Sermonette: **Jesus is the High Priest that meets our needs.** (Hebrews 7.26)

The Choir has just sung The Lost Chord. It is a story of fleeting perfection glimpsed and despite great trying never found again.

This is the same experience most experience in our religious faith.

We know what perfection looks like (eg 10 Commandments), but we struggle to get there, and fail too easily.

Humanity has sought God, and to reach perfection through cleansing ceremonies – Law, High Priest.

These never quite worked, and even if they did it would be only until another failure.

TEXT. In Jesus we have a different solution. He is a High Priest who does not fail, nor needs to repeat the sacrifice. He is the perfection for which we strive, but cannot reach.

Hebrews talks about a promise - to bless Abraham and his descendants. The implication is that though not Jews we can be included in this promise if we are Abraham’s descendants. There is an old song,

***“Father Abraham has many sons***

***Many sons has Father Abraham.***

***I am one of them, and so are you,***

***so let’s all praise the Lord”.***

We become Abraham’s children not because of what we do/are, but because of who Jesus is & what he did. So there is now no need to strive for perfection, to find that lost chord! TEXT.