

1st Sunday in Lent (b) 18th February 2024

Introduction

*leader: Greet the people and name the Sunday of the Year (see above)
Acknowledge visitors and welcome them.
Remind everyone that there will be refreshments ? ? ? ?
Announce the theme of the liturgy (see next)*

Theme – ON BEING TRANSFORMED

*leader: This first Sunday of Lent
is a time when we prepare
to celebrate the heart of our faith;
Jesus' death and resurrection.
This is a time for penance and hope.
The gospel of Mark describes
Jesus' first announcement of the reigning of God.
The evangelist, has earlier spoke of the forty days
Jesus spent in the wilderness.
The Spirit is present at the beginning of Jesus' ministry
driving Jesus into the wilderness
where he prepares for his mission.
(Announce the opening hymn:)*

Greeting

*presider: Ki te ingoa o te Matua, ✠ o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu:
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose table we share,
be with us:
or
Good evening/morning and the Lord be with you:
or
Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord,
be with you all:
or
Citizens with the saints and members of God's household, grace and
peace be with you:
all: **And with your spirit.***

Penitential Rite *Invitation to Repentance*

*either (confer with the Projectionist beforehand if you choose the: 'I confess'.)
leader: Gathered together in Christ, let us ask forgiveness with
confidence, for God is gentle and compassionate.
all: **I confess: . . .**
or
leader: It is said in the psalm today: "The Lord teaches the humble His Way".
We seek to return to the Way of the Gospel:
For the faults which still tarnish our performance: - (pause) - **Lord, have
mercy:***

*For the lies which twist our paths: - (pause) - **Christ, have mercy:***

*For our reluctance to trust in God alone: - (pause) - **Lord, have mercy:***

leader: May almighty God, cleanse us of our sins and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to sit at the table of the kingdom.

*all: **Amen***

GLORIA *(omitted)*

Opening Prayer

*leader: (Kia inoi tatou: ...) God of the covenant,
as the forty days of deluge
swept away the world's corruption
and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life,
so in the saving flood of baptism
Your people are washed clean and born again.
Throughout these forty days, we beg You,
unseal for us the wellspring of Your grace,
cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy,
and cause Your gift of new life
to flourish once again.
Grant this through Christ, our liberator from sin:*

*all: **Amen.***

Introduction to the first reading: *(Genesis 9 : 8 – 15)*

leader: The rainbow is both a sign of God's patience with a violent and sinful world and a promise of divine mercy.

Introduction to the second reading: *(1 Peter 3 : 18 – 22)*

leader: About suffering for doing what is right.

Gospel Acclamation:

*all: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Ruler of endless ages!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Ruler of endless ages!***

Introduction to the gospel reading: *(Mark 1 : 12 – 15)*

leader: The 'testing' of Jesus and the beginning of his Galilean ministry.

Homily Notes *(presider)*

- *The gospel speaks of Jesus' testing in the desert.
If we are to understand sin we must understand the normality of 'testing'. To be tested is not necessarily to be a sinner.
Jesus was tested.*
- *Testing in Hebrew and Christian tradition consists in the fact that other things are genuinely attractive,
but as a result, God's call seems less attractive*

and may go unheeded.

It is not selfish pleasure that constitutes sin.

The characteristic of all temptation is that it is attractive and not abhorrent.

In the testing of Jesus, what is presented is not blatantly evil in itself.

- *So even in regard to our regular sins, few of them are things about which we instinctively feel guilty so we are accustomed to the reasonableness and desirability of what we do; there is no space in our thoughts to allow for another view of things. This is why we need time to reflect on the Word of God in these Lenten readings. The readings reveal to us the sinfulness of our attitudes. And we need the infused spirit of penitence even to feel sorry for our sin.*
- *Alas, our first sin is to be reluctant to follow the Spirit, who would drive us out into the desert as Jesus was driven by the Spirit into the desert.*

Creed / Statement of Faith

Intercessions - 1st Week in Lent [Sun 18th – 24th February 2024]

invitation to pray:

leader: Friends in Christ, through the patriarch Noah the Lord made a covenant with all humanity. Let us pray for the needs of the human family:

1: *For healing of the divisions within the human family:*

- (pause) - God of Peace-makers, hear us:

*all: **God of Peace-makers, hear us.***

2: *As we begin Lent, that God will guide us to quiet places where we can listen to God and share our struggles and fears, honestly:*

- (pause) - Guide to the Perplexed, hear us:

*all: **Guide to the Perplexed, hear us.***

3: *May we impose fasting on ourselves to conquer our arrogance and become a better neighbour to others:*

- (pause) - God of Humility, hear us:

*all: **God of Humility, hear us.***

4: *For all who have experienced injustices. May we recognise the past and support measures to rectify injustices:*

- (pause) - God of Justice, hear us:

*all: **God of Justice, hear us.***

5: *We ask Your help, O Healer of the sick, for:*

(Maungaturoto) Trevor Brljevich, Lulu & Tony Ruiterman, Bill Lewis, Beverly Simons, Bob & Julia Bland, Peter McHugh, Adolph Layec, . . .

(Mangawhai) Petronella ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Pamela Downes, Phillip Cotching, Petronella Brom & family, Lorna Bocock, Veronica Grigg, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Roselle & Owen McGrane, Veronica & Iain Butler, Francis Cahill, Megan Billing & family, (Neice of Jo & Vincent Drum). . . .

(Wellsford) Dallas Colville, Rita McCurran, Wilma Jansen, Lucille Jenneker, Gerard McCurran, Kiri Walton, Lagi Sands, . .

Bless them for they share in Christ's passion through their suffering:

- (pause) - Healer of the Sick, hear us:

*all: **Healer of the Sick, hear us.***

6: *For those who have died: in the current conflicts in our world, . . .*

And for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Maggie Everett, Lawrence Livingstone, Teresa Cave, Myrtle Lambert, John Peacock, Jacinta Schicker, . . . Number them among Your saints:

- (pause) - God of Resurrection, hear us:

*all: **God of Resurrection, hear us.***

Concluding Prayer:

*leader: God of Tenderness and Mercy, create in us a new heart put a new spirit into our lives. We ask this in the name of Your Servant and our brother, Jesus: all: **Amen***

Prayer over the Gifts

*presider: (Kia inoi tatou: ...) Lord, at the beginning of this holy season
refashion our hearts and make them one with the sacrifice
we are about to offer. We ask this through Jesus Christ:*

*all: **Amen***

Preface

presider: The Lord be with you.

*all: **And also with you.***

presider: Lift up your hearts.

*all: **We lift them up to the Lord.***

presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*all: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*presider: It is our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give You thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Each year You bid Your faithful people cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast.
By more faithful prayer and works of charity
and by celebrating the mysteries of our rebirth,
we are led to the fullness of grace as Your sons and daughters.
And so, with angels and archangels,
with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim Your glory
and join their unending chorus of praise:*

*all: **Holy holy holy!***

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER – Reconciliation I

Memorial Acclamation

(the Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great 'AMEN')

Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

either

*leader: With trust in God, who nourishes us in the hour of need,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:*

or

leader: Let us pray for the coming of God's realm as Jesus taught us.

or

*leader: The Father has forgiven us, let us forgive our neighbour from the heart
as we say:*

*all: **Our Father, . . .***

*presider: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil;
graciously grant peace in our days,*

*that by the help of Your mercy,
we may be always freed from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

**all: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Sign of Peace

*presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you'.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church
and grant us the peace and unity of your Realm,
where you live, now and always:*

all: Amen.

presider: The peace of the Lord be with you:

all: And with your spirit.

leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace:

Lamb of God

**all: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us (x2)
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

*presider: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your death gave life to the world;
free us by this your most holy Body and Blood
from all our sins and from every evil:
keep us always faithful to your commandments
and never let us be parted from you.*

all: Amen

either

*presider: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of
the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.*

or

*presider: This is the bread come down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will never die.
This is the cup of eternal life;
whoever drinks of it will live forever:*

**all: Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof,
but only say the Word and my soul shall be healed.**

Holy Communion

presider: Ko te Tinana o te Karaiti:

(Ko nga Toto o te Karaiti:)

Prayer after Communion

*leader: (Kia inoi tatou: ...) Lord,
You have renewed us with the heavenly bread
that enlivens our faith, inspires our hope,
and strengthens our charity.
Teach us to hunger for Christ,
the true and living bread and to live by
every word that proceeds from your mouth.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*all: **Amen.**
(an opportunity for announcements/notices etc. . . .)*

Dismissal

*leader: We are sent; in the name of God,
with Your bountiful blessings, O Lord.
Come down upon Your people,
that hope may grow in tribulation;
virtue be strengthened in temptation;
and eternal redemption be assured.
Through Christ our Lord, until we gather again.*

*all: **Amen***

The Blessing

*presider: Kia whakapaingia koutou e te Atua kaha rawa,
e te Matua, e te Tamaiti ✠ e te Wairua Tapu.*

*all: **Amene***

leader: The Mass has ended; lets go and live the Mass.

*all: **Thanks be to God.***