



**St. Martin's Anglican Church**  
September 13, 2020  
**The Fifteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM**

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Prelude *Chorale-Prelude on "Deo Gratias"*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

**Sentence:** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 13.34

***All responses are to be whispered.***

**Opening Hymn** Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour, vs. 1 & 5  
***Organ only. No congregational singing is permitted at this time. We provide text for your reference.***

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia,  
Jesus, true and living bread!

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
alleluia,  
risen, ascended, glorified!

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* **to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Kyrie Eleison**

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

### **Collect**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
you call your Church to witness  
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.  
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may turn to you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading** Romans 14:1-12

*Lector: Peter Davidson*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 114**

1 When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

3 The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

5 Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

6 O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 18:21-35

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-

seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Reflection** Rev. Shelly

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

### **Apostles' Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*All* I believe in God,

the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
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 the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of the People** Intercessor: Peter Davidson

### **Confession & Absolution**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,  
*All* we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

**Offertory Hymn (organ only)** Crown Him With Many Crowns, vs. 1 & 4

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne:  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him  
who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* Holy God,  
accept all we offer you this day.  
May we who are reconciled at this table  
bring wholeness to our broken world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The  
universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the  
sea; within each cell; with every breath.  
***We praise you, O God.***

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

***We bless you, O God.***

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

***We thank you, O God.***

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

***Amen.***

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence*

## **Breaking of Bread 2**

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All:* **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## The Communion

**Agnus Dei** (whispered quietly)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*You are free to leave after receiving the Sacrament if you wish. Go forth with God's grace and blessing. We will continue with the service for those who wish to remain.*

Instrumental Hymn during Communion

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray:

God of peace,

in this eucharist we have been reconciled  
to you and to our neighbours.

May we who have been nourished by holy things  
always have the courage to forgive.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

### **Doxology & Blessing**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

*All* **whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,**

**in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge  
and love of God and of his Son,  
Jesus Christ the Lord.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
remain with you and the ones you love  
now and forevermore.

## **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn (organ)** May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour, vs.1 & 2

May the grace of Christ our Savior  
and the Father's boundless love,  
with the Holy Spirit's favor,  
rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
with each other and the Lord,  
and possess, in sweet communion,  
joys which earth cannot afford.

*Rev. Shelly* Go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Postlude

## Announcements

**Thank you** – to our Reopening Committee for their great work in making St. Martin's a safe place to worship.

**Thank you** – to all who took time to answer our reopening survey, and for your willingness to sign up to attend.

**Bible Study on Zoom** – Beginning the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be studying the Book of James. There will be two opportunities per week: Tuesdays at 7PM, and Wednesdays around 10:45 AM, following the online midweek service. Please email Rev. Shelly at [shelly@stmartinsanglican.ca](mailto:shelly@stmartinsanglican.ca) to let her know if you are interested, and which date/time is best for you.

**Wednesday Services on Zoom** – beginning Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 AM. Please refer to last Friday's weekly email for the link and phone number to participate.

**Virtual Coffee Hour on Hold** – Our Virtual Coffee Hour is on hold this week. Check our next weekly email for information on when it will resume.

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