



## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

May 11, 2025

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

### **St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church**

The Rev. Lauren R. Holder, *Rector*

The Rev. Nathan Erdman, *Associate Rector and Chaplain*

Dr. HyeSung Hwang, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Our mission is to gather as a welcoming community of Christ called to love and serve God,  
our neighbors and each other in joyful presence in the world.**

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# Welcome to St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

*Our worship services are taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP);  
all are invited to participate fully in our worship of God this morning.*

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I - 8:00 A.M.

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<b>DISMISSAL</b>	

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## CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II - 10:00 A.M.

### THE WORD OF GOD

**PRELUDE:** *Sheep May Safely Graze, BWV 208*

Johann Sebastian Bach

#### WELCOME

*Please stand and sing.*

**OPENING HYMN:** *Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done*

H 208

#### EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### GLORIA

H S 278

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

#### PSALM 23

*The Psalm is prayed responsively by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

*As we sing the Sequence Hymn children who wish to attend Children's Chapel are invited to gather in the back of the church with the Children's Chapel adult leaders. Children's Chapel is located in the music room. The children will return during the Peace.*

*All stand and sing.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** *My Shepherd will supply my need*

H 664

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Judeans gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

## SERMON

The Rev. Lauren R. Holder

## NICENE 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

*The congregational response is “Hear our prayer.”*

Living God, **hear our prayer.**

*In our parish family prayers are requested for: Joanne, Joey, the Smith family, Joey, Michele, Kerry, Eliana, Carter, Matthew, Julia, Sarah, Amalia, Edmund, Joey, Kip, Wilma, Merla, Lisa, Mike, the Carman family, Kevin, Sarah, Melanie, Jared, Bill, Jax, Brody, Matt, and Kyle.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

**THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIVING**

The Offertory is when we make a sacred gift to God as part of our worship. You can leave a donation in the plate being passed by the ushers; give online via our secure online system by scanning the QR code provided or visit our website at <https://smartinsinthefield.com/giving/give/> Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Martin's in our world.



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *The Lord is My Shepherd*

Howard Goodall

*All stand and sing.*

**PRESENTATION HYMN:** *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

H 182, v. 5

**Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age,  
till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>The Lord be with you.</p> <p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>Lift up your hearts.</p> <p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>Let us give thanks</p>	<p><i>People</i></p> <p>And al - so with you.</p> <p><i>People</i></p> <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p><i>People</i></p> <p>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</p>
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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS**

*All sing.*

H S 128

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**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.**

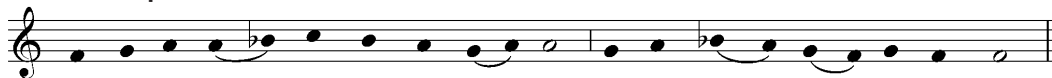
**FRACTION ANTHEM**

*The antiphon is sung first by the cantor, then repeated by all.*

H S 167

*The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. \*Antiphon*

*\*Antiphon*



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

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*The Congregation joins in the singing of the Communion Hymn.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

H 343

*The King of love my shepherd is*

H 645

*Please stand.*

**SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**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**

**CLOSING HYMN:** *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

H 708

**DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia! **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE:** *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

Mary McDonald

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