

7/3/21 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

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 2.13-22
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep

and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

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

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 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.**