

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 14, 2021

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

Choral Matins at 10:30 am

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Michael Perry Organist: Maurice White / Cantors: Vanessa Scott & Ian Speck

The service begins on page 1 of the *Book of Common Prayer*. This service is being live-streamed for those worshipping from home.

Prelude Air in G CHRISTOF VON GLUCK

Introit *The Royal Banners Forward Go* (vs. 1-4)

VEXILLA REGIS

Cantor The royal banners forward go; the cross shines forth in mystic glow, where he, the Life, did death endure, and by that death did life procure.

There while he hung, his sacred side by soldier's spear was opened wide to cleanse us in the precious flood of water mingled with his blood.

Fulfilled is all his words foretold; then spread the banners, and unfold love's crowning power, that all may see he reigns and triumphs from the tree.

O tree of grace, the conquering sign, which dost in royal purple shine, gone is the shame; for, lo, each bough proclaims the prince of glory now.

Opening Sentences

Officiant I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. St. Luke 15. 18, 19.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 St. John 1. 8, 9.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us.

Daniel 9. 9, 10.

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55. 6. 7.

Invitation to Confession – *BCP* p. 4

Confession – BCP pp. 4-5

Officiant Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto all people in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution – BCP p. 5

The Lord's Prayer – BCP pp. 5-6

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 them that 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.

Versicles & Responses – *BCP* p. 6

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

All And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

All O Lord, make haste to help us. You are invited to stand.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Officiant Praise ye the Lord;

All The Lord's Name be praised.

The Venite – Psalm 95 – *BCP* pp. 6-7 *Said in unison.*

The goodness of God leadeth to repentance: O come let us worship.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: / let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, / and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, / and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: / and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: / and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and fall down, / and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; / and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

To-day, O that ye would hear his voice: / 'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me, / proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, /

"It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways";

Unto whom I sware in my wrath, / that they should not enter into my rest.'

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

The goodness of God leadeth to repentance: O come let us worship.

Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22 Confitemini Domino. Sung by the Cantor.



- ¹ O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is **gra**-cious, /
 - and his mercy endur-eth for ëv-ër.
- ² Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath re-**deem**-ed, / and delivered **from** ad-vër-si-tÿ;
- ³ And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from **the** west, / from the **north** and fröm the-south.
- ¹⁷ They that are foolish are afflicted for their **of**-fence, / and because **of** their wick-ed-ness.
- ¹⁸ Their soul abhorred all manner of meat, /
 - and they were even hard at death's door.
- ¹⁹ So they cried unto the Lord in their **trou**-ble, / and he delivered **them** from their dis-tress.
- and he delivered **them** from their dis-tre
 - and saved them from their des-trüc-tiön.
- O that all would therefore praise the Lord for his **good**-ness, / and declare the wonders that he doeth **for** all pëo-plë!
- That they would offer unto him the sacrifices of thanks-**giv**-ing, / and tell out his **works** with gläd-nëss!

First Lesson Numbers 21.4-9

Reader The first lesson is written in the 21st chapter of the Book of Numbers, beginning at the 4th verse.

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Benedicite, Omnia Opera – *BCP* pp. 26-28 *Sung by the Cantor*



- O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the **Lord**: / praise him, and magnify **him** for ever.
- O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: / O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord.
- O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the **Lord**: / O all ye Powers of the Lord, **bless** ye the Lord.
- O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord : / O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord.
- O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the **Lord**: / O ye Winds of God, **bless** ye the Lord.
- O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the **Lord**: / O ye Winter and Summer, **bless** ye the Lord.
- O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the **Lord**: / O ye Frost and Cold, **bless** ye the Lord.
- O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the **Lord**: / O ye Nights and Days, **bless** ye the Lord.
- O ye Light and Darkness, **bless** ye the Lord : / O ye Lightnings and Clouds, **bless** ye the Lord.
- O let the Earth bless the **Lord**: / praise him, and magnify **him** for ever.
- O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the **Lord**: / O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, **bless** ye the Lord.
- O ye Wells, bless ye the **Lord**: / O ye Seas and Floods, **bless** ye the Lord.
- O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless ye the **Lord**: / O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the **Lord**: / praise him, and magnify him for ever.
- O all ye Beasts and Cattle, **bless** ye the Lord : / O ye Children of Men, **bless** ye the Lord.
- O let Israel bless the **Lord**: / praise him, and magnify **him** for ever.
- O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: / O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.
- O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the **Lord**: / O ye holy and humble Men of heart, **bless** ye the Lord.
- O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the **Lord**: / praise him, and magnify **him** for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the **Son**, / and **to** the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be, / world with-**out** end. Amen.

Second Lesson John 3.14-21

Reader The second lesson is written in the 3rd chapter of the Gospel of St. John, beginning at the 14th verse.

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."

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Benedictus – *BCP* pp. 9-10 *Sung by the Cantor*



BLES-SED be the Lord God of **Is**-ra-el; / for he hath visited and redeem-**ed** his people; And hath raised up a mighty salvation for **us**, / in the house of his **ser**-vant Da-vid; As he spake by the mouth of his holy **Pro**-phets, / which have been **since** the world be-gan; That we should be saved from our **en**-e-mies, / and from the hands of **all** that hate us; To per-form the mercy promised to our fore-**fa**-thers, / and to remember his **ho**-ly co-venant;

To per-form the oath which he sware to our forefather **A**-bra-ham, / that **he** would grant us That we being delivered out of the hands of our **en**-e-mies / might serve **him** with-out fear, In ho-liness and righteousness be-**fore** him, / all the **days** of our life.

AND thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the **High**-est: / for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord **to** pre-pare his-ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his **peo**-ple / for the remis-**sion** of their sins;

Through the tender mercy of our **God**; / whereby the day-spring from on high hath **vi**-si-ted us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of **death**, / and to guide our feet in-**to** the way of-peace.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the **Son**, / and **to** the Ho-ly-Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be, / world with-**out** end. A-men.

The Apostles' Creed – BCP pp. 10-11

Officiant I believe in God

All the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you;

All And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant 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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

All And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the Queen;

All And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

All And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

All And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

All And evermore mightily defend us.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

All And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day – BCP p. 147

Officiant Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Collect for Ash Wednesday – BCP p. 138

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent:

Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,

that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace – BCP p. 11

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect for Grace – BCP pp. 11-12

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Anthem God So Loved the World (Recorded by the choir in Sept 2020) BOB CHILCOTT

Choir God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,

that whoso believeth, believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Homily

Hymn 506 Lord of All Hopefulness

SLANE

Choir Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could 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 eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labours, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve 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.

The Prayers

General Thanksgiving – *BCP* pp. 14-15

Officiant Almighty God,

Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of

glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Lenten Prose *Sung by the Cantor*



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 cornerstone, 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)

Prayer of St Chrysostom – *BCP* p. 15

Officiant

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Grace

All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Hymn 602 Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Choir Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name!

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout! if we are silent, even stones cry out. (Refrain)

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife: teach us compassion for each human life. (Refrain)

Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme: let peace be our passport, peace a living dream. (Refrain)

Great is the cost of walking on this road, to follow, and suffer with the Son of God. (Refrain)

Worlds to be born and children yet to be, come, take up this song into eternity. (Refrain)

Postlude Chaconne

LOUIS COUPERIN

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

<u>Diocesan Cycle of Prayer</u> Mississauga Deanery.

<u>Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer</u> *Pray for* San Lorenzo, Dufferin, its community centre and Voces Latinas radio programming, and its annual Caravan of Hope, bringing supplies to the needy in El Salvador;

for St. Aidan, Toronto, its weekly community lunches, refugee sponsorship in partnership with the Beach Cares and the East End Refugee Committee, and support of Restorative Justice Housing Ontario;

and for St. Andrew-by-the-Lake, its transportation for those with mobility issues, support of those with health and housing concerns, support of Street Health, and funding for community arts and musical programs.

<u>Parish Cycle</u> Peggy Needham, Ann Nelis, Nancy Nourse, Olatubosun Olanipekun <u>Home Bound Parishioners</u> Gail Birnie, Nancy Byers, Cintra Cassidy, Jim Colling, Ann Duff, Charlotte Graham, Lorraine Griffith, George Petricko, Lucy Simons, Lila Vamosi, Pam Young.

Parish Announcements

The deadline for submissions is Thursday at noon each week.

Services

- Wednesday, March 17 Eucharist
 11 am Choral Eucharist. Live-Stream only
- **Sunday, March 21** *Lent V* 10.30 am Choral Eucharist. Live-Stream only
- Wednesday, March 24 Eucharist
 11 am Choral Eucharist. Live-Stream only

Church School: For the time being, Sileen Phillips will be leading Church School On-line on Sundays at 10.25 am.

Lent Bible Study: Meaning in the Miracles

Tuesday March 16th from 7-8 pm, we will join with St Jude's, Wexford as we continue our study of Jesus' miracles and their meaning for us today. We will be looking at the miracle of the Withered Fig Tree, Mark 11.12-22 (Matthew 21.18-22). Our last session will be Tuesday March 23rd. Join Archbishop Fred Hiltz, former Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; The Rev. Greg Carpenter; The Rev. Michael Perry; The Rev. Canon Geoffrey Sangwine, who are leading the study. The sessions will happen over Zoom, with details sent out in the weekly email updates.

Augustine's Confessions

On Thursday, March 18th from 10-11 am St. Jude's Oakville will continue their study of this classic Christian work, which follows God's work of conversion in St. Augustine's life, the conversion of the cosmos, and our on-going conversion in Christ. Led by the Rev. Dr. Gary Thorne, Chaplain of Huron College. Please let the office of St. Jude's know if you plan to attend. Pre-registration is required. Subsequent Session dates: Thursday March 25th, & April 1st, 8th, & 15th.

The Garden Guild is in the process of creating a digital image collection of our property ranging from the most recent times right through the years back to when we had a Howard Street lych gate. All contributions from any era will be greatly appreciated. Please let us know if you have any photographs, diagrams or sketches that you could lend us.

We are also seeking any extra gardening tools that you might have around home that you are not likely to use this upcoming summer. Please let us know.

The time is almost approaching to start our seedlings, and cuttings. We are looking for some sunny interior window sills and volunteers who can nurture a pot or two in preparation for outdoor spring planting. Can you help?

If so, please contact Carol Peck ctpeck35hotmailcom@yahoo.ca, Nancy Nourse noursewind@sympatico.ca or any other Garden Guild member. The next meeting of the Garden Guild is April 11th after the service; we will meet in the parking lot; please feel free to join us.

Flower Donations: If you would like to make an offering of flowers as a thanksgiving or memorial, please contact Sheila Thomas, Flower Co-ordinator, or the Church office. At this time, we are looking ahead to planning flowers for Eastertide.



St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle 525 Bloor Street E., Toronto ON M4W 1J1 416.923.8714 www.stpeterstsimon.ca www.facebook.com/stpeterstsimons

Incumbent The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine, ext 202;

incumbent@stpeterstsimon.ca; Mobile: 416.720.2099

Assistant Curate The Reverend Michael Perry curate@stpeterstsimon.ca

Honorary Assistant The Reverend Jennifer Matthews 647.546.0580

Director of Music Mr Robin Davis 905.409.6121 robin.davis@rogers.com
Honorary Assistant Organists Ms Alison Jane/Mr Maurice White/ Mr Johan van 't Hof

Wardens Dr Ted Robinson – Rector's Warden/Ms Vanessa Scott – People's Warden

Deputy Wardens Ms Laurie Sanderson & Ms Stephanie Woodside

Treasurer Mr Johan van 't Hof, 647.202.9985 jvanthof@tonbridgecorp.com

Children's Ministry Coordinator Ms Sileen Phillips 647.718.6728

Flowers Ms Sheila Thomas, Ms Joy Quan Lee and Church Office

Rentals License Groups Church Office

Sextons Mr Daiverzon Guillermo/Mr Lewis Kabonde

Office AdministratorMs Rosemary Hendra ext. 201 office@stpeterstsimon.caEnvelope SecretaryMr Paul Mitchell 647-343-0173 pablo51@rogers.com

