

The Second Sunday of Lent – Year B

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 February 2021

Celebrants

Sat 6pm, Sun 8:15am (St Anne's) & 5pm Fr John Sebastian OMI
Sun 8am & 11am: Fr Angelo Wijewickrama OMI

Cantor

Sat 6pm & Sun 5pm: Laura Pitts; Sun 8am: Phoebe Deklerk; Sun 11am: Alexandra Eimear Foley

Organist and Director of Music

Dominic Perissinotto

ENTRANCE HYMN

- 1 God of mercy and compassion,
Lord of life and blinding light.
Truth whom creatures would refashion,
Force on us the gift of sight.

Refrain

Truth insistent and demanding,
Love resented and ignored,
Life beyond all understanding,
Give us peace and pardon, Lord.

- 2 God most holy and forgiving,
Penetrate our pride and sloth;
On a people partly living,
Force the gift of life and growth.

Refrain

- 3 Lord, who out of love consented
To the worst that we could do;
Lord, abandoned and tormented,
Let us love and suffer too.

Refrain

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a

ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (6pm, 8am, 11am & 5pm sung)

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted,'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (6pm, 8am, 11am & 5pm sung)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is my Son, the Beloved

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Sat 6pm & Sun 5pm: Alma Mahler – Ekstase (Ecstasy)

Sun 11am: Samuel Barber – The Crucifixion

COMMUNION MUSIC

Sat 6pm & Sun 5pm: Johann Sebastian Bach – "Ich will dir mein Herze schenken,"
(I will give You my heart) from Matthäus-Passion BWV 244

Sun 8am: Felix Mendelssohn – "Höre, Israel" (Hear ye, Israel!) from Elijah Op 70

Sun 11am: Johann Sebastian Bach – "Quia Respexit Humilitatem"
from Magnificat in D Major BWV 243

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and steadfast spirit in my soul.
Give back to me the joy of my salvation,
and hold me always with a willing spirit.

1 Have mercy, O Lord,
according to your love;
cleansing me from my sin;
wash me in your mercy,
and fill my heart with joy and gladness.

Refrain

2 Open my lips,
and my mouth shall sing your praise;
my sacrifice, O Lord,
is a heart contrite and humble;
this, O Lord, you will receive.

Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And put a new and steadfast spirit in my soul.
Give back to me the joy of my salvation,
And hold me always with a willing spirit.
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach – “Christ Lag in Todesbanden” BWV 625
(Christ lay in death’s bonds) from *Orgelbüchlein*

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Mass Setting

Christopher Willcock – Missa Magis

God of mercy and compassion

Words: Michael Hodgetts; Music: AU SANG QU’UN DIEU Traditional French melody Arr Percy Jones

Responsorial Psalm

Music: Noel Ansell

Create in Me

Words: Based on Psalm 50 (51); Music: Marty Haugen

Lord of all Hopefulness, Lord of all Joy

Words: Jan Struther; Music: SLANE Traditional Irish melody aa Marthin Shaw