

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:  
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

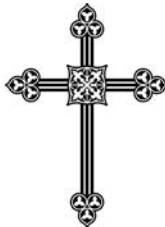
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*May 17, 2026*



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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Welcome to St. Martin's Episcopal Church as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Everything that this vibrant Parish does – all of our worship, our learning, our fellowship, and our service – flows from the astonishing announcement heard this day that Jesus' tomb is empty and Jesus' victory over Sin and Death is complete. Whoever you are, whatever you have done, however you have succeeded and wherever you have failed, this announcement is Good News for you, and for this whole weary world!

Rejoice today that Jesus Christ is alive. Lift your voice with the heavenly chorus praising God. Join with Christians down the centuries and across the world. Let our Alleluias ring.

“For Christ our Lord is risen; our joy, it hath no end.”

Welcome to St. Martin's this Eastertide!

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 reignest 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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# HOLY EUCHARIST

*As found beginning on page 323 in the Book of Common Prayer*

*Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.*

## VOLUNTARY ..... “Prière du Christ Montant Vers Son” Olivier Messiaen

*The people stand as the procession begins.*

### \*HYMN 460 ..... “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
\*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
\*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
5 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter  
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with  
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898); Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887).

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant says*

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.**

GLORIA (said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con-que-ri- ng Son; end - less is the  
 vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 rolled the stone a - way, kept the fol - ded grave clothes  
 where thy bo - dy lay. Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con-que-ri- ng  
 Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The People sit. Either the First Lesson or the Epistle is read.*

THE FIRST LESSON .....Acts 1:6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has

come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Sama'ria and to the end of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away; and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE ..... 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which comes upon you to prove you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



- 1 Let God arise, and let his | enemies • be | scattered\*  
let them also that | hate him | flee be- | fore him.
- 2 Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou | drive them • a-  
| way\*  
and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish  
| at the | presence • of | God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and re- | joice be- • fore | God\*  
let them | also • be | merry • and | joyful.
- 4 O sing unto God, and sing praises | unto • his | Name\*  
magnify him that rideth upon the heavens as it were upon  
an horse; praise him in his Name JAH, | and re- | joice be-  
| fore him.
- 5 He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause  
| of the | widows\*  
even God in his | holy | habi- | tation.
- 6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house,  
and bringeth the prisoners | out of • cap- | tivity\*  
but letteth the | runagates • con- | tinue • in | scarceness.
- 7 O God, when thou wentest forth be- | fore the | people\*  
when thou | wentest | through the | wilderness;
- 8 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the  
| presence • of | God\*  
even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who  
| is the | God of | Israel.
- 9 Thou O God, sentest a gracious rain upon | thine in-  
| heritance\*  
and re- | freshedst • it | when it • was | weary.
- 10 Thy congregation shall | dwell there- | in\*  
for thou O God, hast of thy goodness pre- | päred | for the  
| poor.

33 Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms | of the | earth\*

O sing | praises | unto • the | Lord.

34 Who sitteth in the heavens over all | from the • be- | ginning\*

lo he doth send out his voice, yea and | that a | mighty  
| voice.

35 Ascribe ye the power to God | over | Israel\*

his worship and | strength is | in the | clouds.

36 O God, wonderful art thou in thy | holy | places\*

even the God of Israel, he will give strength and power  
unto his people. | Blëss- | ed be | God.

*All stand.*

\*HYMN 603 ..... “When Christ was Lifted from the Earth”

(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel; verses 3-4 after the Gospel)

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his  
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and  
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -  
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,  
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us  
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels  
I in Christ be free, to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.  
as his friends and loves us as we are.  
but a face, a per - son, and a name.  
cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

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

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

THE GOSPEL .....John 17:1-11

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made. "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

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

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

**That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, our bishops; the Clergy of this Parish; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and our ministry partner, the Diocese of Aru; for all bishops, priests and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, John, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the World;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in thy sight.**

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially \_\_\_; for those who are hospitalized, especially \_\_\_; and for those on our continuing prayer list; have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray for those who have died, especially \_\_\_; give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers, \_\_\_; and we praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.**

In this moment of silence, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly in the privacy of their hearts.*

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Minister says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*A moment of silence is observed.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*  
Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

## 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 .....“O Salutaris Hostia”  
Ēriks Ešenvalds

O Salutaris Hostia, quae caeli pandis ostium, bella premunt hostilia, da robor fer auxilium. Amen.

*O Redeeming Sacrifice, which opens the gate of heaven: enemies threaten wars; give us strength, send aid. Amen.*

Text by St. Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1274). Music by Ēriks Ešenvalds (b. 1977) ©2009 Musica Baltica.

# AT THE PRESENTATION

(8 a.m. in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

**People: And of thine own have we given thee.**

## DOXOLOGY

Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a steady rhythm. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are: "Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia! praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia! praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia! Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!"

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707–1788); Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Revised, 1950..

## 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.**

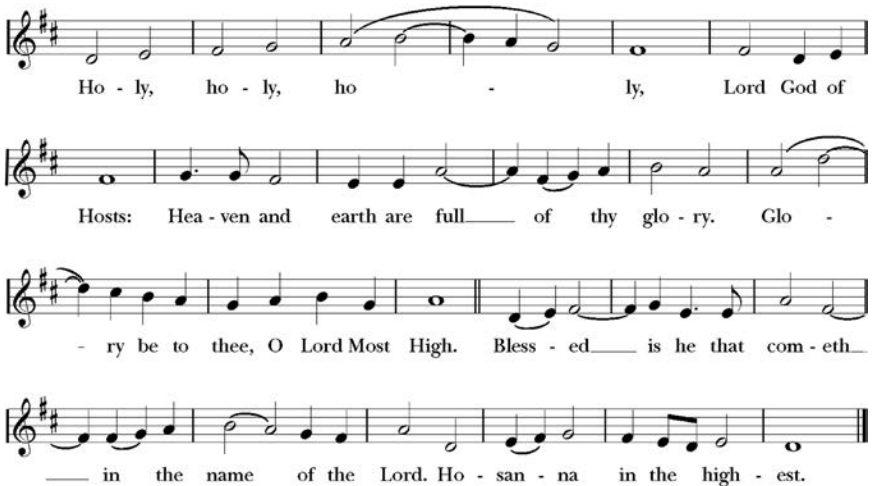
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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

*(said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven 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.

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

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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.*

*(8 a.m. only in place of sung Fraction Anthem)*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

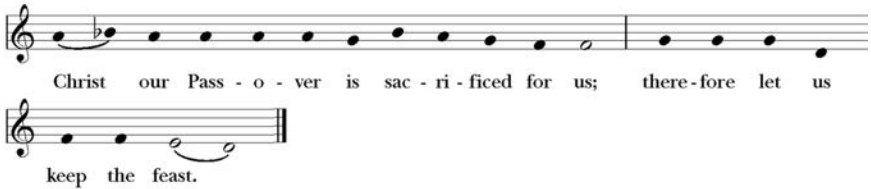
## FRACTION ANTHEM

Cantor:



**All: Repeat Alleluias**

Cantor:



**All: Repeat Alleluias**

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## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*During the season of Easter, the Prayer of Humble Access is not a part of our public liturgy. You are invited to use it for your private preparation before receiving Communion.*

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 ..... “A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester”  
L.J. White

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, And follow thee more nearly. Amen.

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HYMN 221 ..... “O Lord Most High, Eternal King”



1 O Lord Most High, e - ter - nal King, — by  
 2 A - scend - ing to the Fa - ther's throne — thou  
 3 Be thou our joy, O Might - y Lord, — as  
 4 O ris - en Christ, a - scend - ed Lord, — all



thee re - deemed thy praise we sing. The bonds of  
 claim'st the king - dom as thine own; and an - gels  
 thou wilt be in our great re - ward; let all our  
 praise to thee let earth ac - cord, who art, while



death are burst by thee, and grace has won the  
 won - der when they see how changed is our hu -  
 glo - ry be in thee both now and through e -  
 end - less a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with



vic - to - ry.  
 man - i - ty.  
 ter - ni - ty.  
 Spi - rit, One. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: From Medieval Latin; sts. 1-3, tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); st. 4, tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), © The Church Pension Fund; Music: *Gonfalon Royal*, by permission of Oxford University Press.

HYMN 483 ..... “The Head That Once Was Crowned”



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
 2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,  
 3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,  
 4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;  
 5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,



1 a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!  
 2 Where is the soul - re - fresh - ing view of Je - sus and his word?  
 3 I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.  
 4 help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.  
 5 so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Music: *Bryn Calfaria*; Words: George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925), alt.; This selection is in the public domain.

HYMN 321..... “My God, Thy Table Now is Spread”

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - less  
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren  
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -  
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their  
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1–3, Philip Doddridge (1702–1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalms in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731–1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740–1816).

*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.**

*At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying*

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*All stand.*

HYMN 494.....“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800–1894); Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816–1893).

# THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY ..... “Postlude”  
William Mathias

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*Personal prayers available at West Side Chapel near Baptismal font after service*

## RECOGNITIONS

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### FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Theodore Clewett Butler  
by Holly and Davis Butler and Julia Butler

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Mary Grace Summers Pipkin  
by Lila and Thomas Pipkin



### BIRTHS

Feb. 12 Peyton Mai Lowe  
Daughter of Kim and Jordan Lowe

April 21 Henry Michael Cambas  
Son of Sarah-Hampton and Brice Cambas



### BAPTISMS

May 9 Liles Bonner Baker



### SYMPATHY

April 23 John Henry Lawrence Keely

May 3 Bridget Caulley Murchison Burkhart

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit [smec.org/altar-flowers](http://smec.org/altar-flowers) or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at [relhakam@smec.org](mailto:relhakam@smec.org).

# 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	Jane McAfee
Shelly Bain	Kathy and Dave McStravick
Ken Beadell	Amy McWhorter
Lorrie Beasley	Frank Melchor, Jr.
Cory Blackman	Rosie Nasiridin
Eric Brewerton	Mickey Padilla
Gary Browning	Colin Peoples
Dan Burns	Antone Peterson
Anna Creeggan	Ophelia Pujol
Corky Crozier	Phyllis Reinhardt
Gail Cunningham	Blanca and Jason Rivera
Dusan Damjanovic	John "Jack" Roady
Bobby de Sosa	Consuelo Saldana
Linda de Sosa	Angela Salinas
Tami Dyer	Margaret Salinas
Bruce Fowler	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Gloria Goldini	Clif Shoemake
The Rev. Alex Graham	Janis and James Stokes
Wesley Gustin	Carlotta Thomas
Bette Haidusek	Roger Williams
Nancy Hall	Eric Zoerb
Wayne Hall	Angela
Daniel Hawkinson	Atticus
Phyllis Hawkinson	Blair
Warren Hawkinson	David
Aaron Holbrook	Henry
Laurie Howard	Jim
Brett Hudson	Joanne
Naomi Illeman	Kay
Sara Jabbari	Lynne
Bruce Jamison	Mark
Mary and Jim Jennings	Nancy
Janet Kadlecik	Nos
Toni Kihara	Pam
Dick Kilday	Spud
Bruce Michael Lee	Stephen
Mary Lehman	Susan
Nicole Lockney	Tara
Ryan Logan	
Sherry and Mark Logan	

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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 Kidd	PFC Alex Pickett
1LT. Tom Cadwallender	Cadet George Kinder	2Lt. Thomas Pimentel
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender	Colonel James Korth	Lt. Col. Thomas Plant
Capt. Casey Gainer	Lt. Jonathan Lesieur	CPO Brian Powell
Lt. Col. Cameron Hartner	Charles Lewis	Jared Ross
Lt. Cmdr. Tiffany Hartner	Capt. Jack Mullen	1st Lt. Jeffers Shaper
CDR Bradley Hoffman	Capt. Alex Mullen	CPO Evan Tomlin
LTC Wesley Hunnell	Sp4 Parris Owen	
1st Lt. Stephen Jeckovich	SrA James Peoples	

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## 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

CLASS OF 2026

# Senior Recognition Sunday!



**LET'S CELEBRATE OUR SENIORS!**

**Sunday, May 17**

**10 – 11:15 a.m. • Student Life Center**



RSVP at [smec.org/students](http://smec.org/students)

Bring your high school senior and family out for Senior Recognition Sunday! This fun event includes breakfast, a senior slideshow and some gifts for the seniors. We look forward to celebrating our beloved graduates!

717 STUDENTS

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## AMAZING PLACE®

# Summer Party

Come join us in celebrating the summer season with our friends at Amazing Place. The organization provides a safe, spiritual, and nurturing program for older adults with mild to moderate Alzheimer's or similar dementia. They also provide respite, education and support for caregivers and families.

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Tuesday, May 19  
10 a.m.

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ST. MARTIN'S  
**OUTREACH**  
MINISTRIES

# NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

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## ADULTS

### SUNDAY

- ▶ **8+** *May 17, 24 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Theology for Life** *May 17 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*  
*The Old, Old Story* with the Rev. Dane Boston
- ▶ **Contemplative Prayer** *May 17 • 10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center*  
*Bride's Parlor*

### MONDAY

- ▶ **Blood Drive** *May 18 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **Saintly Stitchers** *May 18 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *May 18 • 1:15 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group** *May 18 • 3 p.m. • Hope and Healing Center Room 103*

### TUESDAY

- ▶ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *May 19, 26 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Faith in Literature Evening Group** *May 19 • 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

### WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group** *May 20, 27 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Blanket Ladies** *May 20, 27 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Docent Tour** *May 27 • 11 a.m. • The Church Narthex*
- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *May 20, 27 • Noon • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- ▶ **OSL Study Group** *May 20, 27 • 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

### THURSDAY

- ▶ **Deep Roots Book Study - "The Power and the Glory"**  
by Graham Greene *May 21 • 6:15 p.m. • Student Life Center Living Room*
- ▶ **Parish Choir** *May 21, 28 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center Rehearsal Hall*

# NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

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## MEN

TUESDAY

▶ **Kids' Meals** *May 19 • 5 p.m. • Parish Life Center Kitchen*

## STUDENTS

SUNDAY

▶ **Sunday Get-Togethers** *May 17 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*

## CHILDREN

SUNDAY

▶ **Childcare** *May 17, 24 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

▶ **Popsicles on the Playground** *May 17 • 10:15 a.m. • Playground*

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CELEBRATE THE DAY OF  
**PENTECOST**  
• WHITSUNDAY •

Wear red on Sunday, May 24!

8 a.m. The Church	Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. The Church	Combined Family Table and Traditional Service with Baptisms and Holy Eucharist
10:15 a.m. Bagby Parish Hall	Fellowship
11:15 a.m. The Church	Combined Riverway and Traditional Service with Baptisms and Holy Eucharist
6 p.m. The Church	Holy Eucharist

# The *Sacred* Stranger

Come experience the creative spirit  
alive in our Parish.

**Artist talk and reception**  
**Friday, May 29, 6 p.m.**

Parish Life Center • Narthex

ART EXHIBITION PRESENTED BY  
RIVERWAY CONTEMPORARY SERVICE  
IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

This exhibit  
explores the  
ancient command  
to show hospitality  
to those we  
encounter.

It pairs an abstract  
expressionist  
painting by  
Artist-in-Residence  
Joy Hilley with a  
curated collection  
of black and white  
film photographs  
by Jack Hilley.

Together, these  
works invite  
viewers to  
reconsider  
encounters with  
the unfamiliar —  
not as moments of  
separation, but as  
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