

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

10 AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

PRELUDE

Duke Ellington: Come Sunday (Adapted by Lawrence Rosen) Ayanna Freelon, Soprano; Junghoon Park, Piano

Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty,
God of love, please look down and see my people
through.

I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.
I don't mind the gray skies 'cause they're just clouds
passing by.

Heaven is a goodness time.
A brighter light on high.

Do unto others as you would have them do to you.

And have a brighter by and by.

Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty,
God of love, please look down and see my people
through.

I believe God is now, was then and always will be.
With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.

Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty,
God of love, please look down and see my people
through.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

ELW 610



- 1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
- 2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
- 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
- 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

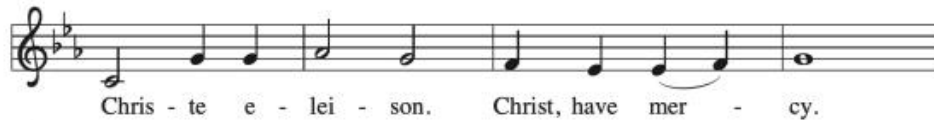
Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Read in unison

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!
²The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,
and gathers the exiles of Israel.
³The LORD heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
⁴The LORD counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.
⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.
⁶The LORD lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.
⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp to our God,
⁸who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.
⁹God provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they cry.
¹⁰God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,
¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c} Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:29-39

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Mark, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

THE HOMILY

Pastor Dave

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

ELW 617



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Congregation Responds ...Receive our Prayer.)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

We thank you for your generosity and support! We are blessed to return thanks to God through our offerings to support the work of the Church in the world. Ushers will bring the plates to those worshipping in person this day. For those worshipping online you may give electronically or by way of US Mail. Your gifts enable our day to day operational budget, our missions, and the care of those in need.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Bach: Arioso from Keyboard Concerto in F Minor, BWV 1056 (Arr. Cortot)*

Elgar: Jesu, Lord of Life and Glory

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
bend from skies thy gracious ear;
while our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

by thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord.

In the solemn hour of dying,
in the awful Judgment Day,
may our souls, on thee relying,
find thee still our rock and stay

by thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

The Doxology



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

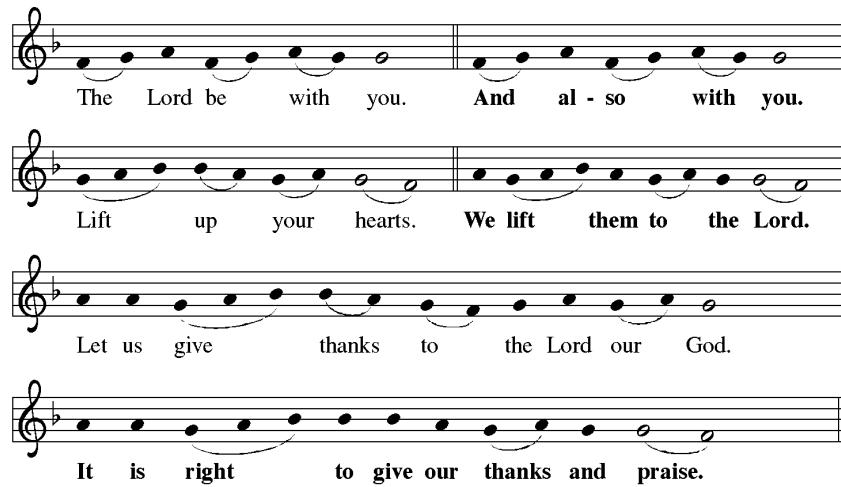
As we prepare to come to the table of grace, we remember that all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We stand in need of grace. So, we pray that God will forgive us, turn us from our sin, and grant us new life to grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** Let us confess together. Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may follow and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Let us celebrate the victory of our Lord and join in the Great Thanksgiving to Him...

▪ SERVICE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST ▪

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *One Bread, One Body*

About Communion— At the Lord's Table we share in the gift of Jesus' body and blood. Please bring an empty glass from the head of the aisle to receive wine from a pouring cup. Grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses near the empty ones. If you need a gluten-free option for bread, please indicate that to the person with bread. Peel away communion kits are also available for any who so desire. Blessings will be given to those not yet communing.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

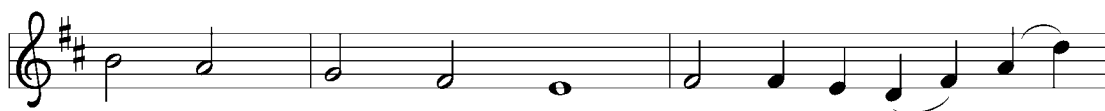
CLOSING HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

ELW 619 (vs. 1-4)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, follow Christ!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Postlude: Bach: Sinfonia No. 1 in C

THE BULLETIN IS GIVEN TODAY

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN CELEBRATION OF OUR

65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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	Maggie Albanese
	Gretchen Lebo
Communion Cleanup	Owen Zelenakas
	Martha & Glenn Hollenbeck

<u>Opportunities This Week</u>	
<i>Monday, February 5, 2024</i>	
10:00 am	Flying Quilters (Fellowship)
<i>Wednesday, February 7, 2024</i>	
7:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Double T)
<i>Thursday, February 8, 2024</i>	
11:30 am	Mid-day Bible Study (Double T)
6:30 pm	Good Night with God (Zoom)
<i>Saturday, February 10, 2024</i>	
10:00 am	Joyful Hearts (Art Room)
<i>Sunday, February 11, 2024</i>	
8:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary); 1st Communion
11:15 am	Super Bowl Soup Challenge (Hallway)

Super Bowl Soup Challenge Sunday
Sunday, February 11th



Calling All Chefs Young and Old: Stir up your best batch of soup and enter our 2nd Annual Soup Contest.

How does it work: Sign up and bring in your soup by 10am on 2/11 in a slow cooker. The congregation after service will have the opportunity to taste soups and place a monetary donation next to the soup, they like best. The soup with the most amount raised will win the coveted 2024 wooden spoon and bragging rights for a year. Sign up to enter your soup by February 9th



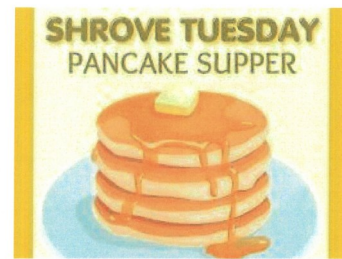
Sponsored by our youth heading to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July! All donations will go towards their trip.




The Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study group has taken the challenge to help our neighbors at the Lighthouse Shelter, after storms last month damaged and closed the shelter.

Partnering with Thrivent, we have set up a fund to help restore this facility and its services. Today I invite you to join us. As you are able, please send your contribution to St. Martin's and label it for the **Lighthouse Shelter Crisis Repair Fund**.

TROOP 771 Annual



Where: St. Martin's Gymnasium

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Cost: \$7.00 ticket
Children 5 and under are free

If you cannot come but would like to donate to the troop, you may do so by contacting Tina Card, Troop 771 treasurer at kmcad@gmail.com

You can also mail or drop off a check/money order at St. Martin's church office.

Please make checks payable to Troop 771 and note "pancake supper donation" in the memo. -Thank you!



On Sunday, February 25th at 3 PM, our very own Director of Music Ministry, Junghoon Park and Ayanna Freelon, Soprano, will be presenting a spiritual and song concert here at St. Martin's

- All are welcome!