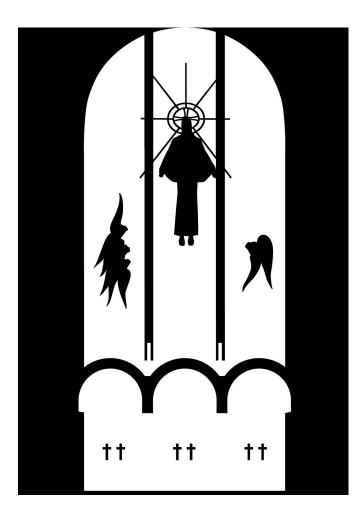
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APRIL 30, 2023



FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

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

II. ALLEGRETTO FROM OBOE SONATA

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS, OP. 166

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME

The people stand as they are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

who forgives all our sin,

whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. ...

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

ST COLUMBA



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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.

GLORIA





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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

FIRST READING ACTS 2:42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING IPETER 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,

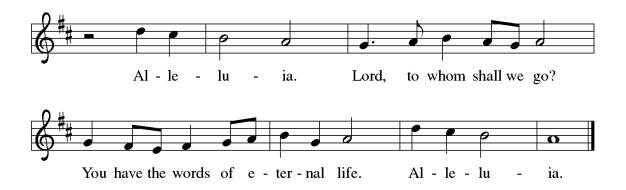
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for right-eousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The people stand as they are able.



GOSPEL JOHN 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

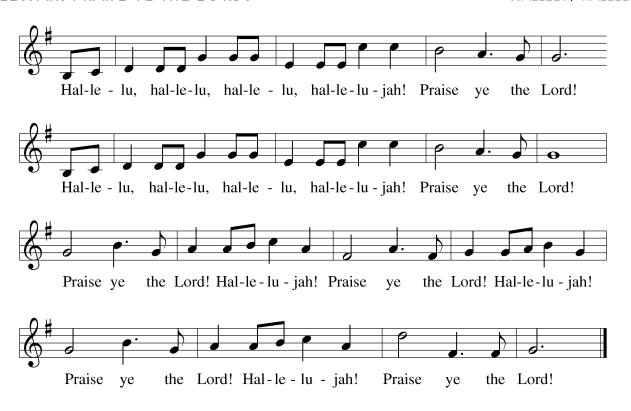
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SONG

The people are seated. Children are invited to come forward for the children's time.

HALLELUJAH! PRAISE YE THE LORD!

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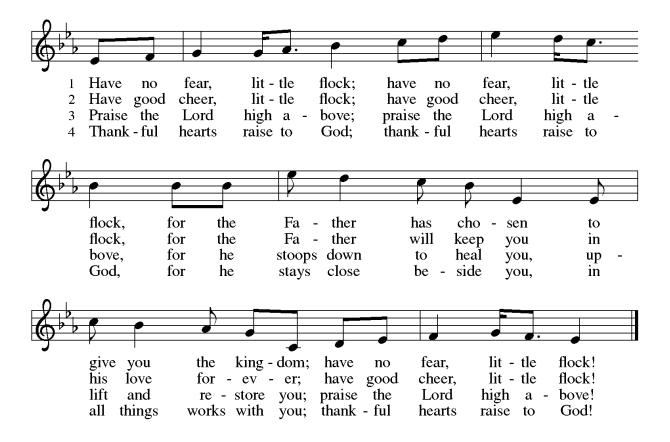
CHILDREN'S TIME

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.

LITTLE FLOCK



CREED

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Respond to each petition with: Hear us O God. Your mercy is great

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

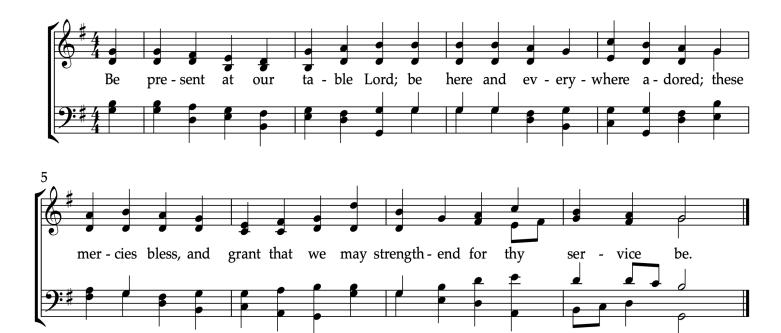
MEAL

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".

At The Table" to me is captured by three prayers that brought me to adulthood:

1. Around the dinner table each night growing up:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Our morning joy, our evening rest.

And with our daily food impart. Thy peace and love to every heart. Amen.

2. Before going to the Lord's Table for Communion:

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us. Our selves, our time, and our possessions. Signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3. Before meals at the University Lutheran Center:

Oh the Lord is good to me. And so I thank the Lord,

For giving me the things I need, the sun and the rain and the apple seed. The Lord is good to me. Amen. Fred Aus

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 ALL WE, LIKE SHEEP FROM *MESSIAH*

G.F. HANDEL

All we like sheep have gone astray.

We have turned every one to his own way.

And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

OFFERING HYMN

The people stand as they are able.

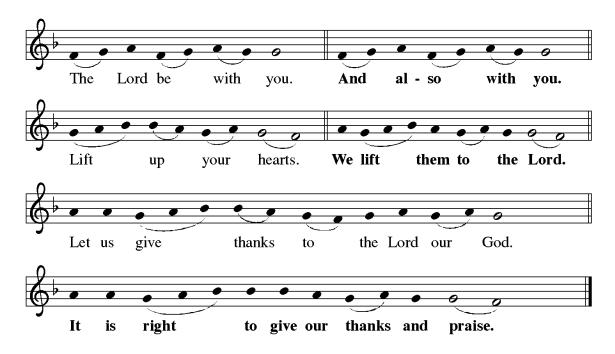


OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together,

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

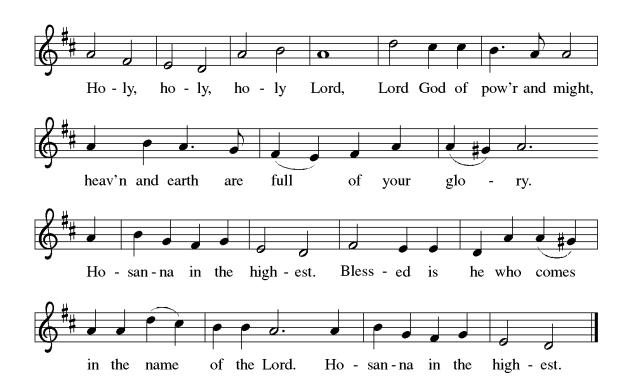
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

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

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. ... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, ... To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



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,

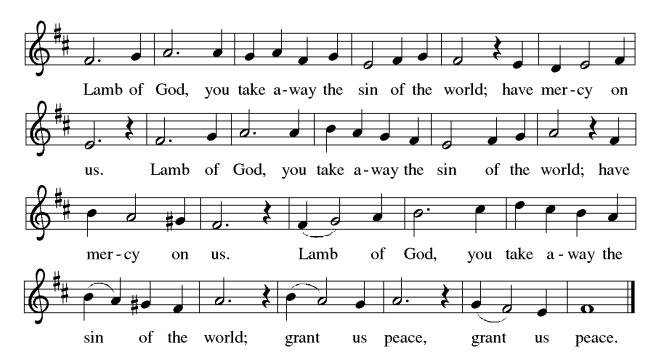
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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.

AGNUS DEL



HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

JOHN RUTTER

The lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture:

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul:

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,

for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them

that trouble me:

thou hast anointed my head with oil,

and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. 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 all,

who raised + Jesus from the dead,

bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit

to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN



DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

VOLUNTARY ON *St. Columba* (the King of Love My Shepherd IS)

Kenneth Leighton

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - preaching/presiding

Laura Raun Carroll - assisting minister

Syringa Bilberry - lector
- communion assistants
Mo McGovern - acolytes

Austin Haller - Organist & Associate Director of Music
Rebecca Fairweather-Haskins, oboe

St. Martin's Choir
Jenny Ohrstrom, June Julian, soprano;
Katherine Altobello O'Brien, mezzo-soprano;
Jameson James, tenor; Gil Zilkha, Steve Olivares bass
Norm Hummell - ushers