



the Church
of St Peter and
St Simon the Apostle

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Known also as *Quinquagesima*
Being the 50th day before Easter
February 23, 2020

Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon the Apostle.

Choral Eucharist at 8.30 am

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Server: David Carrington

For readings see 10.30 am. Collect BCP p. 136



Choral Eucharist with Anointing at 10.30 am

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

The Reverend Jennifer Matthews/The Reverend Michael Perry

Mass Setting: Gloria, Agnus Dei – Taizé

Sanctus/Benedictus: *A Parish Mass* – Derek Holman

Crucifer: Ferdinand Galingan

Acolytes: Celine Wong, Vincent Wong

Servers: Fen Nanton, Serjiu Stefanschi

Hearing Assistance Units are available at the back of the Church.

The service begins on page 185 of the *Book of Alternative Services*.

The flowers are given to the glory of almighty God

And in loving memory of their parents by Bill and Cathy Graham.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude *Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland BWV 660*
[Come now, Saviour of us all]

J.S. BACH

Hymn 167 *Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here*

CARLISLE

The Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria *Refrain sung by all*

TAIZE



Cantor

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. *Refrain*

You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, alone the most High.

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Refrain*

The Collect

Celebrant Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved son, wonderfully transfigured; mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson *Exodus 24.12-18*

Read by Vanessa Scott

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So

Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99 – *Sung by all. Please remain seated*

William Henry Longest



- 1 The Lord is King; let the ' peoples ' tremble;
* he sitteth upon the cherubim; ' let the ' earth be ' moved.
- 2 The Lord is ' great in ' Sion,
* and ' high a-bove ' all the ' peoples.
- 3 Let them give thanks ' unto thy ' Name,
* which is great and ' wonderful; for ' he is ' holy.
- 4 The King's power loveth judgement; thou dost es ' tablish ' equity:
* thou dost execute judgement and ' righteous ' ness in ' Jacob.
- 5 O magnify the ' Lord our ' God,
* and fall down before his ' footstool; for ' he is ' holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as ' call up-on his '
Name:
* these called upon the ' Lord, ' and he ' heard them.
- 7 He spake unto them out of the ' cloudy ' pillar;
* for they kept his testimonies, ' and the ' law that · he ' gave them.
- 8 Thou heardest them, O ' Lord our ' God;
* thou forgavest them O God, though ' thou didst ' punish their ' doings.
- 2nd 9 O magnify the Lord our God, and worship at his ' holy ' hill;
* for the ' Lord our ' God is ' holy.

Reader A reading from the 2nd Letter of St. Peter.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 13 O Gladsome Light, O Grace

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Holy Gospel Matthew 17.1-9

Please remain standing. All turn to face the Gospel as it is read in the centre aisle.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

All Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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 the People *Please kneel or stand.*

Led by Ted Robinson

Anointing and Laying on of Hands for Healing

Those who would like to be anointed are invited at this time to the St. Peter's altar at the south side of the church.

Hymn 522 *Rock of Ages*

TOPLADY

Confession, and Absolution

*The Celebrant invites the congregation to join in the General Confession.
Silence is kept. Please kneel or be seated.*

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We invite you to share a sign of peace with those near you – a handshake, slight bow or other form of greeting. Please respect those who wish not to shake hands.

Celebration of the Eucharist

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Hymn 486 *Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

BLAENWERN

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The celebrant continues with the Proper Preface. Then all sing:

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 kneel or be seated. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command, **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;** and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy

Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer – *Sung* – See BAS p. 918

MCNEIL ROBINSON

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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

Agnus Dei *Please sit or kneel*

Choir Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine - Drinking from the chalice is considered safe from the point of view of public health. You are also welcome to receive only the bread, if you prefer. Indicate this by holding your arms crossed over your chest as the chalice passes; this is also a way to receive a blessing rather than communion.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please let the administering priest know.

Hymn 48 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

PICARDY

Motet *There Is a Balm In Gilead*

ARR. MOSES HOGAN

Soprano Solo - Danielle Dudycha

*There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Don't ever feel discouraged
For Jesus is your friend
And if you lack of knowledge
He'll ne'er refuse to lend.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged
And think my work's in vain
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again.*

*If you cannot preach like Peter
If you cannot pray like Paul
You can tell the love of Jesus
And say, "He died for all."*

Prayer after Communion *Please stand*

Celebrant Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,
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.

Blessing & Announcements

Hymn 505 *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

Dismissal

Priest Go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Sortie in C Major*

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS

The annual Vestry Meeting takes place after the service
with a pizza lunch for those attending.



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