

28Feb2021 Service of the Word for Lent Land's End Benefice



The Greeting

We meet in the presence of God who knows our needs, hears our cries, feels our pain, and heals our wounds.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul: O my God, in you I trust.
You are the God of my salvation: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
In you I hope all the day long. O my God, in you I trust. Remember,
Lord, your compassion and love, for they are forever lasting.
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.

Confession

Let us bring to mind the things we have thought, said or done which have disappointed ourselves, others and God, and ask for forgiveness.

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.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive *us our* sins and make *us* holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading Romans 4.13-25

¹³The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

²²Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 8.31-38
Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he was buried;

he was raised to life on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures;

afterwards he appeared to his followers,

and to all the apostles:

this we have received,

and this we believe. Amen.

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

Prayers

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Concluding with The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

The Peace

'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

The Dismissal and Blessing

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

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

To a troubled world	Peace from Christ
To a searching world	Love from Christ
To a waiting world	Hope from Christ.

Go in the light and peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**