



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

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## Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00am

**SERVICE NOTES:** *We are glad you have joined us! If you are online:* We have posted a hymn insert, which also has other helpful information about attending online. *If you are in person:* The hymns can be found in the Hymnal in the pew rack in front of you, with some of the service music printed within the text. We encourage you to sing and pray actively. Welcome!

### PRELUDE

“Hosanna!”

T. Dubois

*Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing.*

**OPENING HYMN H 487** “God is love” (*Abbott’s Leigh*)

*In the Hymnal*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The people sing the antiphon after the choir.*

**SONG OF PRAISE EOM1 33** “Song of Judith, Canticle J” (*Crisafulli*)

ANTIPHON

I will sing a new song, sing a new song to my God.

I will sing, I will sing, sing a new song to my God.

*Choir:* I will sing a new song to my God, for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength invincible.

**All:** I will sing a new song, sing a new song to my God. I will sing, I will sing, sing a new song to my God.

*Choir:* Let the whole creation serve you, for you spoke and all things came into being.

You sent your breath and it formed them, no one is able to resist your voice.

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, rocks melt like wax at your presence.

**All:** I will sing a new song, sing a new song to my God. I will sing, I will sing, sing a new song to my God.

*Choir:* But to those who fear you, you continue to show mercy.

No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

**All:** I will sing a new song, sing a new song to my God. I will sing, I will sing, sing a new song to my God.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING *Please be seated for the readings.*

**Acts 8:26-40**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

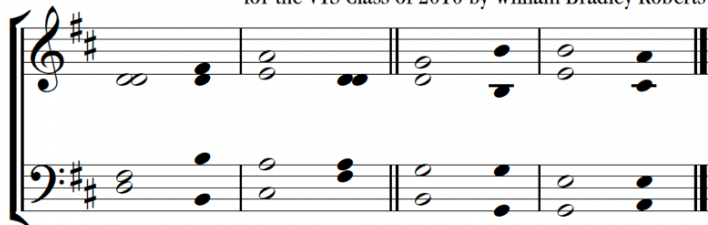
The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM *Please join in singing from Psalm 22.*

Adapted from *Easter Hymn*  
for the VTS Class of 2010 by William Bradley Roberts



24 My praise is of you in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek you shall praise you: \*

"May your heart live for ever!"

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- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.
- 27 For yours is the royal power, O God; \*  
you rule over the nations.
- 28 To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before you.
- 29 My soul shall live for you;  
my descendants shall serve you; \*  
they shall be known as yours for ever.
- †30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that you have done.

## SECOND READING

**1 John 4:7-21**

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*In the Hymnal*

**SEQUENCE HYMN H 178** "Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord" (*Alleluia No. 1*), v. 1, 2

**GOSPEL****John 15:1-8**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON** *Silence is kept after the sermon.*

**THE CREED** *Please stand, as you are able, for the Creed.*

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

*Deacon* Let us join our hearts and voices together as we pray for the church and for the world.

*Leader* Jesus, abundant vine of life, bless all who give their lives in service to your church, and walk with us through sometimes fallow fields and barren orchards, as we seek the joy of knowing you and sharing that knowing with others. We pray especially for our bishop Megan, our rector Pamela, and all our clergy, staff, and lay leaders.

*(We pause, making space for prayers to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

*Leader* O God of abiding love,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Jesus, abundant vine of life, prepare our souls to be the fertile soil that will bring forth the harvest of your love, justice, and peace. Teach us to see, know, and nourish all people as our beloved siblings, companion branches in God's holy vineyard.  
*(We pause, making space for prayers to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

*Leader* O God of abiding love,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Leader: Jesus, abundant vine of life, comfort and heal all who are poor in health and spirit, and grant energy to all who give them care. We now join our hearts together to pray for all on our parish prayer list.  
*(The deacon will share prayer requests and then invite the congregation to add their prayer requests).*

*Leader* O God of abiding love,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Leader: Jesus, abundant vine of life, fill us with comfort and hope as the souls of those we love are sent ahead to live in your eternal presence. We pray for those who have died and those who mourn.  
*(We pause, making space for prayers to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

*Leader* O God of abiding love,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Living God, we ask that you prune detachment and sin from our hearts to cultivate strong, dynamic, and fruitful branches that flourish as we abide always in you. We ask this through Jesus, our true and perfect vine; and the Holy Spirit, our wisdom guide; who together with you, live and reign as one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, with sensitivity to those who wish to maintain physical distance.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please see the announcement insert, and feel free to take this bulletin home with you. If you do not currently receive an email from us with current news and events, please reach out to [info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org).*

## **CELEBRATIONS AND MILESTONES** *All may join in praying.*

**Watch over your children O Lord, as their days increase: bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Presider* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## **OFFERTORY NOTES**

*The ushers will pass collection plates. Online giving is also available; just look for the blue "give" button on our website or the QR code near the back of this bulletin—or contact the office for more information. We are very grateful to those who have pledged and who give regularly, as well as for all plate offerings. Thank you!*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Sanctus, from "The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass," by Carol Barnett

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** (*Franconia*) *Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing.*

We give thee but thine own, / Whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, / A trust, O God, from thee.

—William Walsham Howe

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**SANCTUS** WLP 854 *Presider and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the  
high-est. San - to, san - to, san - to es el Se -  
ñor. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en el  
cie - lo. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en el cie - lo.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *The People stand or kneel. The Presider continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a

fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Martin and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Presider and People*

**Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *(first in Spanish and then in English,)*

*People and Presider*

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos a los  
que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,  
y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre.  
Amen.**


**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

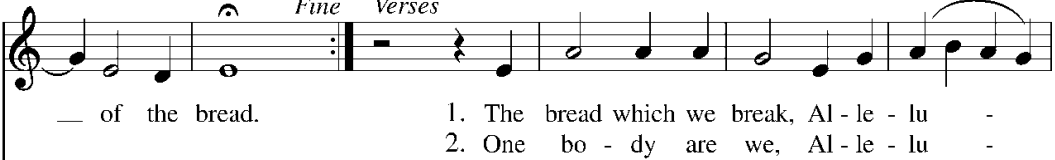
WLP 876 "The disciples knew the Lord Jesus" (Burnam)

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor, then all*



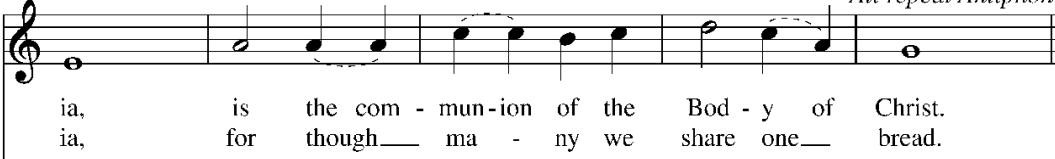
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

*Fine* *Verses*



— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -  
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

*All repeat Antiphon*



ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.  
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

### *The Presider says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## ABOUT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at God's table, children included. Gluten-free Communion hosts are available; please ask. Come forward down the center aisle for Communion. Choose the station on the left for intinction by the priest or the station on the right to drink from the common cup. The customary response upon receiving Communion is "Amen." Crossing your arms over your chest indicates you would like a blessing instead of Communion.*

COMMUNION HYMNS H 487 "Come, my Way" (The Call)

*In the Hymnal*

H 581 "Where true charity and love prevail," v. 1, 3, 5 (Cheshire)

*In the Hymnal*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BLESSING** *The Presider offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN H 603 "When Christ was lifted from the earth" (St. Botolph)

*In the Hymnal*



## **DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE** “My Heart Exults With Rapture”

J. Brahms

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*We acknowledge the land on which we are gathered. For thousands of years, this land has been the home of Patwin people. Today, there are three federally recognized Patwin tribes: Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community, Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation, and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. The Patwin people have remained committed to the stewardship of this land over many centuries. It has been cherished and protected, as elders have instructed the young through generations. We are honored and grateful to be here today on their traditional lands.*

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