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EASTER 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!

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 Assitance 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 BENEDICTUS

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME

The people stand as they are able.

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁵that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹¹ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

MUSICAL MEDITATION
PRAYER OF ST. GREGORY

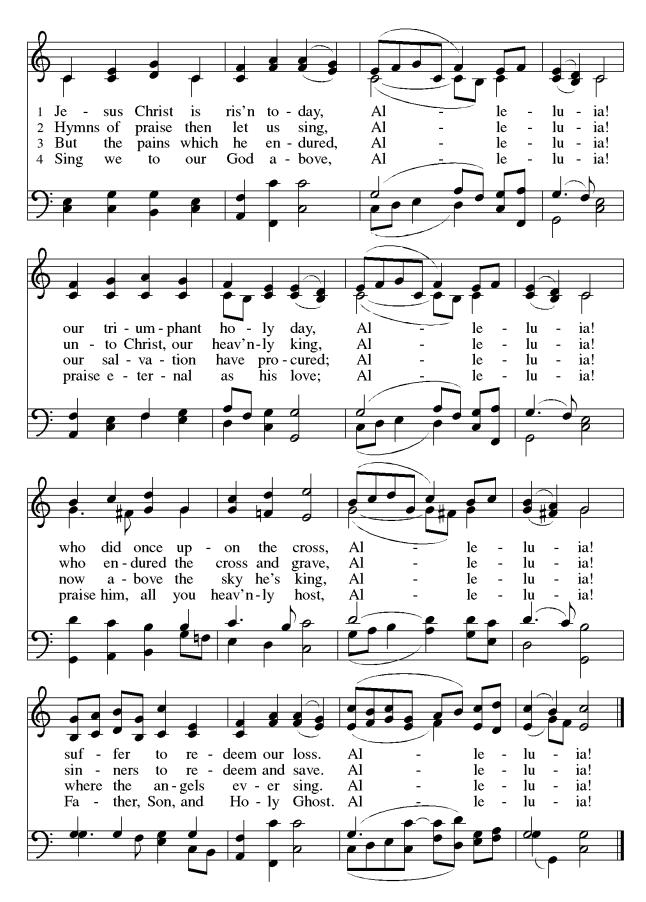
ALAN HOVHANESS

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



APOSTOLIC 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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

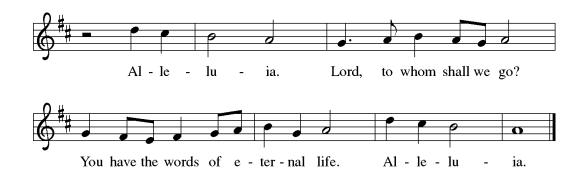
COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The people stand as they are able.



GOSPEL MATTHEW 28:1-10

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ¹Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁵So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁵Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹oThen Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

SERMON

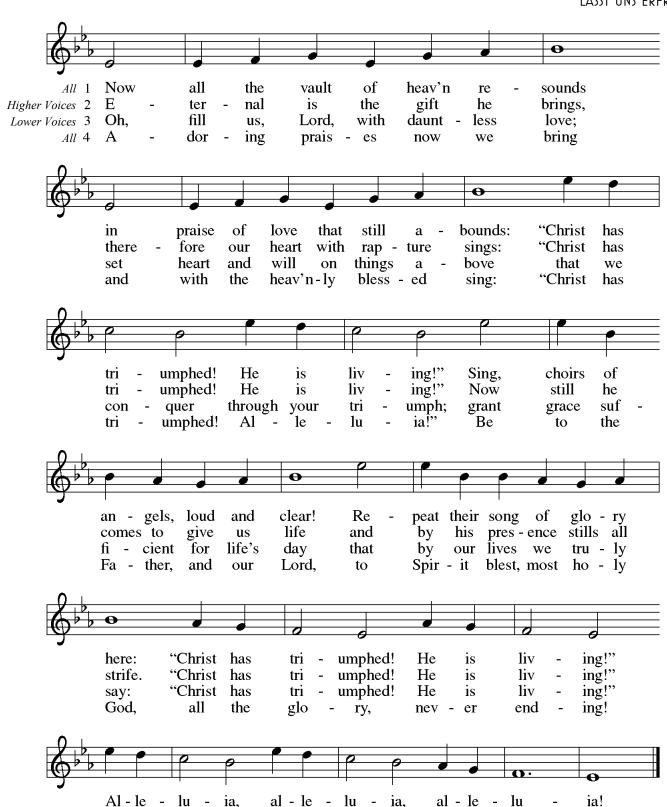
HYMN OF THE DAY

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.

NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

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LASST UNS ERFREUEN



BAPTISM OF PATRICK RAY FITZGERALD

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 Patrick Ray Fitzgerald 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 Patrick Ray Fitzgerald 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,

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

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

The Lord be with you.

and the life everlasting.

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.

Patrick Ray Fitzgerald, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

After the baptism, the assembly responds:

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 the newly baptized, the minister prays:

Sustain Patrick Ray Fitzgerald 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: Patrick Ray Fitzgerald, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given to the 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: Risen Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

PEACE

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

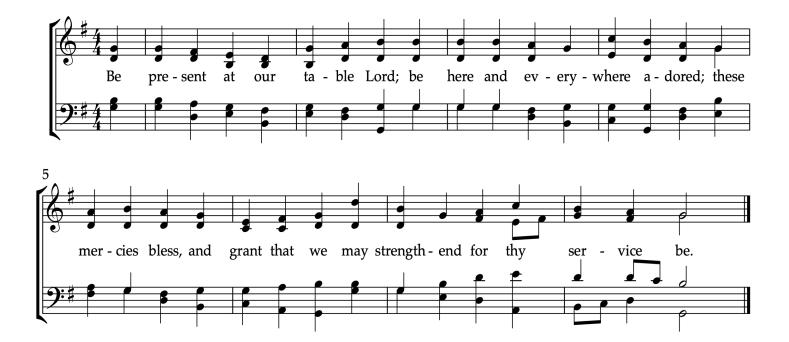
The people greet each other, saying "Peace be with you" or similar

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

AT THE TABLE BE PRESENT AT OUR TABLE LORD

OLD HUNDREDTH



AT THE TABLE REFLECTION

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

What does "At the table" mean to me? FOOD. Food. Food. Food. Without food, a table is just a shelf, or maybe a desk held in common. Food, one of the three essentials for survival (along with shelter and—most times—clothing...off and on). Food keeps us alive. Food stimulates the primal senses of smell and taste. Food jumpstarts communication whether just talking about food itself or something profound that triggers a thought (food for thought), a memory (nobody can make biscuits like my grandma, God rest her soul), a feeling (comfort food). Deals are made over food. Relationships are broken over food. To be at the table, then, means to be alive and still in the game.

Stephen Ottmers, Congregation President

OFFERING

The people are seated.

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO LOVE, SHARE, AND SERVE BOLDLY.

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

SURREXIT A MORTUIS

Surrexit a mortuis,
Christus Dei Filius,
Pastor bonus,
Pastor qui animam
Pro grege suo posuit.
Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus.

Surrexit a mortuis. Alleluia.

OFFERING HYMN

The people stand as they are able.

CHARLES MARIE WIDOR

He rose from the dead,
Christ, the Son of God,
the good shepherd,
the shepherd who for his flock
laid down his life.
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed
for us.
He rose from the dead.
Alleluia.

Congregation Sings Verses 1&2

SALVE FESTA DIES

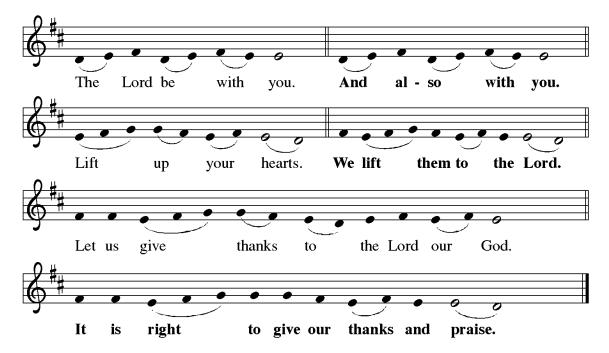


OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together, Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 invited to pause and light a prayer candle in the left front of the church during communion.

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HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ANDANTE CANTABILE FROM PETITE SYMPHONIE

CHARLES GOUNOD

COMMUNION HYMN

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EARTH, EARTH, AWAKE!

STUEMPFLE



- Earth, earth, a wake! Your prais es Al - le - lu sing! ia!
- na ture sings of hope re - born! Al - le - lu ia!
- past; the night is Win - ter Al - le - lu ia! 3 gone! is
- Praise Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son! Al - le - lu ia! we the



with the dawn your Al - le - lu Greet ris - en King! lives to com - fort those who mourn! Al - le - lu Christ ia! Christ's light, tri - um - phant, brings the dawn! Al - le - lu ia! we the vic - t'ry God has ia! Praise won! Al - le - lu



Bright suns and stars, your hom - age pay! Al - le - lu ia! the dead who sleep! ia! First fruit of all Al - le - lu Cre - a - tion spreads its spring-time bloom! Al - le - lu ia! Praise we the Lamb who reigns a - bove! Al - le - lu ia!



Life reigns a - gain this Eas - ter day! Al - le - lu ia! all who weep! Prom - ise for Al - le - lu ia! of joy Life bursts like flame from death's cold tomb! Al - le - lu ia! Al-le - lu Praise we the King whose rule is love! ia!

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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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.

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING

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TRURO



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ORGAN SYMPHONY NO. 5: TOCCATA IN F

CHARLES-MARIE WIDOR, OP. 42

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - preaching/presiding
Vicar Cecie Suknaic Saulnier - assisting minister
Syringa Bilberry - lector
Carey Henderson, Heidi Gibbons - communion assistants
Seth Salmon, Sam Archer - acolytes

Tim O'Brien - Director of Music

Austin Haller - Organist & Associate Director of Music

St. Martin's Brass - David Cross director

Eric Bittner & David Cross, trumpet; Abel Soto, euphonium;

John Dinning, tuba; Andrew Fuhrman, percussion, organ

St. Martin's Choir

June Julian, soprano; Katherine Altobello O'Brien, mezzo-soprano;

Jameson James, tenor; Steve Olivares, bass

St. Martin's Bell Banners

Eddie Jenkins - *video* Norm Hummell - *ushers*

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AT ST. MARTIN'S

We **worship** God and deepen relationships with one another through Lutheran faith traditions, including engaging liturgy, inspiring music, and lifelong faith formation.

We **extend** God's inclusive gift of welcome to all people, especially those historically excluded from traditional church communities.

We **advocate** for justice, righteousness, and mercy with our time, property, and power.

We **rally** everyone to use our God-given gifts and talents to love, share, and serve all of God's creation boldly.

We are so happy that you were here to worship with us today!
We invite you to join us for Lunch and Fellowship on the mall after this service.