

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

9:00 AM



# CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

## LOVE, SHARE, & SERVE BOLDLY.

*No matter where you find yourself on your faith journey—join us!  
Here you have found a church home where believers congregate to encourage each other and grow spiritually in an abundant relationship with the Lord. At St. Martin's, we promote and value an inclusive fellowship. Whether you are young, old, gay, straight, single, married, partnered—from all walks of life, backgrounds, and cultures—we welcome you!*

ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*We welcome you to our Family Worship, a casual and reflective service of togetherness. The Holy Spirit gathers us around the means of grace - the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.*

*Families with small children are invited to sit at the front of the sanctuary on or near the Prayground rug where there are toys and activities for them. The joyful noise of our young ones is always welcome in this space.*

*Notes in italics offer directions about the service. **The people's responses are in bold.***

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## PRELUDE

*The service begins with a piece of music, during which we prepare for worship.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## WELCOME

## GATHERING SONG

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BIGGER THAN ME

KATY PERRY

Can't go with the flow, got to make waves  
Even though I look at the sand, and I'm just one grain  
But my intuition says there's a bigger mission I must embrace  
So I'm, I'm pushing my thoughts to a new place  
I'm kicking and screaming  
'Cause it won't be easy  
To break all the patterns  
If I'm not evolving  
I'm just another robot  
Taking up oxygen

It's something bigger than me  
I can feel it beginning  
Something bigger than me  
Yeah, I can feel it opening  
Tried to ignore it  
But it keeps on growing out of control  
It's something bigger than me  
And I can feel it happening

So I'll speak my truth, though my voice shakes  
Try to summon the strength to look fear in the face

But I'm kicking and screaming  
'Cause it won't be easy  
To break all the patterns  
If I'm not evolving  
I'm just another robot  
Taking up oxygen

It's something bigger than me  
I can feel it beginning  
Something bigger than me  
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And I can feel it happening

It's something bigger than me  
Something bigger than me  
Yeah, I can feel it opening  
Tried to ignore it  
But it keeps on growing out of control (out of control)  
It's something bigger than me  
And I can feel it happening

## GREETING

May God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us as we worship today. **Amen**

*Please greet and welcome those near you.*

## PRAYER

Let us pray.

**O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## READING

LUKE 23:33-43

The Good News from God according to Luke.

*Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.*

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>☒ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." ☒ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying,

“Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Word of God, word of life. **ñ anks be to God.**

*For additional devotion, you may wish to read and reflect on the rest of the assigned texts for Christ the King Sunday: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1:11-20*

## CHILDREN'S SONG

*Please be seated. Children are invited to come forward for the children's song and message.*

WE ARE THE CHURCH

RICHARD AVERY & DONALD MARSH

I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus,

all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

And when the people gather,  
there's singing and there's praying;  
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,  
all of it saying:

I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus,

all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## MESSAGE

# SERMON SONG

*Please stand as you are able and join in singing.*

*Prayer cards, which can be found in the pew pockets, are collected by the ushers during the hymn. Prayer requests may also be sent via email or text message to [prayer@saintmartins.org](mailto:prayer@saintmartins.org).*

## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

## SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## WELCA THANKOFFERING LITANY AND PRAYER

*This special offering will support the projects of our St. Martin's WELCA and the national WELCA organization.*

**P:** In the name of the Triune God

**All: Let us remember the discipleship of courageous women of faith. Amen.**

**P:** The Lord delights in all those who come to the house of the Lord to praise and glorify God's holy name.

**All: Happy are those whose hearts are filled with joy in serving the Lord!**

**P:** The Lord gives wisdom to those with humble and simple hearts. How wonderful it is to celebrate the discipleship of our faithful women.

**All : Happy are those whose hearts are filled with joy in serving the Lord!**

**P:** Listen, children of God. How mighty are the deeds of the Lord, which transform the hearts of the faithful.

**All: Happy are those whose hearts are filled with joy in serving the Lord!**

**All: O God, pour out your wisdom once again upon the young and old, the faithful and courageous women of this congregation. Bless them so that their spirits are strengthened and renewed through the celebration of this Thankoffering service: through the merits of your beloved son, Jesus Christ, we beseech you for your guidance. Amen.**

*Following the litany, the women of the church may bring forward their gifts.*

## PRAYERS

*Each petition ends with: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### OFFERING

*Please be seated.*

*St. Martin's and its ministries are supported by our offerings of ourselves, our time and our possessions. Now we give as God has so graciously given to us. To donate, go to [saintmartins.org/giving](http://saintmartins.org/giving) or text "luther" and your gift amount to 73256. Standard text message and data rates may apply.*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

#### HYMN OF HEAVEN

PHIL WICKHAM

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven  
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets  
To look upon the One who bled to save me  
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day when all will bow before Him  
There will be a day when death will be no more  
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again  
Holy, holy is the Lord

And every prayer we prayed in desperation  
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear  
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it  
When He returns to wipe away our tears

Oh, there will be a day when all will bow before Him  
There will be a day when death will be no more  
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again  
Holy, holy is the Lord

And on that day, we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith  
With one voice, a thousand generations  
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain"



And on that day, we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith  
With one voice, a thousand generations  
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain"  
"Forever He shall reign"

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven  
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar  
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave  
Holy, holy is the Lord

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With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar  
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Holy, holy is the Lord

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray.

**God, you have given us so much and we thank you for your generosity. Please use these gifts we bring to make our world better. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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 those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Please be seated.*

**HOLY COMMUNION** *Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please come forward to receive the bread then pick up a plastic cup before receiving wine. Gluten free wafers are available if requested. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to let the communion assistants know.*

# MUSIC AT COMMUNION

## YOUR CANOPY OF VIGIL LIGHTS

CANOPY



1 Your can - o - py of vig - il lights, each  
2 You walk with us a - long the way, your  
3 Re - freshed by sab - bath rest this night, a -



star your hand has set in place, be - stows a bless - ing  
Word, a lamp to pil - grim feet; stay with us now at  
wak - en us to your sha - lom: the reign of Christ, un -



on the night, and all cre - a - tion sings your praise.  
close of day, our un - known guest, our host and feast.  
fail - ing Light, where peace and jus - tice are at home



You formed the moon and fired the sun, you  
Grant those who share this eve - ning meal the  
and saints need nei - ther moon nor sun to



quick-ened dust with ho - ly breath, and bind - ing us to  
faith and vi - sion to be - lieve that hearts might see what  
sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly, O mer - ci - ful, im -



your dear Son, re - newed our life, de - stroyed our death.  
eyes con - ceal: by grace your pres - ence we re - ceive.  
mor - tal One, O bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

## TABLE BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you today, tomorrow and always. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Thank you for the gift of your body and blood that renews us so we can be your presence in our world. Amen**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

## BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, + one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG

## MAJESTY

MICHAEL W. SMITH

Singin' Majesty, Majesty  
Your grace has found me just as I am  
Empty handed but alive in Your hands  
We're singing Majesty, we're singing Majesty  
Forever, forever I am changed by Your love  
In the presence of Your Majesty

We're singing Majesty, Majesty  
Your grace, Your grace has found me just as I am  
Empty handed but alive in Your hands  
We're singing Majesty, we're singing Majesty  
Forever I am changed by Your love  
In the presence of Your Majesty, Majesty

Majesty, Majesty  
Your grace, Your grace has found me just as I am  
Empty handed but alive in Your hands  
Majesty, Majesty  
Forever I am changed by Your love  
In the presence of Your Majesty

## DISMISSAL

Let's leave here to love, share and serve boldly!

**And give thanks to God. Amen!**

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING TODAY

Pastor Tim Anderson - *preaching/presiding*

Richard Buerger, Nora Friedrich - *assisting minister*

Vicar Cecie Suknaic Saulnier- *communion assistant*

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*

Austin Haller - *Associate Director of Music*

Katherine Altobello O'Brien, vocals; Andrew Fuhrman, drums; Darin Layne,  
guitar; Jay Clement, bass guitar - *musicians*

- *video*