

COLLECT

*Almighty God,*

*who showest to them that be in error the light of thy  
truth,*

*to the intent that they may return into the way of  
righteousness:*

*grant unto all them that are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,*

*that they may eschew those things*

*that are contrary to their profession,*

*and follow all such things as are agreeable to the  
same;*

*through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen*

**COLLECT FOR  
PEACE**

*O God, from whom all holy desires, all good  
counsels,  
and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace which the world  
cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy  
commandments, and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen.***

**COLLECT FOR  
AID AGAINST  
ALL PERILS**

*Lighten our darkness,  
we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.***

**ANTHEM**

*Miserere Nobis by William Hayes*

*Miserere nobis salvator mundi.*

*(tr.) Have mercy on us, saviour of the world.*

**SERMON**

*Revd. Guy Diakiese*

**OFFERTORY**

*Canon 6 by J.S. Bach, played by Beverly and Herre-Jan  
Stegenga*

**CLOSING** CP 10 - Abide with me

**HYMN**

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
  
2. I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
  
3. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

**BLESSING** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the  
love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy  
Ghost, be with us all evermore.

**Amen**

**POSTLUDE** Canon 7 J.S. Bach, played by Beverly and Herre-Jan  
*Stegenga*