



the Church
of **St Peter** and
St Simon-the-Apostle

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Known also as *Sexagesima*

Being the 60th day before Easter

February 20, 2022

Sung Eucharist at 10.30 am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Organist: Johan van 't Hof / Cantor: Sophie Knowles

Mass Settings:

Gloria, Sanctus/Benedictus - Merbecke

Agnus Dei - *Mass for Four Voices* – William Byrd



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

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*
or on page 230 of the *Book of Alternative Services*.

*The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God
in thanksgiving for Black History Month, especially for the extraordinary contribution
and faith of those who are members of our congregation.*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude *Adagio, Organ Symphony No. 5*

CHARLES-MARIE WIDOR

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 with thy spirit.**

Introit *Psalm 44.24-27 Deus, auribus. Sung by the Cantor.*

Tone I.2



Antiphon Up, Lord, why sleep-est thou? /

awake, and be not absent from **us** for ev-ër.

All Wherefore hidest thou **thy** face, / and forgettest our mise-ry and tröublë?

Cantor For our soul is brought low, even unto **the** dust: /

our body cleaveth **un**-to thë gröund.

All Arise, and **help** us, / and deliver us **for** thy mër-cy's säke.

Cantor 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 with-**out** end. Ä-mën.

Antiphon Up, Lord, why sleep-est thou? /

awake, and be not absent from **us** for ev-ër.

Collect for Purity & Summary of the Law

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Gloria (CP 679)

MERBECKE

Celebrant *Glory be to God on high,*

All *and in earth peace, good will towards all.*

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

*O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our
prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Collect

Celebrant O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do:
Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Collect for Sexagesima.*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Epistle 2 Corinthians 11.21-31

Reader The Epistle is written in the 11th chapter of the Second Letter of Paul to the
Corinthians, beginning at the 21st verse.

To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman—I am a better one: with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus (blessed be he forever!) knows that I do not lie.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 17.6-9 *Exaudi, Domine. Sung by the Cantor.*

Tone II-1



Cantor ⁶ I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt **hear** me: /
incline thine ear to me, and hearken un-**to** my words.

All ⁷ Show thy marvellous loving-kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them
that put their trust in **thee**, /
from such as resist **thy** right hand.

Cantor ⁸ Keep me as the apple of an **eye**; /
hide me under the sha-**dow** of thy wings,

All ⁹ From the ungodly that trou-ble[^]me, /
even mine enemies that compass me round about to take a-way[^]my soul.

Gradual Hymn 478 *Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast*

ALBANO

Cantor *Almighty God, thy Word is cast like seed into the ground:
now let the dew of heaven descend and righteous fruits abound.*

*Let not the foe of righteousness this holy seed remove:
but give it root in every heart, to bring forth fruits of love.*

*Let not the world's deceitful cares the rising plant destroy:
but let it yield a hundredfold the fruits of peace and joy.*

*Oft as the precious seed is sown, thy quickening grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive its saving power may know.*

The Holy Gospel *Luke 8.4-15*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel is written in the 8th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke,
beginning at the 4th verse.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!” Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that ‘looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.’ “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Anthem *By and By*

BOB CHILCOTT

(Recorded by the SPSS choir in 2016)

Choir *O Bye and bye, bye and bye I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load*

I know my robe's gon' to fit me well I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load

I tried it on at the gates of hell I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load

Hell is deep and dark despair I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load

Stop poor sinner and don't go there I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load

Nicene Creed

Celebrant I believe in one God,

All **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

**begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God;
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father;
through whom all things were made:
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again
according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the confession of sin. Then all say:

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The absolution is pronounced.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *St. Matthew 5.16.*

Offertory Hymn 527 *How Firm a Foundation* (Pre-recorded Aug 2020)

FOUNDATION

Choir *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?*

*“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply:
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not – I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never – no, never – no, never forsake!”*

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.
1 Chronicles 29. 10, 11, 14.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

The celebrant continues with the Proper Preface. Then follows the Sanctus.

All *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and 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; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy 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, when he had given thanks, he brake 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. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious

death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded: And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now as our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to pray:

All **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.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant We do not presume

All **to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table;
but thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus
Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his
body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may
evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Agnus Dei (*Pre-recorded Sept 2020*)

WILLIAM BYRD

Choir *Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

*O lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.*

Holy Communion

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

For those not receiving the sacrament we commend this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

(The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester - adapted)

Communion Hymn 60 I Come with Joy

LAND OF REST

*Cantor I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.*

*The spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here.*

*Together met, together bound, by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.*

Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn 423 *How Great Thou Art*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

All *O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur*

and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain

*But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain*

*When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and then proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" Refrain*

Postlude *Mein Seil lobet den Herren BWV 733 (Fugue on the Magnificat)* J.S. BACH

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In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Social Justice and Advocacy Committee.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer *Pray for* the Church of the Messiah, its community garden and hosting of the Avenue Road Food Bank;

for the Parish of Minden-Kinmount, its Thrift Shop, and the outreach initiatives it supports; *and for* the Mission to Seafarers, and its ministry of pastoral and practical care to seafarers from around the world.

Parish Cycle Penny & John Pepperell, Rees Pepperell, David & Freda Perry, Carol Faye Petricko.

Home Bound Parishioners Gail Birnie, Joyce Brighty, Nancy Byers, Jim Colling, Ann Duff, Dennis Gittens, Charlotte Graham, Lorraine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, George Petricko, Lucy Simons, Lila Vamosi, Daphne Webster, Pam Young.
