

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

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*April 2, 2026*



## OUR MISSION

*To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.*



**ST. MARTIN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S

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“Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?”

That is the searing question at the heart of Holy Week. In these sacred days, we “enter upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby God has won for us life and salvation.” How often we forget the depth of Christ’s sacrifice! How easily we fail to commend the faith that is in us! How hurriedly we pass by the Cross!

But not this week. You are here now. God has welcomed you into His house. God has invited you to look into the anguished face of His beloved Son. God has called you to remember – or perhaps to learn for the first time – the lengths to which He has gone to show His love for you, and for all humankind.

I thank the Lord for drawing you to worship here at St. Martin’s this Holy Week. Do not pass by. Look to the Cross, and the Savior hanging upon it. Wonder at the shame and the glory. “Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto his sorrow.” And thank God for His astonishing love!

The Rev. Dane E. Boston, Rector

## ***Prayer Before Worship***

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great high priest, as thou wast present with thy disciples, and be known to us in the opening of the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread; who livest and reingest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

## **NOTICES**

- *St. Martin’s is a gun-free Campus.*
  - *To use a hearing assisted device, see one of our Ushers.*
  - *St. Martin’s asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.*
  - *Please silence all cell phones when entering The Church and also refrain from texting.*
- Thank you for being respectful of God and others as we spend time together in worship.*



\* indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshippers.

# CONNECTING WITH ST. MARTIN'S

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If you're visiting today, we're so glad you're here! Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or scan the QR code to connect with us.



We'd love to meet you, so please introduce yourself to one of our Clergy or come by the Greeter Welcome booth in the Narthex before or after the service. Interested in making St. Martin's your Church home? Our Membership 101 classes are a great place to learn more about our Parish.

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## ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

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# HOLY EUCHARIST

*As found beginning on page 319 in the Book of Common Prayer*

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## VOLUNTARY ..... “Andante Sostenuto”

Charles-Marie Widor

*The people stand as the procession begins.*

## \*HYMN 324 ..... “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”



1 Let all mortal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
he will give to all the faith - ful  
that the powers of hell may va - nish  
“Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!”



our full hom - age to de - mand.  
his own self for heaven - ly food.  
as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829–1885); Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

**People:** His mercy endureth for ever.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14, 16

## TRISAGION

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: *Trisagion*; Music: Ver. *Hymnal 1982*, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924).

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, did institute the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of him who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The People sit. Either the Old Testament or the Epistle is read.*

## THE OLD TESTAMENT .....Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household; and if the household is too small for a lamb, then a man and his neighbor next to his house shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old; you shall take it from the sheep or from the goats; and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs in the evening. Then they shall take some of the blood, and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat them. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled with water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning, anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The



- 12 I will receive the | cup of • sal- | vation \*  
and call up- | on the | Name of • the | Lord.
- 13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of | all his | people \*  
right dear in the sight of the | Lord is • the | death of •  
his | saints.
- 14 Behold O Lord, how that | I am • thy | servant \*  
I am thy servant and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast  
| broken • my | bonds in | sunder.
- 15 I will offer to thee the sacrifice | of thanks- | giving \*  
and will call up- | on the | Name of • the | Lord.
- 16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of | all his |  
people \*  
in the courts of the Lord's house even in the midst of thee,  
O Je- | rusa- • lem. | Praise the | Lord.

*All stand.*

\*HYMN ..... “Now My Tongue, the Mystery Telling”  
(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel; verses 4-5 after the Gospel)

1. Now, my tongue, the mys - t'ry tell - ing Of the glo - rious  
2. Giv'n for us, and con - de - scend - ing To be born for  
3. That last night at sup - per ly - ing Mid the twelve, his  
4. Word made flesh, true bread he mak - eth By his word his  
5. There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -

Bo - dy sing, And the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,  
us be - low, He with men in con - verse blend - ing,  
cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,  
Flesh to be, Wine his Blood, when man par - tak - eth,  
ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,

which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, Once on earth a -  
 Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, Till he closed with  
 Keeps the feast its rites de - mand; Then, more pre - cious  
 Thought his sen - ses fail to see; Faith a - lone, when  
 for the new - er rite is here; Faith, our out - ward

mong us dwell - ing, Shed for this world's ran - som - ing.  
 won - drous end - ing His most pa - tient life of woe.  
 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.  
 sight for - sa - keth, Shows true hearts the mys - ter - y.  
 sense be - friend - ing, Makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.

St. Thomas, J.F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751, 1940 Hymnal, Hymn 199 Second Tune.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL .....John 13:1-17, 31-35

Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. And during supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded. He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "He who

has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over; and you are clean, but not every one of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “You are not all clean.” When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Conclusion of Sequence hymn*

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## THE SERMON

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\*THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Minister and People pray responsively, kneeling*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, our bishops; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Diocese of Virgin Islands – The Episcopal Church; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, and John, our Mayor; for the Congress and the Courts; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those in hospitals \_\_\_\_, and those who have requested our prayers \_\_\_\_, and those on our continuing prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for all who remember and care for them; for first responders, and for all who serve in our armed forces and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially \_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all the blessings of this life; and in the communion of St. Martin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

*Please be seated.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “Tristis est Anima Mea”

Orlando de Lassus

Tristis est anima mea usque ad mortem: sustinete hic, et vigilate mecum: nunc videbitis turbam, quæ circumdabit me. Vos fugam capietis, et ego vadam immolari pro vobis.

*My soul is sorrowful even unto death; stay you here, and watch with me. Now ye shall see a multitude that will surround me. Ye shall run away, and I will go to be sacrificed for you.*

Text: Matins for Maundy Thursday. Music: Orlande de Lassus (1532 -1594), Editiones Chorus Ecclesiae Adventus, Bostonia A.S 2000.

# AT THE PRESENTATION

## DOXOLOGY

All things are thine; no gift\_ have we, Lord of all gifts, to  
of - fer thee; And hence with grate - ful hearts to -  
- day\_ Thine own be - fore\_ thy feet\_ we lay.

Text, John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; Music, *Gardiner*, William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815; By permission of Houghton Mifflin Company.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*stand*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People: It is meet and right so to do.**

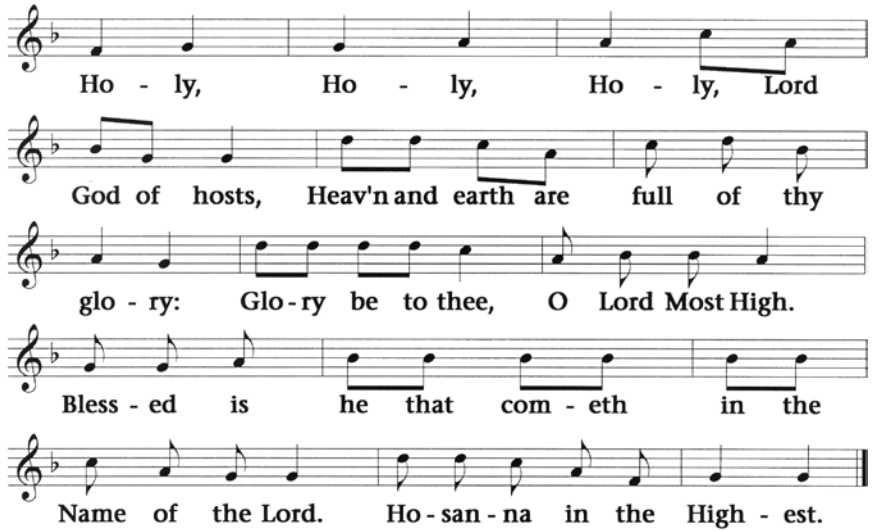
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Celebrant and People*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord  
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy  
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the  
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

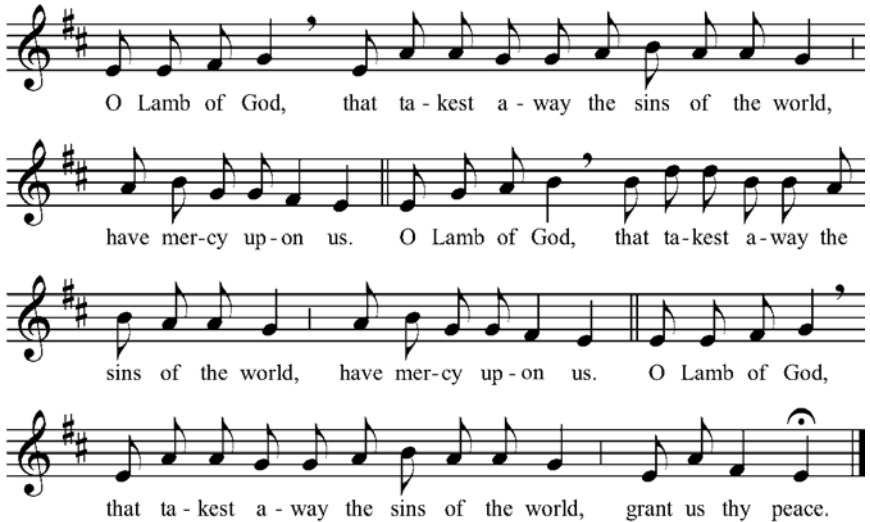
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

## 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,  
have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the  
sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God,  
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.*

**If you are unable to come to the Altar Rail, please alert an Usher and Communion will be brought to you.**

ANTHEM..... “Ubi Caritas”

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

*Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart, let us love one another. Amen.*

Text: Antiphon for the washing of feet, Maundy Thursday Eucharist. Music: Gregorian Chant, setting by Maurice Duruflé. ©Durand Editions Musicales, 1960

HYMN 171.....“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - raigne;d;  
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 O the worm - wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
 mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - fer - ing, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854); Music: *Petra*, Richard Redhead (1820–1901).

HYMN 168 ..... “O Sacred Head”

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,  
 \*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 \*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.  
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?  
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,  
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,  
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.  
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.  
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607–1676); sts. 1–3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804–1859), alt.; Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612); adapt. And harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750).

HYMN 479..... “Glory be to Jesus”

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains  
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find,  
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream  
 4 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing wafts its praise on high,  
 5 Lift ye then your voic - es; swell the might - y flood;

1 poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins!  
 2 blest be his com - pas - sion in - fi - nite - ly kind!  
 3 which from sin and sor - row doth the world re - deem!  
 4 an - gel hosts, re - joic - ing, make their glad re - ply.  
 5 loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood.

Words: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall (1814–1878), alt.; Music: *Wem in Leidenstagen*, Friedrich Filitz (1804–1860).

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*All kneel.*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The Congregation remains kneeling as the Altar adornments are removed and The Church is prepared for Good Friday.*

ANTHEM ..... “Sing My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”  
*Pange lingua*

Sing my tongue, the glorious battle; of the mighty conflict sing; tell the triumph of the victim, to his cross thy tribute bring. Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer from that cross now reigns as King. Thirty years among us dwelling, his appointed time fulfilled, born for this, he meets his passion, This the Savior freely willed: on the cross the Lamb is lifted, where his precious blood is spilled. He endures the nails, the spitting, vinegar, and spear, and reed; from that holy body broken blood and water forth proceed: earth, and stars, and sky, and ocean, by that flood from stain are freed. Faithful cross! Above all other, one and only noble tree! None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be: Sweetest wood and sweetest iron! sweetest weight is hung on thee. Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory! Thy relaxing sinews bend; for a while the ancient rigor that thy birth bestowed, suspend; and the King of heavenly beauty gently on thine arms extend. Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son, praise and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One: one in might and one in glory while eternal ages run.

Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (circa 540-600); ver. Hymnal 1982, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866).

*After the Altar is stripped, the Congregation is asked to leave in procession, following the Clergy. All are bidden to make a pilgrimage to the cross at the Wayside Chapel.*

## PROCESSION TO THE WAYSIDE CHAPEL

ANTHEM AT THE CROSS ..... “Were You There”  
Traditional

*Congregation invited to join*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

*Sung three times*

*After the final stanza and the departure of the ministers, then the people depart in silence.*

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Individuals are included on the Continuing Prayers list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

The Abraham family	Wendy Hunt	Sherie Sardis
Brenda Amos	Naomi Illeman	Bill Schwaiger
Shelly Bain	Sara Jabbari	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Ken Beadell	Mary and Jim Jennings	Caroline Shanahan
Lorrie Beasley	Susan and Chester Keeton	Clif Shoemaker
Cory Blackman	Dick Kilday	Betsy Smith
Jodie and Patrick Browne	Diane Knutzen	Marc Sony
Gary Browning	Alex and Trip Larzelere	Mitch Starkey
Dan Burns	Rhea Latta	Lynn and Ray Stauffacher
Gene Cooley	Bruce Michael Lee	Dolly Steinman
Lynne Couste	Mary Lehman	Michael Stern
Anna Creegan	Nicole Lockney	Janis and James Stokes
Angelina Crooks	Ryan Logan	Trish and Joe Tannian
Gail Cunningham	Julie Long	Norma Taylor
Bobby de Sosa	John Love	Betty Tutor
Linda de Sosa	Patrick Machs	Scarlett and Luke Tyler
Charlotte Dion	Jerry Martin	Rose Vaile
Abby Aldrich Elliott	James Masten	Van Valentine
Carole Embley	Jane McAfee	Patel Vinod C.
Famose Garner	Barbara and Bob McClellan	Mary Watters
Susan Garrett	Janet McDaniel	Lisa Weaver
Judy Gerrish	Adams McHenry	Cei Anne Whitlock
Gloria Goldini	Kathy and Dave McStravick	Grant Wilborn
Nancy Gore	Michelle McStravick	Eric Zoerb
Susan and Aart Gosma	Frank Melchor	Angela
Cynthia Graham	Kae Nakisa	Atticus
The Rev. Alex Graham	Rosie Nasiridin	Blair
Demetricka Wilson Green	Kim Parshall	Carolina
Jeffrey "Shea" Guinn	Colin Peoples	David
Wesley Gustin	Antone Peterson	Henry
Bette Haidusek	Ophelia Pujol	Jane
Nancy Hall	Mary Sommers Pyne	Jim
Wayne Hall	Phyllis Reinhardt	Joanne
John W. "Dub" Hardy	James Reiss	Kay
Nancy Haywood	Blanca and Jason Rivera	Lynne
Muffi Henschel	John "Jack" Roady	Mark
Aaron Holbrook	J.R. Rodriguez	Nancy
Judy Holcomb	Maggie Rodriguez	Pam
Alicia Holder	Hank Roper	Sally
Janet Hoover	Consuelo Saldana	Stephen
Leota Mae Hopkins	Angela Salinas	Susan
Laurie Howard	Margaret Salinas	Tara
Brett Hudson	Lynne Sanyoto	Wayne

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# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Prayers for those on Active Military Duty in the Armed Forces:

Col. Julian Benton	Major Blake J. Kidd	PFC Alex Pickett
1LT. Tom Cadwallender	Cadet George N. Kinder	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender	Lt. Jonathan Lesieur	CPO Brian Powell
Capt. Casey Gainer	Charles Lewis	1st Lt. S. Jeffers Shaper
Lt. Col. Cameron C. Hartner	Capt. Jack Mullen	CPO Evan Tomlin
Lt. Cmdr. Tiffany Z. Hartner	Capt. Alex Mullen	
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LTC Wesley J. Hunnell	SrA James W. Peoples	
1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich	LCDR Paul Piana	

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***Please circle the name of any loved one that you would like to remain on our Continuing Prayer list, tear out this sheet of your bulletin and place it in the Prayer List box in the Narthex. You may also email Valerie Rivera at [vriviera@smec.org](mailto:vriviera@smec.org) with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.***

## OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

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 family table

 RIVERWAY

9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Family Table service with Holy Eucharist combines contemporary worship music with traditional liturgy and is designed for families with young children.

11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Riverway Contemporary Service is both Anglican and modern, offering the Holy Eucharist in a relaxed service with contemporary music.

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning Prayer • 8:30 a.m.  
Evening Prayer • 4:30 p.m.  
Christ Chapel

### WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist • 7 a.m. and noon  
Christ Chapel



# GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 3



ST. MARTIN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Traditional Services

Noon\* and 6 p.m. • The Church

*Liturgy for Good Friday with sermon and Parish Choir*

*\*The noon service will be livestreamed*

## Family Table Service

Noon • Parish Life Center

*This Good Friday service is specifically designed for families and children.*

## Riverway Contemporary Service

6 p.m. • Parish Life Center

*Join the Riverway Community for a distinct service around the Cross, featuring the liturgy for Good Friday, sermon, and special music.*

*Please note: childcare will be provided for 6-week-old infants through 3-year-olds for the noon services on Good Friday.*



# HOLY SATURDAY BAPTISM

## Saturday, April 4 10 a.m. • Christ Chapel

Holy Saturday is considered a particularly appropriate time in the Episcopal Church to undergo the sacramental rite of full initiation, by water and the Holy Spirit, into membership in the Church.

*If you would like more information about Holy Baptism, please visit [smec.org/baptism](http://smec.org/baptism).*



ST. MARTIN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's Invites You to



**Saturday, April 4** ✿ **10 a.m.** ✿ **Free Admission**  
**Parish Life Center** ✿ **Bring your Easter egg basket!**

The adventures begin with a reading of the Easter story followed by an Easter egg hunt, photo booth, crafts and other fun activities for children 12 and under.

Please bring your UTO boxes!

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# Easter

AT ST. MARTIN'S

SUNDAY, APRIL 5



## **Easter Breakfast**

Hosted by St. Martin's Vestry

8–11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

*Before or after the Easter services, enjoy a complimentary breakfast served and sponsored by the current and past Vestry of St. Martin's.*

## **Traditional Worship Services**

The Sunday of the Resurrection

7, 9, 11:15 a.m.\* and 6 p.m. • The Church

*Holy Eucharist; festive music by the Parish Choir, Gloria Dei Organ, brass and timpani.*

*\*This service will be livestreamed.*

*Childcare will be provided for 6-week-old infants through 3-year-olds in the Children's Life Center during all morning services.*

## **Family Table Services**

8:30 and 9:45 a.m. • Parish Life Center

*Join us for a family-friendly worship service with Holy Eucharist.*

## **Riverway Service**

11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

*The Riverway contemporary service is both Episcopalian and modern, offering the Holy Eucharist in a relaxed service with contemporary music.*

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