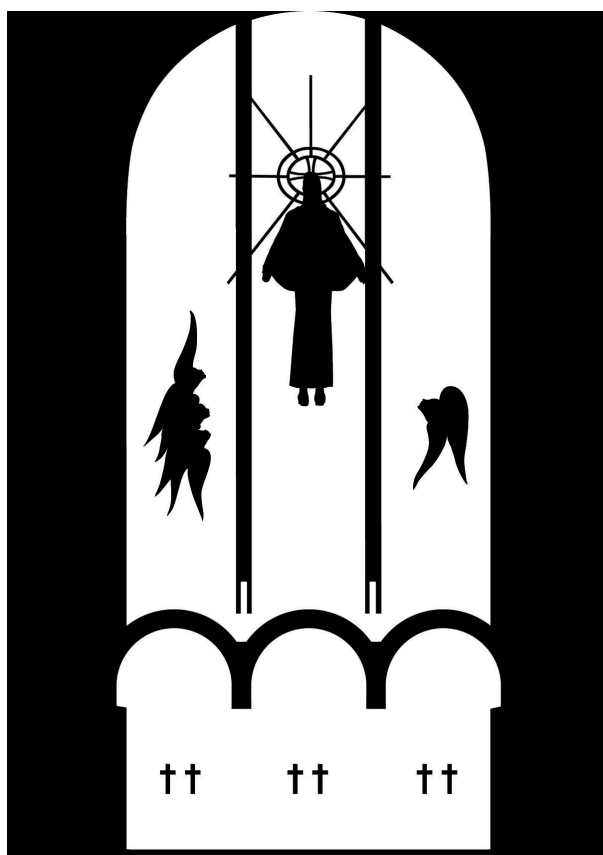


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# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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!*

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 0-4 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.*

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## PRELUDE

FANTASIA IN C MINOR

J.S. BACH (ARR. ELGAR/CROSS)

## 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.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters ...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..  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

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  
LORD, ENTHRONED IN HEAVENLY SPLENDOR

ELW 475  
BRYN CALAFARIA

1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, first - be -  
2 Though the low - liest form now veil you as of  
3 Pas - chal Lamb, your of - f'ring, fin - ished once for  
4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, strick - en

got - ten from the dead, you a - lone, our strong de -  
old in Beth - le - hem, here as there your an - gels  
all when you were slain, in its full - ness un - di -  
rock with stream - ing side, heav'n and earth with loud ho -

fend - er, lift - ing up your peo - ple's head. Al - le -  
 hail you, branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le -  
 min - ished shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le -  
 san - na wor - ship you, the Lamb who died, Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! cleans - ing souls from  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ris'n, as - cend - ed,

liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
join with them; we in wor - ship join with them.  
ev - 'ry stain; cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.  
glo - ri - fied; ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

# 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

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The people stand as they are able.*

Let us pray together. **Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

*The people are seated*

### FIRST READING

JONAH 3:10-4:11

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about

Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The people stand as they are able.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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.*

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING

CHILDREN PRAYING



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.



# 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](mailto:prayer@saintmartins.org).*

### THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

ELW 588

LORD, REVIVE US



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

## 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

*An assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer*

*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*

*Please be seated.*

## 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](http://saintmartins.org/giving) or scan the QR code.*



## MUSICAL OFFERING

THE EYES OF ALL WAIT UPON THEE

JEAN BERGER

The eyes of all wait upon thee;  
and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest thine hand,  
and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

# OFFERING HYMN

*The people stand as they are able.*

## OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

AZMON

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,". The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef with the same key signature. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!". The piano accompaniment continues with the same key signature and style.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together,

**God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

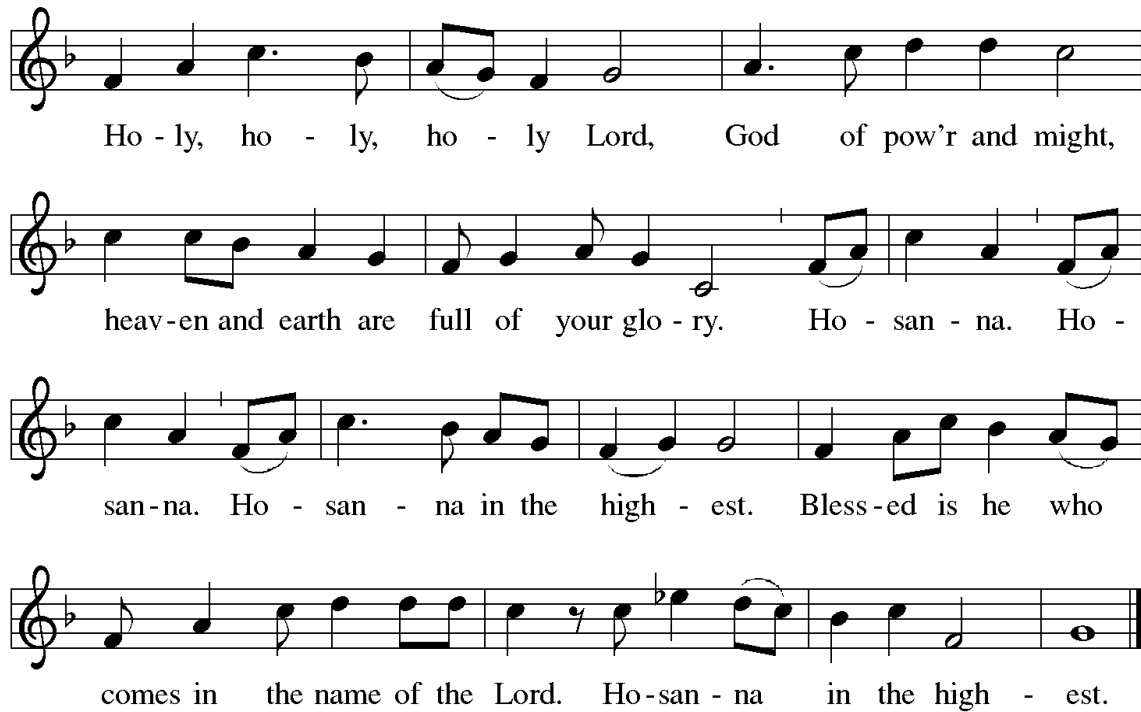
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the corresponding syllables. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The system ends with a double bar line.

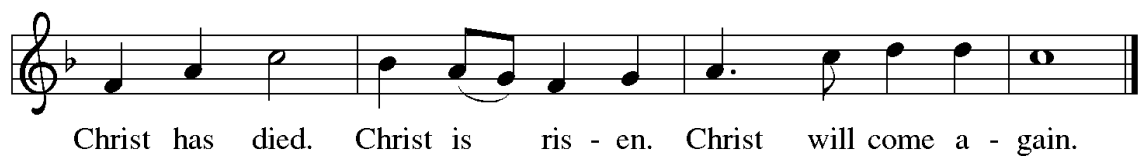
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:

# SANCTUS



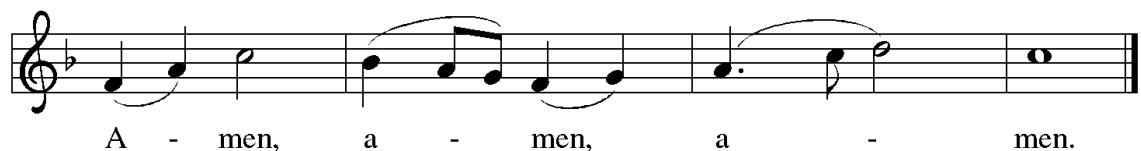
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

## 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.**

## AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

# HOLY COMMUNION

*Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please come forward to receive the bread then pick up a cup to receive wine. Gluten free wafers are available if requested. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to let the communion assistants know. A Stephen Minister will be in front near the pulpit to offer healing prayer during communion. You are invited to light a prayer candle on the table in the front left corner of the Apse.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 818

### O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH YOU

MARYTON

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.



## 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



Lord, now you let your ser - vant go in peace;  
your word has been ful - filled. My own eyes have  
seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre - pared  
in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the  
Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will  
be for - ev - er. A - men

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 glory,

+ Jesus Christ, name above all names,

and the Spirit who lives in you,

bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER

ELW 618

CWM RHONDDA

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

FUGUE IN C MINOR

J.S. BACH (ARR. ELGAR/CROSS)

## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Travis Fitzgold - *preaching/presiding*

Tom Blomquist - *assisting minister*

Syringa Bilberry - *lector*

*communion assistants*

*acolytes*

Jennifer Anderson - *Stephen Minister*

*Altar Guild*

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*

Austin Haller - *Organist & Associate Director of Music*

St. Martin's Choir

Jenny Ohrstrom, *soprano*; Katherine Altobello O'Brien, *mezzo-soprano*;

Jameson James, *tenor*; Gil Zilkha, *bass*

St. Martin's Symphonic Winds; David Cross, conductor

Flute: Abby Adams, Susie Cobb, Byron Gifford, Linda Lininger

Oboe: Fred Behning, Brittany Toll

Clarinet: Tere Coats, Karen Cross, Michael Jennings, Clif Jones, Faith Weaver

Bass Clarinet: Sharon Kojzarek

Saxophone: Eddie Jennings, Syd Polk, Brenagh Tucker

Trumpet: Steve Addamo, John Jennings, David Jones, Dan Scherer

Horn: Nancy Schroeder

Trombone: David Borland, Carter Cook, Alex Dotte

Euphonium: JD Gulley, Abel Soto

Tuba: John Dinning

Percussion: Viera Buzgova, Andrew Fuhrman, Alex McLellan

Scot & Grant Salmon - *video*     Grant Salmon - *sound*

Norm Hummell - *ushers*     Joan O'Mara - *Welcome Center*

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