



# St. Martin's Anglican Church

February 7, 2021

## The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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Prelude *The Bells of St. Chad*, Heathcote Statham (1889-1973)

**Sentence:**

He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.

**Opening Hymn** In the Name of Christ We Gather, vs. 1 & 5

***Organ only***

In the name of Christ we gather,  
in the name of Christ we sing,  
celebrate new vows, new promise  
of a life's whole offering,  
here ordained to lead God's people  
at the Gospel's beckoning.

Word of joy, enlivening Spirit,  
more than lover, parent, friend,  
born in Jesus, born in Mary,  
born in us, that love extend,  
grow within your chosen servant,  
life of God that has no end!

## 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**

Merciful Lord,  
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### **First Reading Isaiah 40.21-30**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah:

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 147.1-12, 21C**

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! how pleasant it is to honour him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse, he has no pleasure in the strength of a man.

But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favour.

## **Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9.16-23**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**Gospel Reading** Mark 1.29-39

*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.**

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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) Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ, vs. 1 & 3**

Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,  
I know not how to ask or what to say;  
I only know my need, as deep as life,  
and only you can teach me how to pray.

Come with the strength I lack, the vision clear  
of neighbour's need, of all humanity;  
fulfilment of my life in love outpoured;  
my life in you, O Christ; your love in me.

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* God of compassion and forgiveness,  
receive our offering this day,  
and make us one with him who is our peace,  
Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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)** Today I Awake, vs. 1 & 4

Today I awake  
and God is before me.  
At night, I dreamt,  
he summoned the day;  
for God never sleeps,  
but patterns the morning  
with slithers of gold  
or glory in grey.

Today I enjoy  
the Trinity round me,

above and beneath,  
before and behind;  
the Maker, the Son,  
the Spirit together –  
they called me to life  
and call me their friend.

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

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude    *Chorale-Prelude on 'St. Ann'*, C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918)

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## *Announcements*

**Vestry Meeting** – Our annual Vestry meeting will take place on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. The Zoom link and more details will be sent out closer to the date.

**Vestry Reports** – are due no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are a ministry group leader, please email your report to the office.

**Lenten Study** – Beginning 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*. 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 29, 2021

All meetings are at 7 PM. More information and links to come.

**Virtual Pancake Supper** – Tuesday, February 16, 6-8 PM. Arrive at 6 PM, or join later and stay as long as you can. Bring your pancakes and syrup! We will join informally on Zoom over pancakes and share in fellowship and some fun trivia throughout the evening. Family and friends are welcome. If they are not members of the church or known to us, they should contact the office for the link before February 16 so we can record their name, otherwise they may not be admitted to the Zoom meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83763475109>

Meeting ID: 837 6347 5109

**Passcode (required): 408486**

To join by phone only:

Call 647 374 4685

Enter Meeting ID 837 6347 5109,

then Password 408486.

When prompted for participant ID press # to enter the session.

**Ash Wednesday** – February 17, 2021. We will not offer the imposition of ashes this year because of COVID-19 restrictions, but we will have a service on YouTube as well as our regular Wednesday 10:15 service on Zoom (see link below.)

**Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom** – Our Virtual Coffee Hour is back 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.

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