

Our Lady of Loretto & St Michael Musselburgh with St Martin's Tranent

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

(YEAR C)

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

You came to call sinners:

**Christe Eleison, Christe Eleison,
Christe Eleison,**

You plead for us at the right hand of the
Father

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

FIRST READING A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants; he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other, but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

R. The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **R.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living;

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (3:17-4:1)

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ King of Eternal Glory!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

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The Holy **GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (9:28-36)

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord
(All Bow until Mary)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

Musselburgh Churches Together

World Day of Prayer

A service will take place on

Tuesday 15th March 2pm

St Andrew's High

Cook Club

The Musselburgh Churches Together group has for some time been looking at the possibility of holding a cook club in Musselburgh. We are grateful to St. Peter's Episcopal Church for agreeing to host this activity, and now we have entered the phase of actively fundraising to ensure that it can start in the summer of this year. The cook club will be run in conjunction with Cyrenians, a national homelessness charity, and will enable us to provide a meal for anyone in the community who wishes to participate, as well providing people with skills to cook nutritional and economic meals in their own homes. There is a real need for this kind of support in our community, which we think will become greater in this time when there are increasing economic strains on families.

It is good that we already have the support of a number of local churches in this venture. In order for us to get the club up and running we are setting up a steering group to oversee the establishment of the group and its ongoing functioning. A number of people have already agreed to be part of the group. If your church is not already represented, we would love to have someone from your congregation on the steering committee. Please raise this with the leadership of your church, and send the details of anyone who would like to be involved in the steering group to Leslie Milton (Minister at St. Andrew's High Church) at AMilton@churchofscotland.org.uk.

***Can I ask if there is anyone interested in representing Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael on the Steering Groups of this new venture?
Fr Basil***