



DIVINE SERVICE



**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
OF AUSTRALIA

21th June, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service Order

Online Service available at www.lvlp.org



LOCKYER VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH

LAIDLEY, ROPELEY, LOCKROSE AND TABEL MINISTRY AREA

OPENING SENTENCE

P. Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered,

C. and nothing is secret that will not become known.

P. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light;

C. and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

INVOCATION

P. *We gather in the name into which we were baptised. In the name of the Father and of the Son† and of the Holy Spirit.*

C. Amen.

♪ WE SING

LHS 465 Praise my soul the King of Heaven

1/4

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven.
Evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2/4.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious is His faithfulness.

3/4.

Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely as His mercy flows.

4/4.

Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

CONFESSION of sins

P. Friends in Christ: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us:

C. Heavenly Father: we confess that we are born in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. By what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We deserve your eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy Name. **Amen**

ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by

the authority of Christ, I forgive the sins of all of you who repent and believe, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

Since we have peace with God through the forgiveness of our sins, let us share that peace with each other by saying - ***The peace of the Lord be with you!***

♪ LORD HAVE MERCY

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

♪ WE SING

Praise to God who Reigns on High

1/3

Praise to God who reigns on high;
Peace on earth to men he loves.
We praise and thank and worship You,
Lord our God, our heavenly king,
God the Father, mighty one.

2/3

Only Son, Lord Jesus Christ,
Lamb of God, the Father's Son,
You take away the people's sin;
You that sit at God's right hand,
Hear us and have mercy, Lord.

3/3

You alone are holy, Christ,
Only you are Lord of all;
For, with the Spirit, You alone
Share the Father's glory, Christ.
Praise the Lord most high! Amen.

GREETING

P. The Lord be with you

C. And also with you.

P. Let us pray that we may desire the eternal blessings of God:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Strengthen our faith, Lord, so that we do not set our hearts on earthly things, but love the things of heaven. As we are surrounded by things that are passing away, help us to cling to those that will last forever.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13 Jeremiah struggles with his calling

After the reading:

L. This is the word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 69: 7-18

For I endure scorn for your sake,
and shame covers my face.

I am a foreigner to my own family,
a stranger to my own mother's children;

for zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.

When I weep and fast,
I must endure scorn;

when I put on sackcloth,
people make sport of me.

Those who sit at the gate mock me,
and I am the song of the drunkards.

But I pray to you, Lord,
in the time of your favour;

in your great love, O God,
answer me with your sure salvation.

Rescue me from the mire,
do not let me sink;

deliver me from those who hate me,
from the deep waters.

Do not let the floodwaters engulf me
or the depths swallow me up or the pit close its mouth over me.

Answer me, Lord,
out of the goodness of your love;

in your great mercy turn to me.
Do not hide your face from your servant;

answer me quickly,

for I am in trouble.

Come near and rescue me;

deliver me because of my foes.

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

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1b-11 *Dead to sin, but alive to Christ*

After the reading:

P. This is the word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C. Alleluia, Alleluia.

P. Jesus said: 'Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

C. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:24-39 Do not be afraid; take up your cross and follow Christ

AFTER THE GOSPEL READING

R: This is the gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL PRAYER

P. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for giving up your life for us. Help us to trust in you more than everything else.

C. Amen.

GOSPEL SONG

LHS 296 Here I am, Lord

Chorus

Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

1/3

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and
sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

2/3

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my work to them.
Whom shall I send?

3/3

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

SERMON:

Do not be afraid; take up your cross and follow Christ

Grace and peace to you from the Father through the Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mission has been the theme of all the Gospel readings since the Pentecost Sunday. Last week, we heard the story that Jesus was sending his disciples to be the missionaries to the Jewish people across the nation of Israel.

Jesus sent them to proclaim the good news of that the kingdom of heaven. He gave them the power and authority to free people from evil spirits, to heal the sick, to cure people from disease, even to raise the dead to alive. He urged them to start the mission from God's own people of Israel - what we relate today as the estranged Christians - the "lost sheep" of every Christian church including the four congregations in Laidley, Lockrose, Ropeley and Tabeel.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continued his mission orientation session to the disciples. But this time he said something really surprised them. On top of all the exciting and wonderful gifts he granted, Jesus disclosed the other side of the mission task - it is going to be tough. It is going to be painful and even dangerous. Then what is the proper attitude Jesus expects his disciples to have in mission?

Today's sermon is based on the Gospel reading where Jesus encouraged his disciples in the mission field. Let us pray: Lord God, Sanctify us in truth, your Word is the truth. Amen.

Can I check your homework first? Last week we identified that even the people in our families could be the "lost sheep" of God's house. They are the harvest God sends us to bring back to church, back to the Word and Sacraments so they can be cured and nourished. At the end of my preaching, I asked "Have you heard the calling and invitation from the Lord?" If you have not heard, please go through last Online Service again, or simply read the sermon in the Service Order. If you heard the calling and invitation from the Lord through my preaching, let me ask you: have you tried to persuade one or two "lost sheep" around you during last week? If you did try, well done, you good and faithful servant. No matter how the result is, God will reward you with great peace and joy.

If you have not started doing your mission task yet, what hindered you? You may give me many reasons, like "I haven't got a chance to meet them", but they are only a phone call away. You may say "There is God's timing for them to come back to church." No! God even does not want them to leave the church after their baptism, God wants them to come back to his house ASAP!

You may give me many other reasons to explain why you could not start to do the mission Jesus sent you to do in your own household. Whatever those reasons are,

Jesus already disclosed them nearly 2000 years ago. It is all kinds of fear! So, let us deal with those fears by God's Word today.

Firstly, the fear of being weighed down by your family members and being labelled as religious, hypocrite, out of date, old fashion or anything in that category undermining your self-estimate. So the Word Jesus says in the beginning of today's Gospel is, "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master... If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household! (vv. 24,25b)"

It is vital for us to remember who we are, to whom we belong, and how Jesus was treated while he lived on the earth. He was denounced by his fellow Jews as Beelzebul, an ancient name for the devil.

Jesus is the teacher and we are the disciples; Jesus is the master and we are his servants. Can we expect to be treated better than our teacher and master? When we follow Jesus, we follow Jesus into the suffering imposed by the world - more often by people close to us. Therefore, we should not be surprised if our self-estimate is under attacking.

So, Jesus says "Do not be afraid of them." He encourages us to do the mission even more aggressively – proclaim the Kingdom of God in the daylight and the Gospel from the roofs (vv. 26-27).

Secondly, we fear the loss of family harmony or unity if we re-evangelise our family members who are among the "lost sheep." We are so polite, so gentle, so keen to show our love, thinking of that they might turn back to God one day. But Jesus tears off this kind of fantasy. He says, "I have come to turn 'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law – a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

This is a very serious warning. Nominal Christians are not only those who disappear from the church after their baptism or give up their faith, but also those who value their family relations more than loving their Savior Jesus Christ.

There is a paradoxical and Biblical truth said by Jesus in the very last verse in the Gospel reading today: "Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. (v.39)" People might think they are blessed by a harmonious family relationship even at the cost of proclaiming the Gospel to the "lost sheep" around them. Wrong! Only Jesus is the way, truth and life. A harmonious family must be built upon this solid foundation.

Finally, fear of being mistreated especially when you are getting old and need care from your family members physically and emotionally. Fear can be a weapon.

People have always exploited fear. It is the weapon of terrorists, school bullying, some bad nursing home workers, and sadly, even within families.

But Jesus says: “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul (v. 28a)” – they may harm you physically or even emotionally but never spiritually. Because the heavenly Father loves and cares you to an extent that “even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows (vv.30-31)” Jesus said.

When we are in fear of being forgotten, abandoned and suffering, Jesus compares us to sparrows. Every little sparrow is known by God, and God cares whenever a little bird suffers or dies. Does God not care us when we suffer physically and emotionally? Of course he cares, for we are His children!

Whereas we so easily become preoccupied with our physical welfare and emotional well-being. We want to have a life that is free of pain and suffering. That is not wrong because we are created in God’s image with honor and dignity. But in fact, just because of giving up his honor and dignity as the Son of God, Jesus won the eternal life for all of us on the cross. Therefore only in Jesus Christ we can share his divine honor and dignity in the Kingdom of heaven, by grace without fear.

Jesus does know, he does understand, and he does give us the power to overcome fear. Our fear is part of the cross we are carrying on. But when he says to us “Do not be afraid” or “do not fear,” he actually stretches his hands to put our fear onto the Cross he was nailed on. Praise the Lord!

So, listen to the Lord, do not be afraid; cast your fear to the Lord, take up your cross and follow Jesus in his mission of saving the lost sheep, start from your own household right now, from your children right now, and even from your children’s children right now. The Lord surely be with you till the end of the world. Amen.

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

NICENE CREED:

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING HYMN

AT 101 Jesus please watch me

1/4.
 As we step from the edge of morning,
 Feet can't tell where to take us;
 Here's a light that will shine for ever,
 Here's the light that will guide us.

Chorus:
 Jesus, please watch over us.
 Jesus, please take care of us.

2/4.
 Trouble comes, and we search for
 safety,
 We forget that you hold us;
 Fill our minds so that we remember,
 Say once more that you love us.

Chorus:
 Jesus, please watch over us.

Jesus, please take care of us.

3/4.
 Danger meets us at every moment.
 Death is never in hiding;
 You are stronger than any danger,
 You are stronger than dying.

Chorus:
 Jesus, please watch over us.
 Jesus, please take care of us.

4/4.
 In your life is the Father's welcome,
 In your death there is freedom;
 Be our life and our death for ever,
 Be our new resurrection.

Chorus:
 Jesus, please watch over us.
 Jesus, please take care of us.

OFFERING PRAYER

P. Let us pray

C: Lord, you have given us the privilege of being your servants, telling other people about you and showing your compassion through our actions. Give us courage to serve you and not to count the cost.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Christ invites us to come to him with all our burdens, so that he can give us rest. Trusting in his promise, let us pray with confidence to his Father and our Father.

Heavenly Father, bless your church and the work you have called it to do. Make us a resting place for the weary and the heavy laden. Let us be a place where troubled people can take their burdens and place them in your hands. Teach us to bring our burdens to you everyday and place them confidently in your hands knowing that in Christ alone we have been given a new start, and through Christ alone we can have the true peace and the true comfort of forgiveness.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for all schools and other places of learning, especially schools in our area. Bless the work of teachers and other staff members and strengthen them in their special calling. Use them to prepare our young people to face the world with wisdom and confidence.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for your blessing to our agriculture and all other primary industries. When times are difficult, we place our trust in you and ask you to hear our prayers and answer our need. We thank you for rain and sunshine, and we pray that you would continue to send rain when and where it's needed. We ask that you would protect and watch over people who are struggling at this time, and especially those who are unable to put their trust in you. Help them to let go of their burdens and find the true rest only you can give them.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Protect all those who are starving, malnourished and in poverty, both overseas and in this country. Give us hearts to share compassionately from our abundance to help provide for our brothers and sisters in need.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Bless our government and all in authority. Use our elected leaders to promote goodness, justice and truth. As you have appointed us to be stewards of the earth, help our nation to wisely manage the environment and prevent the **degradation** of land and water ways.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Be with all we know who have particular needs. We pray for those who are entering hospital or recovering from treatment – help them to acknowledge your fatherly will and rejoice in your saving help.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We trust in your mercy, Lord, and put all our concerns into your hands. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WE SING

AT 212 Hush now

1/4

Hush now, for I am your God;
hush now, for I am your God.
I'll keep my watch over you, day after
day.
Hush now, for I am your God.

2/4

Peace now, I'm here by your side;
peace now, I'm here by your side.
I've promised to love you,
and keep you my own.
Peace now, I'm here by your side.

3/4

Come, now I give you my home;
come now, I give you my home.
With me you may shelter,
in safety and calm.
Come now, I give you my home.

4/4

Joy now, for I am your God;
joy now, for I am your God.
There'll be no more tears when I wipe
them away.
Joy now, for I am your God.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts...

♪ WE LIFT OUR HEARTS WITH JOY

1/4

We lift our hearts with joy,
We lift them to the Lord.
We give you thanks, our God,
For that is right and good.

2/4

Yes, it is truly good,
Our duty and delight,
That we should everywhere
And at all times give thanks.

3/4

And so we thank You now,
Our holy Father, Lord,

4/4

With all the angels, then,
With saints through all time,

Eternal, mighty God,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise Your wondrous name,
Adore you evermore:

♪ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
You fill all of heaven and earth; save us, God on high!
Let us praise the One who comes in the name of God.
Praise! Praise! Praise! Praise! Praise to You on high!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me". In the same way He took the cup, after the supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said, "Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me"

Gracious Father, we therefore remember the sacrifice of our Lord in celebration, as we receive His body and blood with this bread and wine. We rejoice to receive all that He has done for us in his life and death, His resurrection and ascension; and we wait for His coming again to share with us the heavenly feast. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we who receive the body and blood of Christ may live as true members of the body of your Son.

C: Amen.

♪ WE SING The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Your name be kept holy,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
And give us this day our bread for today.
Forgive our sins as we forgive
all those who sin against us.
And help us when tempted,
and save us from evil.
For kingdom, power, and praise are Yours forever.
Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. Amen

♪ WE SING Jesus Lamb of God

1/3	2/3	3/3
Jesus, Lamb of God, You take away our sin:	Jesus, Lamb of God, You take away our sin:	Jesus, Lamb of God, You take away our sin:

Have mercy on us, Lord. Have mercy on us, Lord. Give us your peace. AMEN

P. Jesus says: 'My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood remain in me, and I in them.'

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Come, everything is ready.

♪ WE SING

AT 79 Feed us now

1/3

Feed us now, Bread of life,
In this holy meal;
Let us know your love anew:
We hunger for you.
Feed us now, Bread of life,
Come and live within;
Let your peace be ours today,
Lord Jesus, we pray.

2/3

Piece of bread, glass of wine:
Lord, this food is good:
Love and mercy come to us –
Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine;
Who can understand
How his mercy works in these?
Yet, Lord, we believe.

3/3

God is here, O so near –
Nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where'er we go;
Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near,
In this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on you –
On the bread that is true.

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in body and soul unto life eternal. Go in peace†.

C. AMEN

THE THANKSGIVING

1/3

Now, Lord, You let Your servant go
In peace, according to Your word;
For I have seen Your saving love,
Which You have shown to all of us.

2/3

For your salvation now is seen
By all the nations of the earth:
A light to show Your way to all,
For glory to Your chosen race.

3/3

All praise to God the Father now,
All praise to Jesus Christ the Son,

And to the Holy Spirit praise,
Both now and evermore. Amen.

POST- COMMUNION PRAYER

All: Thank you, Lord, for this healing gift. Strengthen our faith, so that we do not set our hearts on earthly things but love the things of heaven. As we are surrounded by things that are passing away, help us to cling to those that will last forever. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

♪ WE SING The Blessing

The grace of Jesus Christ
The love of God the Father
The Holy Spirit's fellowship
Be with us all.
Amen

THE BLESSING

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; The LORD look upon you with favor † and give you peace.

C. Amen.

CLOSING SONG LHS 195 A Mighty Fortress

1/4
A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon,
Our faithful helper in all need,
Our stay, whate'er may happen.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

2/4
With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our fall effected;
but for us fights the valiant one
Whom God himself elected
Ask ye: Who is this?
Christ Jesus it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field for ever.

3/4
Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none;

4/4
The Word shall stand despite all foes-
No thanks they for it merit-
For God is with us and bestows
His gifts and Holy Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child and wife:
Though these all be gone.

He's judged, for e'er undone;
One little word can fell him.

Yet have our foes not won;
The kingdom our remaineth.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace to take up your cross and follow the Lord.

C: **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The 4th Sunday after the Pentecost (28th June) Online Service with Holy Communion is scheduled to be held at Lockrose church.
2. The last (5th July) pre-recorded Online Service with Holy Communion is scheduled to be held at Ropeley church.
3. On 12th of July we will resume normal Sunday Service at each congregation. Service time is to be confirmed next week.
4. Please inform the office any plan of resuming fellowship at church building or even at home with the proper plan of social distancing.
5. Lockrose Women's Guild held the Bible Study on 17th June.
6. Laidley Women's Guild will recommence the Bible Study at church hall on 9:00am this Wednesday 24th June. Please read all Bible passages in readiness.
7. Ropeley Women's Guild will resume the Bible Study at church hall from July.
8. We share deep condolence to Tony and Elsie Oddi, and Bernie and Shirley Muller on the loss of Elsie's brother Reg. His funeral was held at Caboolture on Thursday 18th June.

Special prayers for these people in need of good Health

Brooke Kirkwood, Gwen Diete, Joan and Alex Body, Ann Rickuss, Marlene Staatz, Grace Norman, Pastor Noel Noack, Ashleigh Steinhardt (maternity leave).

Baptism Anniversary

During June we remember the following child on the anniversary of their Baptism in our prayer: Owen Ponting, son of Blake and Samantha and brother to Riley.

Your offering is part of your Worship
and is presented to God through the prayer

Ropeley Lutheran Church: NAB Gatton BSB 084-657 Account number 508724245
Lockrose Lutheran Church: NAB Lowood BSB 084-780 Account number 508809759
Laidley Redeemer Church: NAB Laidley. BSB 084-771 Account number 492460969

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NEXT SUNDAY (28th June, 2020)

4nd Sunday after Pentecost

Leading: Pastor Jing Luan

Musician: Elaine Steffens; Kevin Kolick

Reader: Barbara Juck

Text:

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13 Jeremiah struggles with his calling

Psalm: Psalm 69:7-18

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11 Dead to sin, but alive to Christ

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:24-39 Do not be afraid; take up your cross and follow Christ