



# St. Martin's Anglican Church

February 28, 2021

**The Second Sunday in Lent**

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*Prelude*    *Christ, du Lamm Gottes (BWV 619)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Sentence:**

I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

**Opening Hymn**    Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said, vs. 1 & 5

***Organ only***

Take up your cross, the Saviour said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
deny yourself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

## **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 was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross,  
give us faith to perceive his glory,  
that being strengthened by his grace  
we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
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 17:1-7, 15-16**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you

exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 22.22-30**

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

### **Second Reading    Romans 4.13-25**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not

weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**Gospel Reading** Mark 8.31-38

*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.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said

to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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) You Call Us, Lord, to Be, vs. 1 & 4**

You call us, Lord, to be  
a people set apart,  
to feel with thoughtful mind  
and think with tender heart.  
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to serve:  
to die that we may live,  
to know we best receive  
when joyfully we give.  
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
to make us equal to the task.

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* God of wisdom,  
may the light of the eternal Word,  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
guide us to your glory.  
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)**    In the Cross of Christ I Glory, vs. 1 & 2

In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life overtake me,  
Hopes deceive and fears annoy;  
Never shall the cross forsake me:  
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

*Rev. Shelly* Go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in G minor*, Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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## *Announcements*

**Vestry Meeting TODAY** – 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

**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

**Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom** – There is no coffee hour this week because of the Vestry meeting. Coffee hour will be back next Sunday.

**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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