

10.30am HOLY COMMUNION (Common Worship)  
28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Welcome**

*The Communion Service starts*

**HYMN 89 Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine** *is played*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** *(The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)*

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.**

**Psalm 65** *(said)*

<sup>1</sup> Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,<sup>2</sup> O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

<sup>3</sup> When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup> Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the

goodness of your house, your holy temple.<sup>5</sup> By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the

farthest seas.<sup>6</sup> By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. <sup>7</sup> You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup> Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.<sup>10</sup> You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

<sup>12</sup> The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,<sup>13</sup> the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

**SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 4:13- 25**

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup> For 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, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' <sup>19</sup> He 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. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup> Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**HYMN 988 How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

**THE GOSPEL: Mark 8:31- 38**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them 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. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But 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.'<sup>34</sup> He 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.'<sup>35</sup> For 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. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those 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.**

**SERMON followed by the CREED AND INTERCESSIONS**

*The communion service continues*

**HYMN 33 And Can It Be That I Should Gain** *(is played after the peace)*

**Notices followed by HYMN 437 Lord Make an Instrument**