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SEVENTH 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 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

CHORALE PRELUDE ON *SONG* / (LORD, WHO THE NIGHT YOU WERE BETRAYED)
ROBERT BUCKLEY FARLEE

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.

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

HYMN TO JOY



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. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

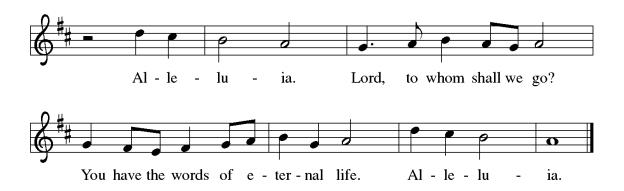
1PETER 4:12-14: 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The people stand as they are able.



GOSPEL JOHN 17:1-11

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

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

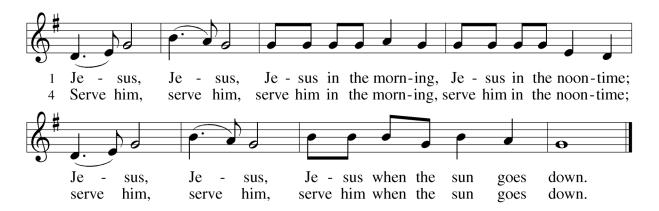
The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

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.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

PEACE

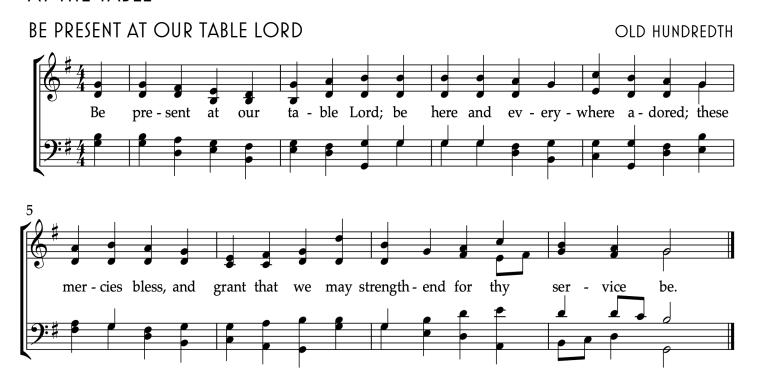
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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



AT THE TABLE REFLECTION

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

When I think of a table, I think of a place of community, rest and rejuvenation; a pit stop or a trading post of ideas and comforts. A space where one can share in a moment of communal meditation with family, friends, folks of many shapes in sizes. When I think of being at the table I think of a place where anyone can pull up a chair and as you sit with a hoard of food and beverages between the two of you, you share in a moment of awe and wonder of the nourishment you are about to take

part in. Being at the table is a constant reminder of our communion we have with Each other wrapped in the embrace of God and Jesus and the Grace they provide for us to be able to come to the table with one another to share in these moments of coming together in a loving pause in the flow of life.

Cason Miller

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

GOD IS GONE UP GERALD FINZI

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:

The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:

Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praises out,

Unto our King sing praise seraphicwise!

Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,

And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,

In flakes of Glory down him to attend,

And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody

Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;

Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string

More to enravish as they this tune sing.

Edward Taylor

OFFERING HYMN

The people stand as they are able.

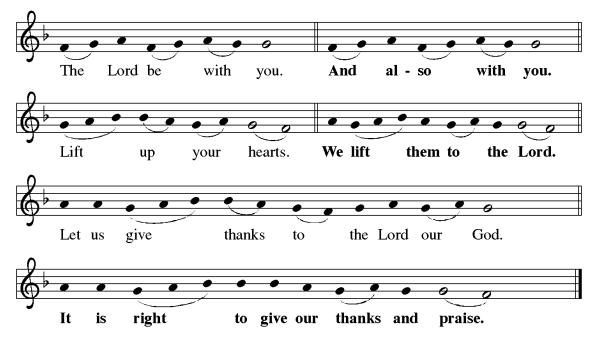


OFFERING PRAYER

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.

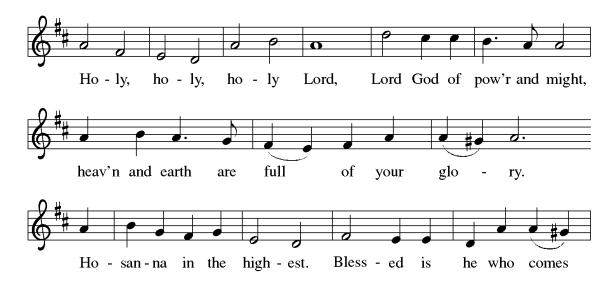
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

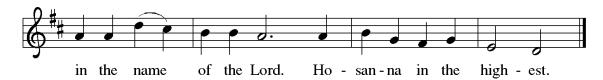


PREFACE

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,

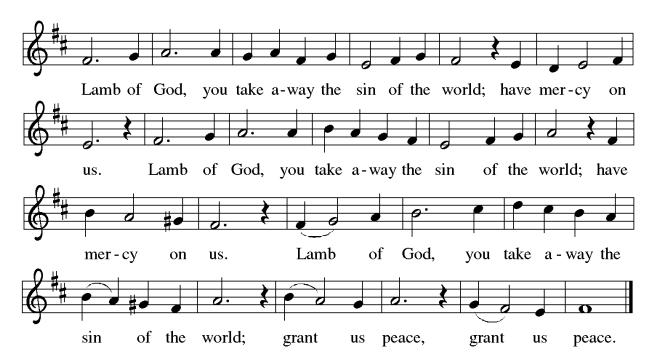
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

SALUTATION

ERIKS EŠENVALDS

In one salutation to thee, my God, let all my senses spread out and touch this world at thy feet.

Like a raincloud of July hung low with its burden of unshed showers let all my mind bend down at thy door in one salutation to thee.

Let all my songs gather together their diverse strains into a single current and flow to a sea of silence in one salutation to thee.

Like a flock of homesick cranes flying night and day back to their mountain nests let all my life take its voyage to its eternal home in one salutation to thee.

Rabindranath Tagore

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.



DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

CONCERTO IN C. ALLEGRO

ANTONIO VIVALDI, RV 537

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - preaching/presiding

Lisa Stafford - assisting minister

Tom Blomquist - lector

Carey Henderson, Heidi Gibbons - communion assistants

Mo McGovern - 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

Viera Buzgova - *video* Norm Hummell - *ushers*