



Sunday 21 February 2020, 10am
The First Sunday of Lent

The Eucharist

Presider
Revd Richard Carter

Preacher
Revd Sally Hitchiner

⊕ Common Worship

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The Bells of St Martin-in-the-Fields, recorded pre-pandemic by the St Martin-in-the-Fields Band of Bell Ringers.

The Gathering

Introit Lent Prose (Hear us, O Lord)
Recorded by St Martin's Voices

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.*

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Refrain

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Refrain

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Refrain

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee
with true contrition, now no more we veil them
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Refrain

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

Refrain

*'Attende, Domine', anonymous Latin from the Mozarabic Breviary (5th to 8th century),
compiled by Dom Pothier (fl.1824)*

Welcome

Silence is kept.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

I invite you to light a candle of hope.

All **Lord Jesus, light of the world,
shine mercy and peace on your people.**

Opening Hymn

Recorded remotely by the Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

- 1 Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild,
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted and yet undefiled.
- 2 Sunbeams scorching all the day,
Chilly dewdrops nightly shed
Prowling beasts about thy way,
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.
- 3 Let us thine endurance share,
And awhile from joys abstain,
With thee watching unto prayer,
Strong with thee to suffer pain.
- 4 And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fail.
- 5 So shall we have peace divine,
Holier gladness ours shall be,
Round us too shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to thee.

continued...

6 Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by thy side,
That with thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.

G.H. Smyttan (1822-70) and Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Confession

Let us confess our sins, so that we may know God fully, as we are fully known.

Silence is kept.

You enter the desert to face the hardest truth; we live in self-deception.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You offer the bread that gives true life; we consume what leaves us craving more.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You refuse to worship empty power; we let greed rule our world.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Genesis 9. 8-17 *read by Kristine Wellington,
recorded*

Then 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.'

Hear the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 1 Peter 3. 18-end *read by Chris Braganza,
recorded*

For 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 people, 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.

Hear the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Recorded by St Martin's Voices

- 1 From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey, Lord,
baptised in grace, in grace renewed
by your most holy word.
- 2 Through fasting, prayer, and charity
your voice speaks deep within,
returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.
- 3 From desert to the mountaintop
in Christ our way we see,
so, tempered by temptation's might
we might transfigured be.
- 4 For thirsting hearts let waters flow
our fainting souls revive;
and at the well your waters give
our everlasting life.
- 5 From ashes to the living font
your church must journey still:
through cross and tomb to Easter joy,
in Spirit-fire fulfilled.

Alan J Hommerding (b. 1956)

Gospel Reading Mark 1. 9-15

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 for 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Revd Sally Hitchiner

Anthem Be thou my vision *Bob Chilcott*
Recorded by St Martin's Voices

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Words: Words: Irish c.8th century,
tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931), versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

The Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 Intercession *led by Sophie Tyler, recorded*

The response to the prayers is:

Lord, in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer.**

And, at the end:
Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Those who join us online may wish to write the word 'Peace' or another suitable greeting in the comments bar. As we place bread and wine on the altar during the next hymn, members of the congregation watching from home are invited to write a short phrase in the comments section of the Facebook live stream placing an experience they have had this week on the altar.

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Offertory Hymn

Recorded by St Martin's Voices

- 1 O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb.
- 2 Return, O holy Dove! return,
sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,
and drove Thee from my breast.
- 3 The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from Thy throne,
and worship only Thee.

continued...

4 So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper (1731-1800)

Preparation of the Table
Taking of the Bread and Wine

All **Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour,
and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

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

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

Praise and thanksgiving belong to you, God of every blessing, for you shaped all creation to grow into your abundant and eternal harvest. You called a holy people to share life with you, and when they were captive in Egypt, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm you brought them out of oppression, through the temptations of the wilderness, into a land flowing with milk and honey. In time, your Son came among us, facing wilderness and temptation and hunger to bring us out of bondage to sin and to taste and see that you, the Lord, are good. And so we thank you with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as we join the unending hymn.

Sanctus and Benedictus Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*
Recorded virtually by the Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

God of mercy, you gave your people manna day by day during their time of testing; and because no one can live by bread alone, you gave Jesus to be our bread from heaven. Send your Holy Spirit upon your church to live as a sign of the way you transform this manna into mercy for all. With your Spirit, bless this bread and this cup that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them saying, 'This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' After supper he took the cup, again he gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying, 'This is the blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Faithful God, whose Son did not escape suffering and death but accepted and finally overcame them, bring your disciples by the way of his cross to the joy of Easter. Strengthen your church to resist evil of every kind and turn from sin. With your mighty hand and outstretched arm, uphold those enduring trials and any who know their very life is at stake. Be with your children who are heavy-laden, and all who labour beneath the misuse of power by another. Amid temptations to be successful, shape your children first to be faithful to your kingdom, until the day when in your resurrected glory there is one life, one sharing, one holy communion among all saints with you to whom all glory belongs forever, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray, each in our first language:

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Torn between anger at our sin and never-ending love for all creation we see the broken heart of God.

Giving of Communion

Come, share the living bread, and let God turn you from dust and ashes to living stones.

Those who are participating remotely, and cannot receive Christ in the form of bread and wine, may say:

All Gracious Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, shape in us the death and resurrection of your Son, and bring us into mystic sweet communion with you.

Communion Motet Lead me, Lord *Will Todd*
Recorded virtually by St Martin's Voices

Lead me Lord in your righteousness.
Make your Way clear before my face
Only my Lord brings me safety
So Lead me Lord

From Psalm 5.

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

All **Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Blessing

Take our lives, and let them be consecrated Lord to thee, take our moments and our days: let them flow in ceaseless praise. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Blessing Anthem I want Jesus to walk with me *Spiritual arr. Illif*
Recorded by the upper voices of St Martin's Voices

I want Jesus to walk with me all along my pilgrim journey.

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.

When my heart is almost breaking.

Lord, I want Jesus

to walk with me.

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.

Lord, when my head is bowed in sorrow,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

Traditional

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