



Christ Church Anglican, Mexico City  
Morning Prayer, Rite II  
The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 14, 2021

**Organ Prelude**

Antonio Ortega, Christ Church Organist

*Deliver me, O Lord from the evil**Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck***Opening Antiphon**

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

*(Joel 2:13)***Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.**Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

Most merciful God,  
 we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will,  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Antiphon** (*Together*)

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

**Invitatory Psalm** (*Together*)

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
 and a great King above all gods.  
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
 and the heights of the hills are his also.  
 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
 and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
 For he is our God,  
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## **The Psalm Appointed** (Sung, *Together*)

**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

*Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9**

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by

speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*Answer:* Thanks be to God.

## ***Responsory Canticle***

### **14 A Song of Penitence**

*Kyrie Pantokrator, S237*

#### *Antiphon*

Your merciful promise is beyond all measure;  
it surpasses all that our mind can fathom.

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
and of all their righteous offspring:

You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand; \*  
you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
 Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
 Do not let me perish in my sin, \*  
 nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
 For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
 and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
 Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
 in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
 and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
 For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
 and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

### **The Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*Answer:* Thanks be to God.

### ***Responsory Canticle***

#### **10 The Second Song of Isaiah**

*Quaerite Dominum, S222*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
 call upon him when he draws near.  
 Let the wicked forsake their ways \*

and the evil ones their thoughts;  
 And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
 and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
 nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
 so are my ways higher than your ways,  
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
 For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
 and return not again, but water the earth,  
 Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
 seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
 So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
 it will not return to me empty;  
 But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
 and prosper in that for which I sent it.

## Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 145 vs. 1,2

- 1 Now quit your care and anxious fear and worry;  
 for schemes are vain and fretting brings no gain.  
 Lent calls to prayer, to trust and dedication;  
 God brings new beauty night;  
 reply, reply, reply with love to love most high;  
 reply, reply, reply with love to love most high.
  
- 2 To bow the head in sackcloth and in ashes,  
 or rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal;  
 but to be led to where God's glory flashes,  
 his beauty to come near.  
 Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light appear;  
 Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light appear.

## The Gospel: John 3:14-21

*All standing as able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying,*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord according to John.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ

## **Sermon – The Rev. Tamara Newell**

### **The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

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,  
     and the power, and the glory,  
     for ever and ever. Amen.

## Suffrages B (Book of Common Prayer [BCP], pp.98.)

V(erse).      Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R(esp(onse)).   Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V.   Day by day we bless you;

R.   We praise your Name for ever.

V.   Lord, keep us from all sin today;

- R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
 V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
 R. For we put our trust in you.  
 V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
 R. And we shall never hope in vain.

### **Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

Brothers and sisters in Christ: in this holy season of Lent, we remember our Lord's forty days in the wilderness as we ourselves are called to penitence, self-denial, and especially to prayer. Let us therefore lift our hearts to God in faith, responding to each petition in the words: *Lord have mercy.*

For ourselves, that our eyes may be opened to your presence in the world around us, and that we may speak your word with conviction, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord have mercy.*

For the leaders of the church universal, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Enrique, our primate; Carlos, our bishop emeritus; Susan and Germán, clergy in this parish, and our seminarians Adrián and Antonio, that they may preach the Gospel with boldness, and lead your people in the ways of service, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord have mercy.*

For this congregation, that we may stand firm in your word, with hearts focused upon fulfilling your will with confidence, humility, and love, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord have mercy.*

For our wardens, Jennifer and Carolina, and all our Vestry, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord have mercy.*

For our Search Committee, that they may find a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust, especially the leaders of this city and country of Mexico, that through their work they may promote justice and peace, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord have mercy.*

For peace among the nations, tribes, and peoples of this world, that strife and violence may come to an end, and that in places of suspicion, anxiety, and hatred, a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord have mercy.*

For the poor and the needy, for those who are persecuted, oppressed, refugees, victims of Covid-19 in any way, and for those in despair, that they may be freed from their affliction to serve you in faithfulness of heart, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord have mercy.*

For those who are sick or distressed in body, mind or spirit, especially: Esther, Missy, Mina, Guillermo, Luz María, Monique, Irasema, Elizabeth, Cruz, Fernando, Yvette, Louise, Jessica, Ned, Susie, Tammy, Jeanne, Raquel, Jeremy, Fr. Germán, Olivia, Lorraine, Humberto, Tina, and Paul Daulton, that they may be granted relief, protection, and hope, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord have mercy.*

For the blessings that enrich our lives, we give you thanks especially for: medical workers and all essential workers, for medicine and vaccines. We also remember those who celebrate birthdays: Karla and Linda K., we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord have mercy.*

For those who have died, and for all those whose faith is known to you alone, especially: Jim, Janet, Maureen, David, John, Jerry, Sam, Nancy, Martha, Rafael, Josefina, Heather, and Janet, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord have mercy.*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all whom you have made.  
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for your immeasurable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
 by giving up ourselves to your service,  
 and by walking before you  
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the

midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*  
*(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.**

**Birthdays this week:**

Karla Halley (14), Linda Keefe (16)

**Please e-mail any special petitions** for inclusion in the next Sunday's Prayers of the People by 5 p.m. on Monday to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar at:  
[office@christchurch.mx](mailto:office@christchurch.mx)

**When you pay your pledge** or make any financial donation online, please inform our parish accountant Edgar Gómez at [accounts@christchurch.mx](mailto:accounts@christchurch.mx) or by telephone at the parish office, 55 5202-0949 or 55 5520-3763.

Just whodunnit can number among the mysteries in this, our dear and magical, country. Help us, and Edgar, out.

**Cuando pague su promesa** o haga cualquier tipo de donación financiera, favor de informar al contador de nuestra parroquia, Edgar Gómez, al mail [accounts@christchurch.mx](mailto:accounts@christchurch.mx) o a los teléfonos de la oficina de la parroquia, 55 5202-0949 o 55 5520-3763.

Aquellos que ya lo hicieron pueden enumerar los problemas que han tenido en nuestro querido y fabuloso país. Ayúdenos y a Edgar también.

## **Help Update Our Parish Directory**

Our parish directory is a mess, and we need all our members' help in updating it.

Please send your current e-mail address, and home and cell telephone numbers to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar at [office@christchurch.mx](mailto:office@christchurch.mx)(.) Or call her at the church office: 55 5202-0949 or 55 5520-3763.

If you wish, include the name(s) of your spouse or partner or children. Ditto if you want to indicate your nationality.

If you were recently contacted to verify your information, please disregard the above, and keep reading.

Please take the time to call or otherwise pass on this request to any church members who either don't use e-mail or whose contact information you know or suspect might have changed. And ask them to do the same. You might also check to see if someone saw this.

All information will be protected in conformity with the privacy laws and regulations of Mexico and Mexico City.

## **Por Favor Ayuden a Actualizar el Directorio de Nuestra Parroquia**

Nuestro directorio de la parroquia tiene información muy antigua y por lo mismo no podemos contactar a todos los feligreses de la iglesia. Necesitamos de su ayuda para actualizarlo. Por favor manden su correo electrónico actual, el teléfono de su casa y de su celular a la secretaria parroquial Mary Rosa Casar al correo [office@christchurch.mx](mailto:office@christchurch.mx) o comuníquense con ella a la oficina de la iglesia: 55 5202-0949 ó 55 5520-3763.

Si usted quiere, puede incluir los nombres de su esposa, compañera, o hijos. Si quiere, puede dar su nacionalidad.

En caso de haber sido contactado recientemente para verificar su información, por favor haga caso omiso y continúe leyendo.

Por favor llame y si puede pase esta petición a cualquiera de los feligreses quienes no tienen correo electrónico o a quienes se han cambiado y no han actualizado sus datos. Y también pídale hacer lo mismo para hacer una gran cadena y tener la información que se necesita. Usted también podría preguntarles a los feligreses si han leído esta información.

Toda la información está protegida en conformidad con las leyes de privacidad de México y la Ciudad de México.

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Our customary gatherings remain suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In normal times, we celebrate Eucharist on Sundays in English at 8:30 a.m. in the Lady Chapel, in the church proper at 10:30 a.m. (with music), and in Spanish at 12:30 p.m., with all welcome to all services.

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