



# CHRIST CHURCH

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN VIENNA

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
20 MARCH 2022

## ORGAN PRELUDE

## LENTEN PROSE

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:  
way of salvation, gate of life celestial:  
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:  
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:  
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee:  
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:  
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

Innocent captive, taken unresisting:  
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,  
save us, we pray thee, Jesu, our Redeemer.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

## GREETING

In the name of the living God:  
Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The celebrant welcomes those in attendance.*

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people and examine your hearts. God spake these words and said:

I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt have none other gods but me.  
**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image,  
nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above,  
or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.  
Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.  
For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God,  
and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children  
unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,  
and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me

and keep my commandments.

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

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain  
for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

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

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.  
Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do;  
but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.

In it thou shalt do no manner of work,  
thou, and thy son, and thy daughter,  
thy manservant, and thy maidservant,  
thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates.  
For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that in them is,  
and rested the seventh day:  
wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

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

Honour thy father and thy mother  
that thy days may be long in the land  
which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

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

Thou shalt do no murder.

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

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

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

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,**

**and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

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

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house,  
thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant,  
nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

### COLLECT

*The celebrant prays the collect set for the day.*

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### LESSON

*Isaiah 55:1-9*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

<sup>1</sup> "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because

of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

*Psalm 63:1-9*

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul is athirst for you.
- 2 **My flesh also faints for you,  
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.**
- 3 So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 4 **Your loving-kindness is better than life itself  
and so my lips shall praise you.**
- 5 I will bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.
- 6 **My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness,  
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,**
- 7 When I remember you upon my bed  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.
- 8 **For you have been my helper  
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.**

- 9 My soul clings to you;  
your right hand shall hold me fast.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be forever. Amen.**

### GRADUAL HYMN 124

- 1 **From the deep places, hear my cry,  
those hidden depths of guilt within:  
O God of mercy, God Most High,  
keep no account of all my sin.**
- 2 **Before your glory none can stand,  
no mortal eye behold your face:  
extend to me your kingly hand,  
the sovereign touch of saving grace.**
- 3 **O Lord, in whom all needs are met,  
draw near in love to me, I pray,  
for on your word my hopes are set,  
as watchmen wait for coming day.**
- 4 **As watchmen wait till dawn appears,  
so God's redeeming love is shown;  
to shed, unfailing through the years,  
the dew of blessing on his own.**

### GOSPEL

*Luke 13:1-9*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless

you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” <sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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

## SERMON

## CREED

*The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*A member of the congregation offers prayers.*

## CONFESSION

*The celebrant uses an 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.

**God our Father,  
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,  
you create us from nothing and give us life.  
You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.  
You do not turn your face from us,  
nor cast us aside.  
We confess that we have sinned  
against you and our neighbour  
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.  
Restore us for the sake of your Son,  
and bring us to heavenly joy,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

*The celebrant introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence:*

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 peace of the Lord be always with you,  
**and also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All exchange an appropriate sign of peace.*

## HYMN 669

1 **I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down**

**thy head upon my breast':  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.**

2 **I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live':  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.**

3 **I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.**

## EUCHARIST

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

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 thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance

that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
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.]**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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 gave you 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of [*N and*] all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who 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.**

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

#### **AGNUS DEI**

**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.**

#### **INVITATION**

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts

by faith with thanksgiving.  
**Amen.**

*The celebrant distributes communion.*

#### **ORGAN INTERLUDE**

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS**

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice .  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

#### **NOTICES**

#### **BLESSING**

*The celebrant gives a suitable blessing:*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
...and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## HYMN 652

- 1 **Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.**
  
- 2 **Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.**
  
- 3 **When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs and praises  
I will ever give to thee.**

## DISMISSAL

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

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

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**Your contributions make a difference and we are thankful for them.**