



# St. Martin's Anglican Church

February 21, 2021

## The First Sunday in Lent

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*Prelude*    *O Lamm Gottes Unschuldig*, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Sentence:**

We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

**Opening Hymn**    Forty Days and Forty Nights, vs. 1 & 5

***Organ only***

Forty days and forty nights  
you were fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Saviour, may we hear your voice --  
keep us constant at your side;  
and with you we shall rejoice  
at the eternal Eastertide.

### 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.

### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we  
are but did not sin,  
give us grace to discipline ourselves  
in submission to your Spirit,  
that as you know our weakness,  
so we may know your power to save;  
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 Genesis 9.8-17**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing

my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 25.1-9**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### **Second Reading    1 Peter 3.18-22**

A reading from the First Letter of Peter:

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you -not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**Gospel Reading** Mark 1.9-15

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily**

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

## The 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.

**Offertory Hymn (organ only)** In Christ There Is No East or West, vs. 1 &  
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In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ now meet both east and west;

in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* God our refuge and our strength,  
receive all we offer you this day,  
and through the death and resurrection of your Son  
transform us to his likeness.  
We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*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.**

### **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.**

## **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. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn (organ)** By the Holy Spirit Sent, vs. 1 & 5

By the Holy Spirit sent,  
Jesus to the desert went,  
that he might his children show  
how sin's power to overthrow.

Since our loving Saviour thus  
kept a sacred Lent for us,  
we, through him, can conquer sin  
and a royal victory win.

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

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude    *Psalm-Prelude Set 2, No. 2*, Herbert Howells (1891-1982)

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## *Announcements*

**Lenten Study** – Beginning Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, we will meet on Zoom to journey through Lent together as we follow the program *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent*. \*\*If you wish to participate, please RSVP to Rev. Shelly at [shelly@stmartinsanglican.ca](mailto:shelly@stmartinsanglican.ca). She will send you the study questions and links to program materials. All meetings are at 7 PM.

The dates are as follows:

Thursday, Feb 18, 2021

Thursday, Feb 25, 2021

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Link to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84220211603>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone. Meeting ID: 842 2021 1603

**Black History Month Discussion Night** – On Tuesday, February 23 at 7 PM, please join Rev. Shelly for a Discussion Night on Zoom! We will look at the life of Viola Desmond and the Canadian experience in Black history. Please RSVP to Rev. Shelly

at [shelly@stmartinsanglican.ca](mailto:shelly@stmartinsanglican.ca). The link to participate is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87251595339>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone. Meeting ID: 872 5159 5339

**Vestry Meeting** – Our annual Vestry meeting will take place on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM via Zoom. The link to participate is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83759984419>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.

Meeting ID: 837 5998 4419

**Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom** – Our Virtual Coffee Hour is back on Sundays at 12:30 PM on Zoom! Link to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86160988368>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.

Meeting ID: 861 6098 8368

**Wednesday Service on Zoom** – Our midweek service will take place on Zoom on Wednesday at 10:15 am. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82287913027>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.

Meeting ID: 822 8791 3027

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