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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 FIRST ARABESQUE

CLAUDE DEBUSSY

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME



DIADEM

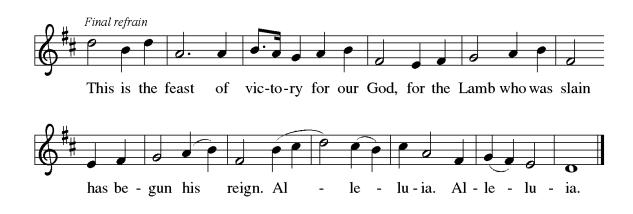
GREETING

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. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ACTS 7:55-60

SECOND READING

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸and

"A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;

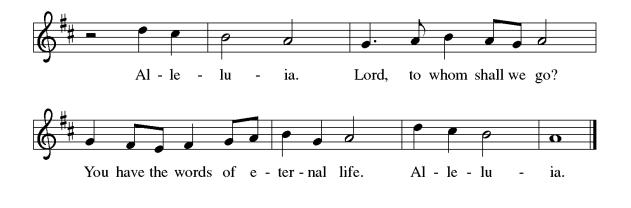
once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The people stand as they are able.



GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am go-ing." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Fa-ther also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

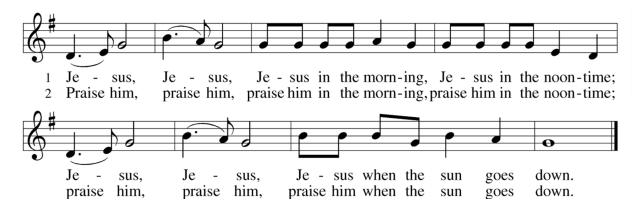
The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SONG

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

JESUS IN THE MORNING

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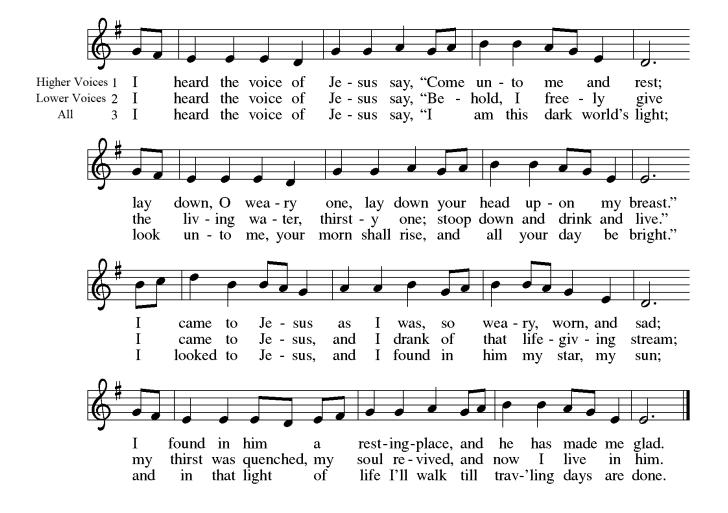
CHILDREN'S TIME

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.

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY



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

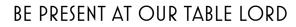
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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

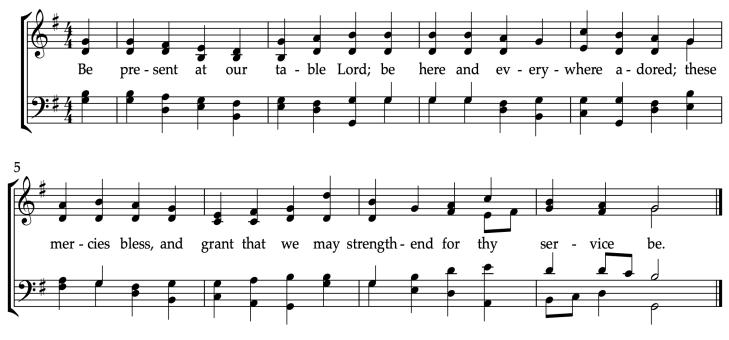
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

AT THE TABLE



OLD HUNDREDTH



AT THE TABLE REFLECTION

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

Thinking back, I can remember some glorious lunches. Gigi and I had our special place—Threadgills. We would go for either celebrating one of our birthdays, or after an afternoon of Christmas shopping. I can almost smell the cornbread and the butter that they would bring to the table before you decided to order. And then we would talk! Talk about the girls growing up, what Christmas gifts we had just bought, & inevitably about doctors appointments coming up and if we were nervous. Sadly Gigi and Threadgills aren't here any longer. But I can see now what a gift those lunches were. Their memory lives on in me forever. In my mind's eye I can taste a meal with my mom, and realize how lucky I was to have those special moments with her. I will create them with my girls as we go forward.

Alicia Badeausz

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.



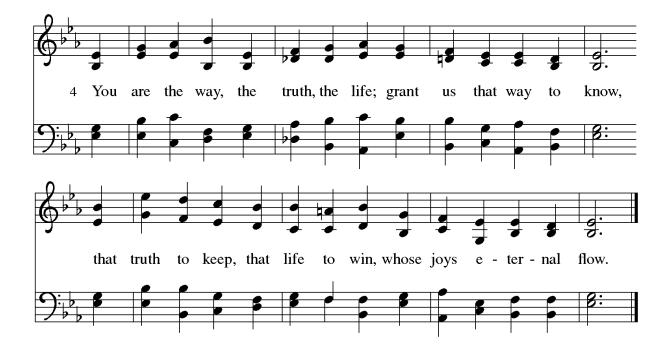
MUSICAL OFFERING THE CALL FROM *FIVE MYSTICAL SONGS*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life Such a Way, as gives us breath Such a Truth, as ends all strife Such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength Such a Light, as shows a feast Such a Feast, as mends in length Such a Strength, as makes his guest, Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart Such a Joy, as none can move Such a Love, as none can part Such a Heart, as joyes in love.

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

OFFERING HYMN

The people stand as they are able.

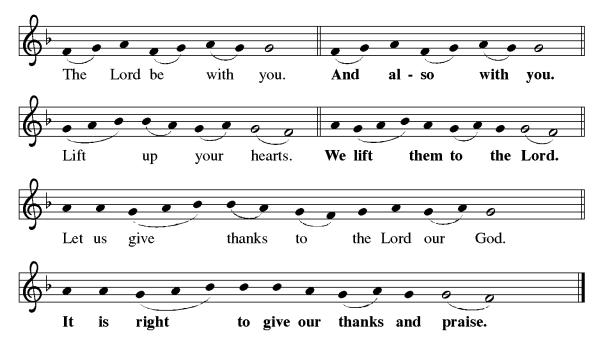


OFFERING PRAYER

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.

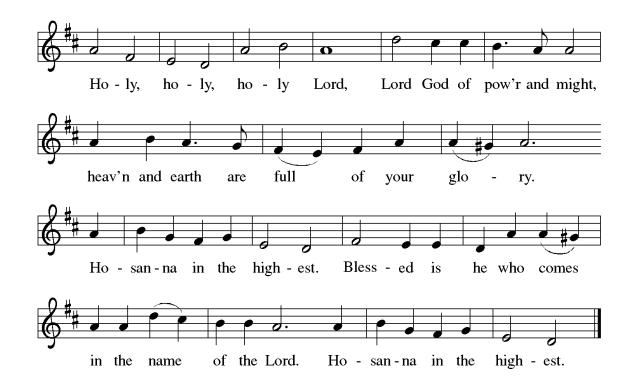
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

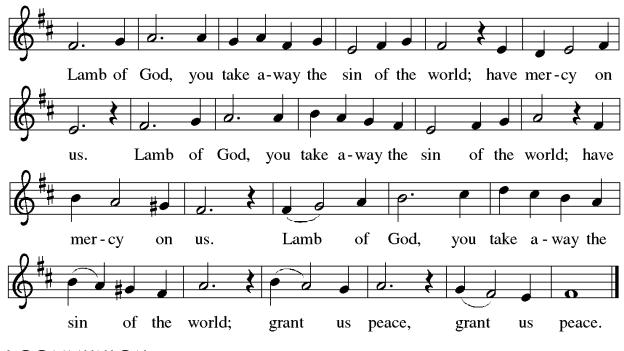
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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 DEI



HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC AT COMMUNION WIE LIEBLICH SIND DEINE WOHNUNGEN FROM *EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM* (HOW LOVELY IS THY DWELLING PLACE FROM A GERMAN REQUIEM) JOHANNES BRAHMS, OP. 45 NO. 4

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen,	How lovely are thy dwelling places,
Herr Zebaoth!	O Lord of Hosts!
Meine Seele verlanget und sehnet sich nach den Vorhöfen des Herrn;	My soul requires and yearns for the courts of the Lord;
mein Leib und Seele freuen sich in dem lebendigen Gott.	My body and soul rejoice in the living God.
Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, Herr Zebaoth!	How lovely are thy dwelling places, O Lord of Hosts!
Wohl denen, die in deinem Hause wohnen, die loben dich immerdar.	Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they praise you forever.
Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen!	How lovely are thy dwelling places!

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

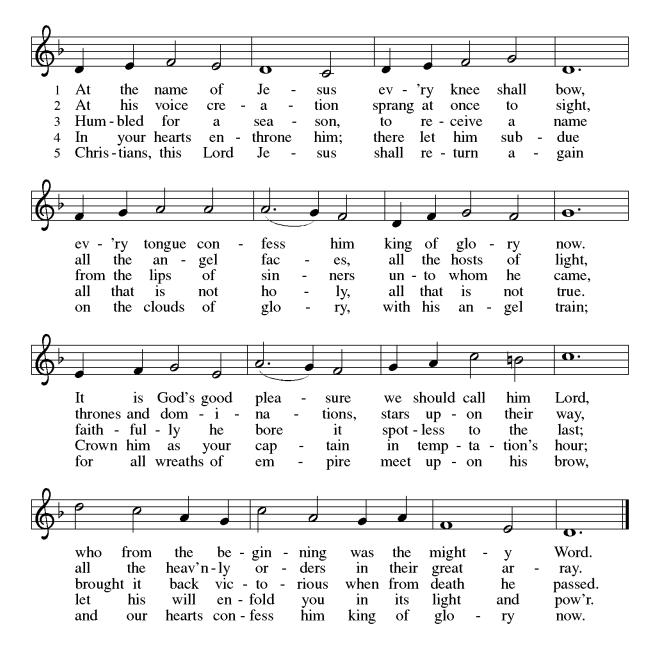
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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 *KING'S WESTON* (AT THE NAME OF JESUS)

FRANK SPELLER

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - preaching/presiding Tom Blomquist - assisting minister Norm Hummell - lector Becky Montgomery, Teresa Reddy - communion assistants Seth Salmon, August Anderson - acolytes

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

> Andrew Fuhrman - *video* Norm Hummell - *ushers*