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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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!

In worship, 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 may enjoy playing with toys on the Prayground rug in the Narthex. The nursery is open for children 0-5 years. The joyful noise of our young ones is always welcome in this space.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex or you can listen through your smartphone .The ushers are available to help you.

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

PRELUDE

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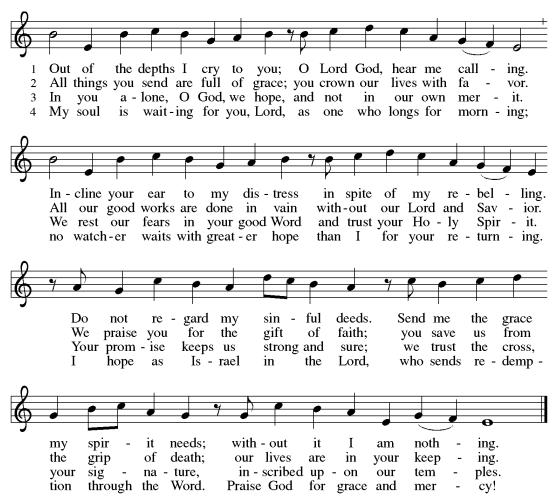
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The people stand as they are able.

OUT OF THE DEPTHS I CRY TO YOU

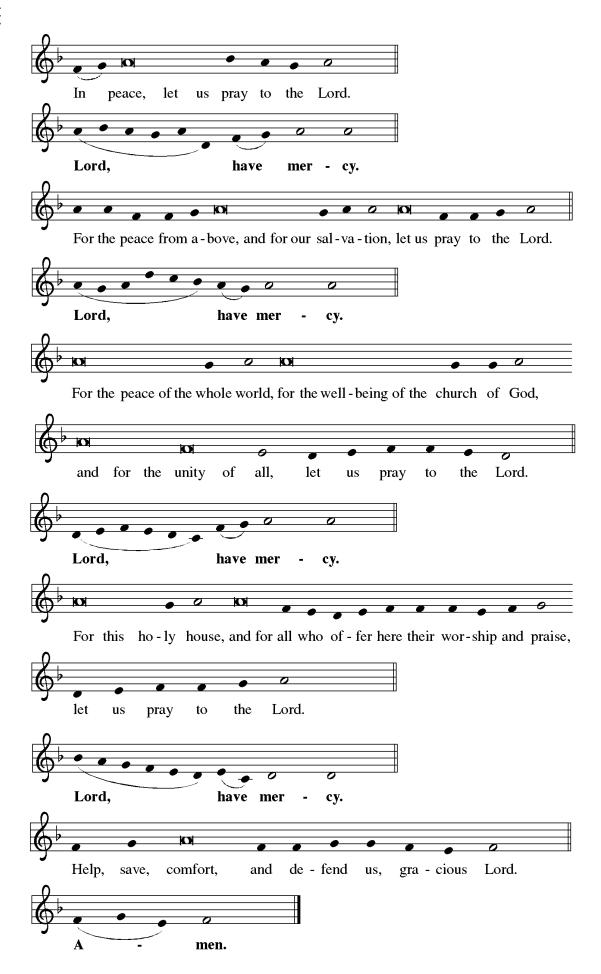
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GREETING

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

And also with you.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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.

The people are seated

PSALM 130

The Psalm is read responsively

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

⁴Yet with you is forgiveness,

in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

For additional devotion, you may wish to read and reflect on the rest of the assigned lectionary texts for the Fifth Sunday in Lent: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The people stand as they are able.



GOSPEL JOHN II:1-45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe

that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

The people stand to sing. Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during the hymn. Prayer requests may also be sent via email or text message to prayer@saintmartins.org.

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

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Wondrous Love



BAPTISM OF BOONE BURNS WILLIAM BOYDA

Children of the Congregation are invited to come forward to the Baptismal Font.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

I present Boone Burns William Boyda for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parents:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life? *Response:* **I do.**

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this person in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Boone Burns William Boyda and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font. At the font, the presiding minister begins:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters... To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate.

Boone Burns William Boyda, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

After the baptism, the assembly may respond

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

Alleluia.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

Sustain Boone Burns William Boyda with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized saying: Boone Burns William Boyda, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to each sponsor of a child, as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Respond to each petition with: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

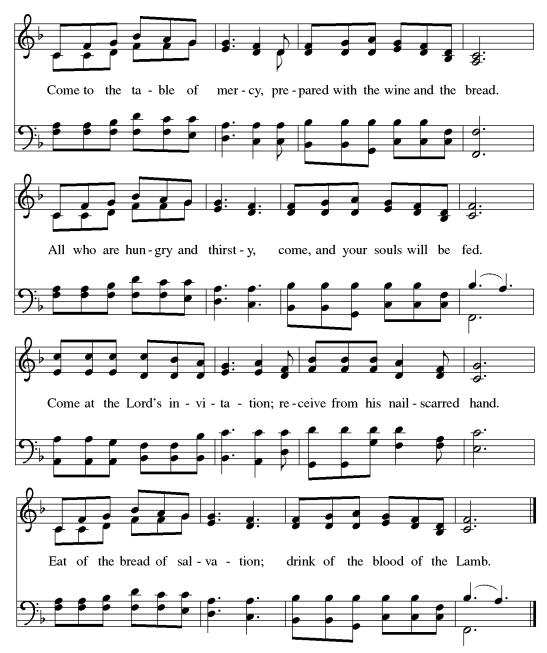
The people greet each other, saying "Peace be with you" or similar

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

AT THE TABLE

COME TO THE TABLE COME TO THE TABLE



AT THE TABLE REFLECTION

Throughout 2023, members of our congregation share on our Stewardship theme "At the Table".

For me, the 'At the Table' theme means both literally and figuratively showing up. I am convinced that after 7 years attending SMLC that anyone who shows up will feel the spirit of God wanting to work through them. He sought me out to teach confirmation class, join Mop and Hammer, serve on the Council and other committees and even Usher. Why me? He wanted me

to have a front row seat to see all the ways members impact others lives by working together. It maybe as simple as getting a 7th grader telling their highs/lows or buffalos, wearing my Pride Ally T-shirt or even moving furniture into the apartment for a refugee family or foster kid turning eighteen. I know our congregation can do anything by working together as I have seen first hand by just showing up at the Table. -Michael Bruemmer

OFFERING

The people are seated.

St. Martin's and its ministries are supported by our offerings of ourselves, our time, and our possessions. We give now as God has so graciously given to us. To donate, go to saintmartins.org/giving or scan the QR code.



MUSICAL OFFERING DE PROFUNDIS

ARVO PÄRT

- 1 De profundis clamavi ad te Domine 2 Domine exaudi vocem meam fiant aures tuae intendentes in vocem deprecationis meae
- 3 Si iniquitates observabis Domine Domine quis sustinebit
- 4 Quia apud te propitiatio est propter legem tuam sustinui te Domine sustinuit anima mea in verbum eius
- 5 Speravit anima mea in Domino todia matutina usque ad noctem speret Israel 5 my soul hath hoped in the Lord. in Domino
- 7 Quia apud Dominum misericordia et copiosa apud eum redemptio
- 8 Et ipse redimet Israel ex omnibus iniquitatibus eius

- 1 Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord:
- 2 Lord, hear my voice. Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
- 3 If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities:

Lord, who shall stand it.

- 4 For with thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord. My soul hath relied 6 A cus- on his word:

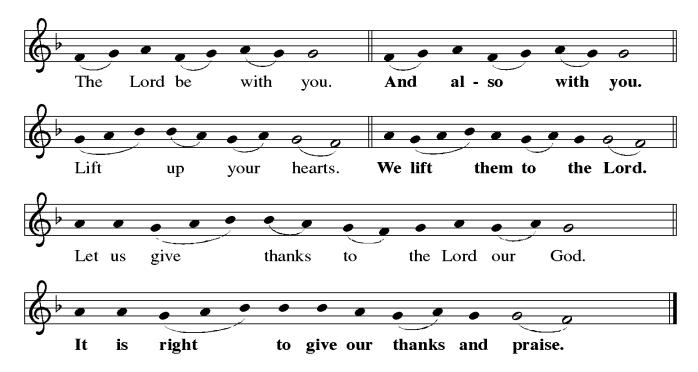
 - 6 From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.
 - 7 Because with the Lord there is mercy: and with him plentiful redemption.
 - 8. And he will redeem Israel from all her iniquities

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together, God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

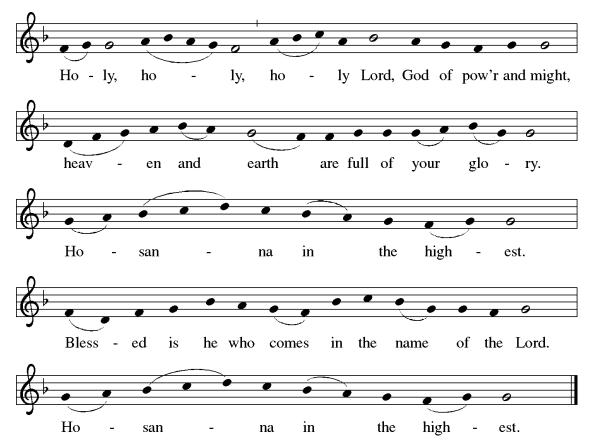
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: ... Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

THE 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.

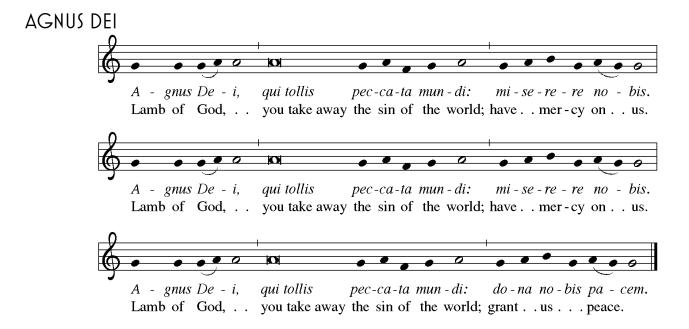
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The people are seated. Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. You will receive the bread in your hands, please consume and then pick up a plastic cup to receive the wine. Grape juice cups are in the center of each tray. Gluten free bread is available. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to let the minister know to bring communion to you.

A Stephen Minister will be in front near the pulpit to offer healing prayer during communion. You are welcome to come to the left front corner of the church to light a prayer candle



HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS

SERGEI RACHMANINOV

Oh my Lord and God! The word of power You pronounced in ancient time Crushed the grave's imprisonment And Lazarus came back to life and has been resurrected. I pray that word of power will thunder again, So that You'll say: arise! to my soul, And the dead one will rise from the grave, And will appear in the light of Your radiance, And will live again, and the majestic voice Of its praise will sound, to You, To the glory of Your Father, to You – who died for us!

TABLE BLESSING

The people stand as they are able.

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

NUNC DIMITTIS



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people are seated.

BLESSING

The people stand as they are able.

God, the giver of love,

+ Christ, the resurrection and the life,

and the Holy Spirit of rebirth

bless you in this Lenten journey.

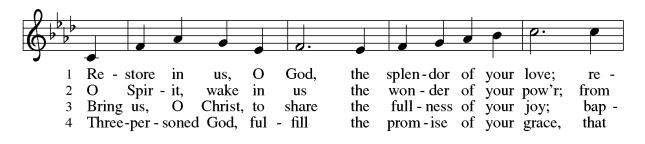
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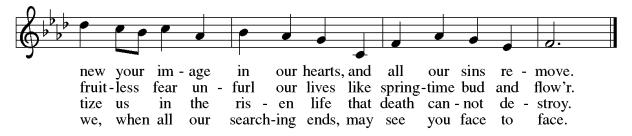
SENDING HYMN

RESTORE IN US, O GOD

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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J.S. BACH, BWV 578

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - preaching/presiding
Lisa Stafford - assisting minister
Nancy Schroeder - lector

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*Austin Haller - *Organist & Associate Director of Music*St. Martin's Choir
June Julian, *soprano*; Katherine Altobello O'Brien, *mezzo-soprano*;
Jameson James, *tenor*; Steve Olivares, *bass*

Norm Hummell- ushers