



# St. Martin's Anglican Church

March 14, 2021

## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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*Prelude*    *Wir danke Dir, Herr Jesu Christ*, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Sentence:**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**Opening Hymn**    *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, vs. 1 & 4

***Organ only***

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

### 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**

Gracious Father,  
whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven  
to be the true bread which gives life to the world,  
evermore give us this bread,  
that he may live in us, and we in him,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading Numbers 21.4-9**

A Reading from the Book of Numbers:

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no

water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

### **Second Reading    Ephesians 2.1-10**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians:

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**Gospel Reading** John 3.14-21

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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)** The Glory of These Forty Days, vs. 1 & 5

The glory of these forty days  
we celebrate with songs of praise;  
for Christ, by whom all things were made,  
himself has fasted and has prayed.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
to thee be every prayer addressed,  
who art in threefold name adored,

from age to age, the only Lord.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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)** Lord of All Hopefulness vs. 1 & 4

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude    *Capriccio*, Giralomo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

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## *Announcements*

**Earth Hour** - Please join the St. Martin's Green Team via Zoom on **Saturday, March 27th @ 8:30 PM** to celebrate Earth Hour 2021. Share your favourite nature poems/stories with us and have a Zoom sing-along by candlelight as we highlight our connection to the earth. All are welcome to attend. The Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date. If you plan on attending, please email Lee Lynn @ [leealynn49@outlook.com](mailto:leealynn49@outlook.com) so she can email out song lyrics to you before the event starts.

**Donations for Spring Sale** - St. Martin's will be hosting a Virtual Spring Sale (stay tuned for more details). If you are decluttering, downsizing, and simplifying your possessions, we are requesting your **donations of clean, gently used items** to help make the sale a success. We are also looking for **handcrafted items such as dishcloths, masks, tea towels and preserves**. We will be accepting items at the church from the north parking lot on **Saturday, March 20th between 12-2 pm**. Volunteers will be ready to assist with a contactless drop off. Please contact Lee (905-428-2587) or Denise (905-995-3059) if you need to make alternate arrangements to drop off your donations and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

**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.

Meeting ID: 822 8791 3027

**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.

Remaining dates are as follows:

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

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