

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024

10 AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

PRELUDE

Bach: Prelude and Fugue in G, from Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

Amen.

Holy and gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you this day. Some of our sin we know— the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God’s compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God’s love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ELW 363



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en,
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
Splend - or, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Read in unison

- ¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!
²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.
³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:1--2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to St. John, the twentieth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."
³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

To the words "God of grace," the congregation responds "Hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

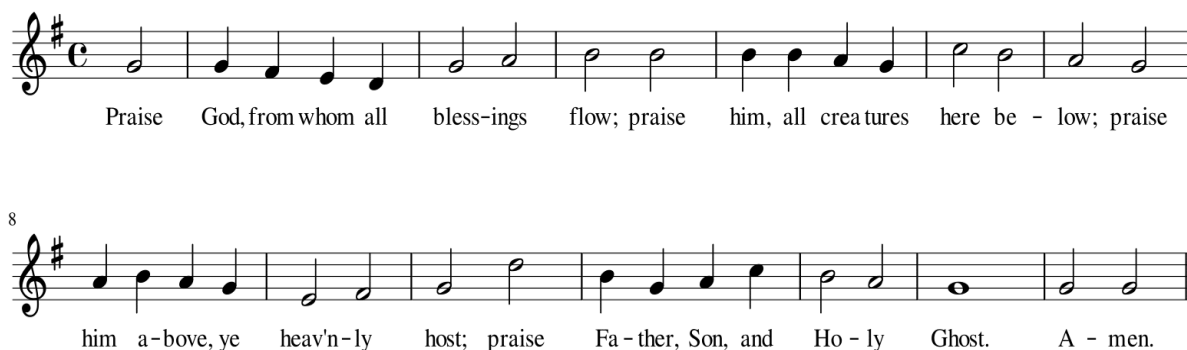
THE OFFERING

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: Sanctify Us By Thy Goodness, from Cantata BWV 22 (Arr. Cohen)*

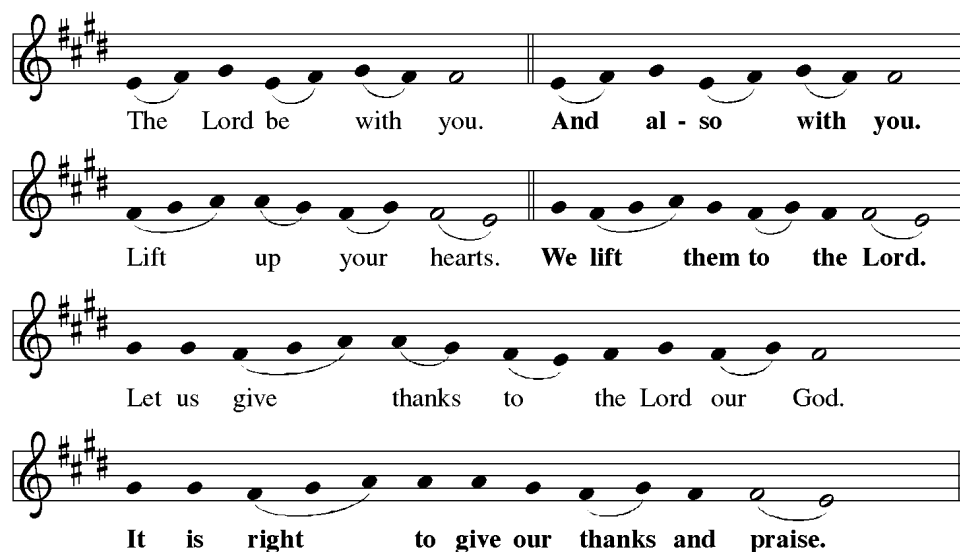
OFFERTORY RESPONSE *The Doxology*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise

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him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

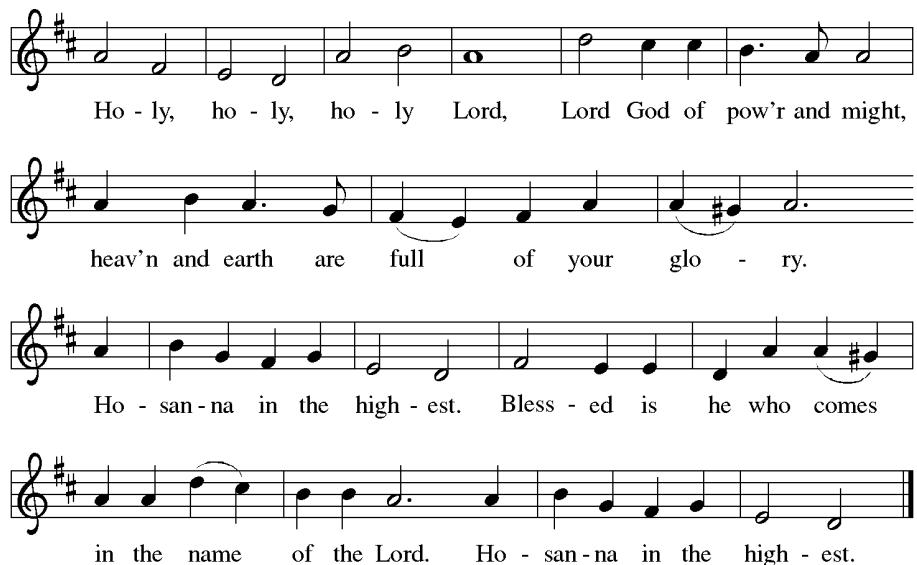
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Salome, and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

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 - 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

ELW 369



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Bach: Now Rejoice, Good Christians, BWV 734 (Transcription by Kempff)*

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SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 3 PM

OUR VERY OWN DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY,
JUNGHOO PARK AND A SPECIAL GUEST, WILL BE
PRESENTING A SPIRITUAL AND SONG CONCERT
HERE AT ST. MARTIN'S.

- ALL ARE WELCOME!



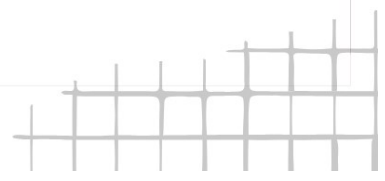
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AN EVENING WITH LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING TO
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SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2024
7-10 PM

ST MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
1120 SPA ROAD, ANNAPOLIS

Tickets \$85

Light appetizers and wine/beer/soft drinks included

Cocktail attire suggested

Learn more at: smartinsannapolis.org/partywithapurpose



YARD SALE ITEMS NEEDED!

Hey there! All you treasure hunters and clutter conquerers! The ELCA Youth Crew are requesting items for their yard sale on April 20th and are in need of donations. As you tackle your spring cleaning, please consider donating items to the yard sale.

Items we are looking for:

- Furniture
- Household items
- Sports Equipment
- Kids Toys and Clothes
- Purses



DONATE

-Adult clothes in excellent condition

But wait, before you donate your junk drawer, **things we do not want:**

-Anything broken, stained, missing a piece, dirty or smells like your Uncle Ed's cigars.

-Your entire CD collection from the 90s.

-Books (unless children books or current best sellers)

-Winter Coats and Clothes (hint: remember it's spring)

-Undergarments (yes, people have donated these in the past)

Please note: a unicorn will be guarding the donation drop off and may refuse anything that they think will be unsellable. Don't be mad at us, be mad at the unicorn.

All items can be dropped off on Sunday, April 14th. Unfortunately, due to the lack of storage space, we can not accept items before April 14th.

Questions regarding items you want to donate or need help parting with your disco ball collection, contact Laura: youthdirstmartins@gmail.com

ITEM DROP OFF DAY: SUNDAY,
APRIL 14TH

Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Chaplain Paula Thistle
Director of Music Ministry	Junghoon Park
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Mel Tuckfield
Communion Assistants	Judy Houston
	Linda Wetz
Lector	Sandy Ourisson
Ushers	Dave Mattingley
	Molly Michaelson
Altar Set Up	Glenn & Martha Hollenbeck
Communion Cleanup	Sarah & John Gatchel

A Lifetime Gift™



Join us for a 1-hour presentation in the St. Martin's Lutheran Fellowship Hall to hear Shelly Halverson, creator and facilitator of A Lifetime Gift™ share insights from her ministry as a Certified

Celebrant about how to prepare for the what if's and the end of your life. Light refreshments will be provided.

· Sunday, May 5th, after 10 AM service; Sign-up deadline is April 24

SIGN-UP: In the Narthex or contact Joy Fernon, 240-674-4825, jfernon18@gmail.com



School Board Members Needed

The St. Martin's School Board is seeking new membership.

If you are interested in serving on the School Board, please contact Amy Stensland at: amvestensland@gmail.com for more information.

Opportunities This Week

Monday, April 8, 2024

10:00 am Flying Quilters (Fellowship)

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Double T)

Thursday, April 11, 2024

9:00 am LMS Clothes Sorting (Fellowship)

11:30 am Mid-day Bible Study (Double T)

Saturday, April 13, 2024

2:00 pm A Lifetime Gift Seminar (Fellowship)

Sunday, April 14, 2024

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Dust off your Dancing Shoes

before St Martin's Party with a Purpose on April 27th!

Michael Sims from Lite on your Feet Dance Studio will provide a

Dance Class for Beginner to Intermediate Dancers on Wednesday April 17th from 7-8:15pm in the gym.

No partner is needed to participate. Cost is \$10 per person.

Come and enjoy the fun!

Text your RSVP for the class to 952-239-0942

