

## Second Sunday of Lent February 28th, 2021

### The Gathering

- 1 *Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.*
- 2 *Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.*
- 3 *Not for ever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.*
- 4 *Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.*

*Love Maria Willis (nee Whitcomb) (1824-1908), Samuel Longfellow (1819-1892)*

### The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

**All and also with you.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*The prayers are introduced*

**All**    **Lord God,**  
**we have sinned against you;**  
**we have done evil in your sight.**  
**We are sorry and repent.**  
**Have mercy on us according to your love.**  
**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**  
**Renew a right spirit within us**  
**and restore us to the joy of your salvation,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
Cleanse from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**    **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

**All**    **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**All**    **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**All**    **Lord, have mercy.**

## **Collect**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Ever-faithful God,  
you were well pleased with Abraham's obedience  
and you accepted the sacrifice of your Son,  
who gave himself up for the sake of us all.  
Train us by Christ's teaching and school us in his obedience,  
that, as we walk his way of sacrifice,  
we may come to share in your glory.  
We ask this through Christ, our deliverance and hope,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
holy and mighty God for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

## ***Liturgy 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 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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Lent Prose**

*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*

## Second Reading

*Romans 4.13-end*

A reading from the First 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

**All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 8.31-end*

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

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

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

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

### **The 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**

# 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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

## The Offertory

- 1 *Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.*
- 2 *Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings within and fears without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.*
- 3 *Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.*
- 4 *Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.*
- 5 *Just as I am (thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down),  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.*
- 6 *Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.*

Pray, my friends, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**All** **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and for the good of all his holy Church.**

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness.

We ask this in his name.

**All** **Amen.**

## **The 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.**

We lift up our hearts to you,  
God of holiness and glory;  
to you we offer thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts  
and prepare joyfully for the Easter feast.  
You call us to prayer, self-denial and works of love,  
so that through celebrating the mysteries  
through which we are born again,  
your people may be brought into the fullness  
of Christ, the risen Lord.

And so, with angels and saints,  
we glorify your holy name:  
**All 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.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,  
who, in your tender mercy,  
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there by his one oblation  
of himself once offered  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction  
for the sins of the whole world;  
he instituted,  
and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death  
until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,  
and grant that,

by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
we receiving these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and this wine,  
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's  
holy institution,  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, 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.

**Jesus Christ is Lord:**  
*All* **Lord, by your cross and resurrection**  
**you have set us free.**  
**You are the Saviour of the world.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,  
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,  
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
we offer you through him  
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Grant that by his merits and death,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits of his passion.  
Although we are unworthy,  
through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice,  
yet we pray that you will accept this  
the duty and service that we owe.  
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,  
and fill us all who share in this holy communion  
with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All** Amen.

*Silence will be kept*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All Our Father...**

## ***Breaking of the Bread***

Every time we eat this bread, and drink this cup,  
**All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**All Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word,  
and I shall be healed.**

*It is not possible for us to receive holy communion together so the priest will do so on our behalf, but you might like to make an act of spiritual communion*

**All My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the Eucharist,  
through Word and Sacrament.  
I love you above all things  
and I passionately desire  
to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my soul  
so that I may unite myself wholly to you  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **Drop, drop, slow tears – Gibbons**

*sung by St Martin's Voices*

Drop, drop, slow tears,  
and bathe those beautiful feet  
which brought from heaven  
the news and Prince of Peace:

Cease not, wet eyes,  
his mercy to entreat;  
to cry for vengeance  
sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods  
drown all my faults and fears;  
nor let His eye  
see sin, but through my tears.

*Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence will be kept*

Let us pray.  
We give you grateful thanks, O Lord,  
for this most glorious sacrament, in which you allow us,  
while pilgrims still on earth, a foretaste of the blessings of heaven.  
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All    Amen.**

## ***The Dismissal***

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

May God the Father,  
who does not despise the broken spirit,  
give to you a contrite heart.  
**All**     **Amen.**

May Christ,  
who bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
heal you by his wounds.  
**All**     **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,  
who leads us into all truth,  
speak to you words of pardon and peace.  
**All**     **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**All**     **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**All**     **Thanks be to God.**

- 1     *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.*
  
- 2     *Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
self denying, death defying,  
thou to Calvary didst go.*
  
- 3     *Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.*

*James Edmeston (1791-1867)*