



Sunday 28 February 2021, 10.00am
The Second Sunday of Lent

The Eucharist

President
Revd Richard Carter

Preacher
Revd Catherine Duce

⊕ 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

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 by St Martin's Voices

- 1 Teach me, my God and King,
in all things thee to see,
and what I do in anything
to do it as for thee.
- 2 A man that looks on glass,
on it may stay his eye;
or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
and then the heaven espy.
- 3 All may of thee partake;
nothing can be so mean,
which with this tincture, "for thy sake,"
will not grow bright and clean.
- 4 A servant with this clause
makes drudgery divine:
who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
makes that and the action fine.

continued...

5 This is the famous stone
that turneth all to gold;
for that which God doth touch and own
cannot for less be told.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Confession

God has called us to be a blessing to one another and to the world.
But we have rejected that call and denied God's abundance to others
and to ourselves. Let us pray for forgiveness, restoration and new
life.

Silence.

You have given us so much
But we have only seen what you have withheld.
Lord have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

You have invited us to live by faith
But we have failed to trust in your promises.
Christ have mercy.

All **Christ have mercy.**

You have called us to take up our cross and follow you
But we have chosen the path that is easy.
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, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 17. 1-7, 15-16 *read by Huw Mathias,
recorded*

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. God said to Abraham, '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.'

Hear the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Romans 4. 13-end *read by Wendy Quill*

For 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.

Hear the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn
Recorded by St Martin's Voices

- 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown,
in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

continued...

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

John L Bell (born 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)

Gospel Reading Mark 8. 31-end

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

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

Then he began to teach them 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Revd Catherine Duce

Anthem King of Glory *Grayston Ives*
Recorded by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *led by Michael Angus*

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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

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*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adores his sacred name.*

- 1 Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.
Refrain
- 2 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee.
Refrain
- 3 Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell.
Refrain
- 4 Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace.
Refrain
- 5 For thy blest cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne.
Refrain

Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956), George William Kitchin (1827-1912)

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

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 our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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.**

Glory to you, God of Abraham and Sarah, for you uphold every hope of redemption and upon you rests eternity. In every age you have called your people to receive your blessing by faith, trusting not their own righteousness but the promise that rests forever on your grace. In Christ you came to bear the weight of our sin, carry our offences, and take up the hope of our salvation; and, through your power, the cross he bears across his shoulders has become for us the resurrection and the life. And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, 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.

Renewing God, through the cross of Christ you redeem our failures by welcoming us to the feast of the forgiven. As there is nothing we can give you in return for our life, send your Holy Spirit to meet us in the grace of this meal; and send your Spirit upon this bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed 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.**

Saving God, show your church the path of life. Give each one of your children courage and wisdom to take up their cross and follow you. Stretch every heart with compassion for the heavy burdens their neighbours carry, and transform all who are weighed down to become carriers of one another's burdens. Come alongside any who shoulder heavy cares alone and give them companions in walking each step. Take upon yourself the suffering of all who bear impossible weights at the demand of another, are forced to labour, or given no rest, until all that is bowed low in sin or weighed down by struggle is lifted up and carried by your grace and transcended in your glory, ever-reigning God, forever one, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

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

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the bread of life; whoever comes to him will never hunger and whoever believes in him will never thirst.

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 O for a closer walk with God *Stanford*
Recorded virtually by St Martin's Voices

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!

Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

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)

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

All **Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Ask the Vicar

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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 The Call *Richard Lloyd*
Recorded by St Martin's Voices

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way, as gives us breath;
such a truth, as ends all strife;
such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a Light as shows a feast;
such a Feast, as mends in length;
such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a Joy, as none can move;
such a Love, as none can part;
such a Heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

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