

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

10 AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

PRELUDE

Bach: English Suite No. 5 in E Minor - I. Prelude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW 324



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

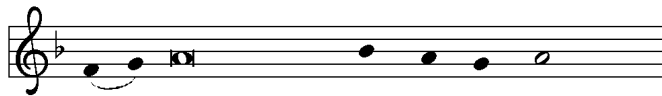


sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diancance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872
 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

GREETING

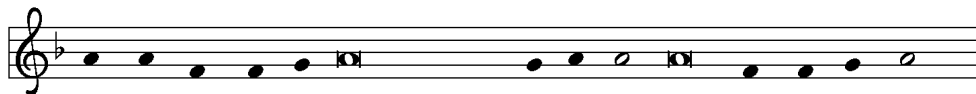
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 And also with you.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." ¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 22:23-31

Read in unison

- ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- ²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
- ³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

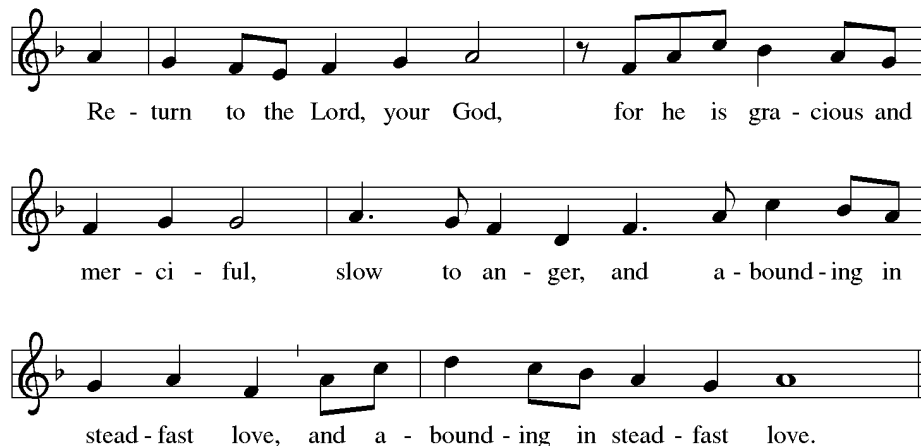
SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

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

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

THE HOMILY

Pastor Dave

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

ELW 800



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

CONFESSION 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 ...Your mercy is great.)

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

"Seek Ye First"

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

The Doxology

Text: Rob Passow

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

All praise to God a - bove, who cre - at - ed the world, Praise to the one who made all things
good. All praise to Je - sus Christ, who gave for us his life. All praise the Ho - ly
Spir - it, who calls us to love. All praise the Ho - ly Three - in - one.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

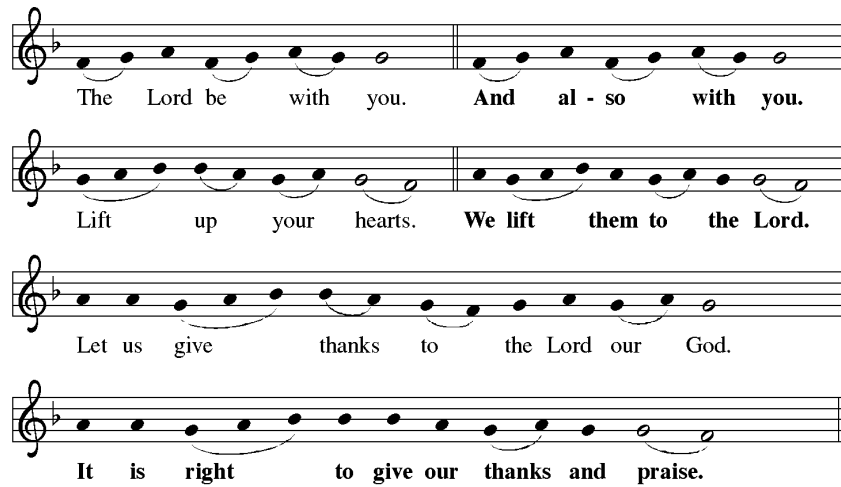
As we prepare to come to the table of grace, we remember that all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We stand in need of grace. So, we pray that God will forgive us, turn us from our sin, and grant us new life to grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** Let us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

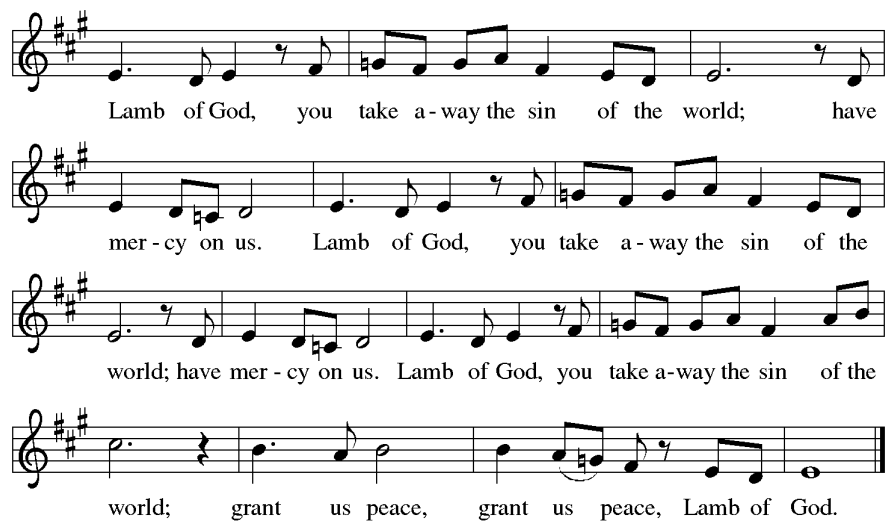
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

THE AGNUS DEI



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

COMMUNION HYMN

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

ELW 697



Refrain
Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;
dai-ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je-sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

Refrain
I'll be sat-is-fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy king-dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

BLESSING

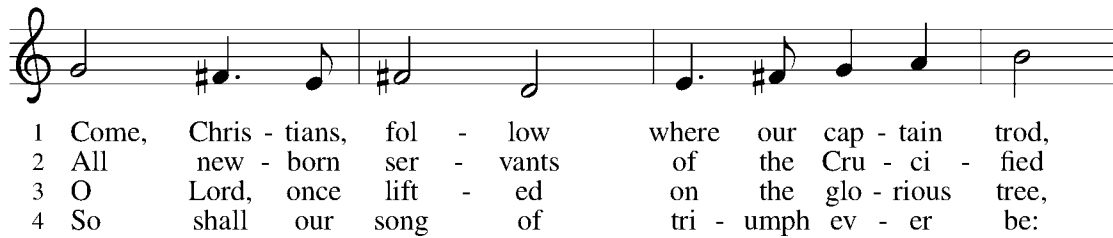
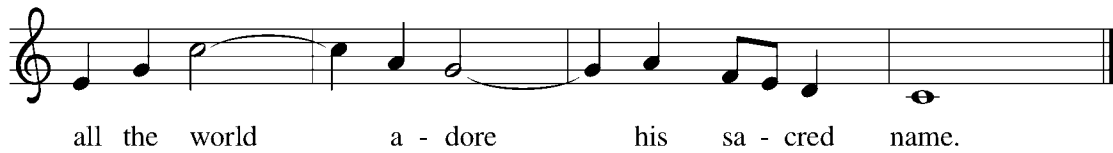
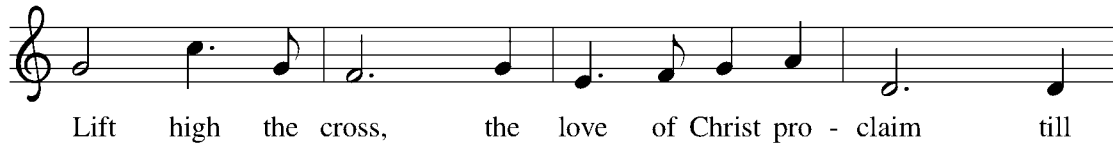
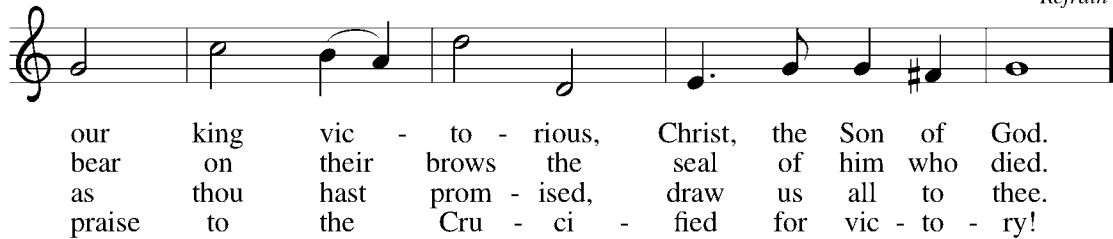
BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you (Peter C. Lutkin)

p
The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord lift His coun - te - nance up -
on you, and give you peace, and give you peace;
and give you peace, and give you peace;
cresc. The Lord make His face to shine up - on *decresc.* you,
The Lord make His face to shine up - on you,
The Lord
and be gra - cious un - to you, be gra - cious,
and be gra - cious, and be gra - cious,
p *dim. e rit.* The Lord be gra - cious, gra - cious un - to you. A - men.
Optional ending
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TEXT: Numbers 6:24-26
MUSIC: Peter C. Lutkin

BENEDICTION
Irregular meter

*Refrain*

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE*Pachelbel: Chaconne in D Minor*



Junghoon Park / Piano Recital

Please Note: The Concert originally scheduled for this Sunday, Feb. 25th at 3 PM has been cancelled and rescheduled for **April 7th at 3 PM.**

We hope you can join us as 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!

JOIN US FOR A

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Cocktail attire suggested

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Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Dave Oravec
Director of Music Ministry	Junghoon Park
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Marlys Sandve McDevitt
Communion Assistants	Tori Johnson Cam Cloeter
Lector	Boy Scout Troop 771
Ushers	Boy Scout Troop 771
Communion Cleanup	Carolyn & Tony Anzalone

Opportunities This Week	
<i>Monday, February 26, 2024</i>	
10:00 am	Flying Quilters (Fellowship)
<i>Wednesday, February 28, 2024</i>	
7:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Double T)
7:00 pm	Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
<i>Thursday, February 29, 2024</i>	
11:30 am	Mid-day Bible Study (Double T)
<i>Sunday, March 3, 2024</i>	
8:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 am	Sunday School (Fellowship)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)

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KEY FEATURES


- Recorded Worship
- Prayer Wall
- Upcoming Events
- The Bible, Pictures and so much more....



We thank God for our Scout Troop (#771) as they assist in worship at 10AM on this Scout Sunday.



We will worship this Wednesday at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Our Lenten theme will focus on the disciplines of faith wherein we are grounded in God's love!



Light House
A HOMELESS PREVENTION SUPPORT CENTER

The Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study group has taken the challenge to help the women at the Light House Shelter who were displaced last month after a small electrical fire in the laundry room of the women's dorm and the subsequent water damage. These 10 women will soon move into permanent housing units, as repairs to the women's dorm continue.

Partnering with Thrivent, we have set up a fund to help provide essential housewarming supplies for these neighbors, such as air mattresses, sheets, blankets, pillows, pots and pans, dishware, and utensils.

If you are able to join our fundraising efforts, please send your contribution to St. Martin's and label it for the:

Lighthouse Shelter Crisis Repair Fund.

Thank you for helping our neighbors!

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