



**The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion ~  
April 21, 2024**

**Rev Deacon Keehna Sture  
Rev Thomas Moehl, Presider and  
Celebrant**

**St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
Ray Hendricks, Organist**

***It is the ancient tradition of the Church  
not to say the Prayer of Confession  
during the Easter Season.***

**Prelude**

**Ray Hendricks**

**Opening Hymn #182**      *"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"*

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**Collect for Purity:** *Presider Let us pray together*

***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** *(sing together)* BCP p. 356

***Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,***

***we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,***

***Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:***

***have mercy on us;***

***you are seated at the right hand of the Father:***

***receive our prayer.***

***For you alone are the Holy One,***

***you alone are the Lord,***

***you alone are the Most High,***

***Jesus Christ,***

***with the Holy Spirit,***

***in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

**Presider**      The Lord be with you.

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

**The Collect of the Day: 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.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The First Lesson is a Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

### Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me* (Sing Together using the modified Anglican Chant)

<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.**

### The Second Lesson is a Reading from the First Letter of John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his

commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

**Gospel Hymn #343** "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

Deacon **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 10:11-18**  
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

**The Sermon**

Rev Thomas Moehl

*silence for reflection*

**The Nicene' Creed** (let us say together) (BCP p.358)

Celebrant and People

**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.**

*Leader:* Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being.

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Presider:

Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,

and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **The Liturgy of the Table**

#### **The Offertory Sentence;**

Presider: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering & sacrifice to God.  
*Doxology with Alleluias'* (sing to the tune of hymn 618)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!***

#### **The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361**

The Lord be with you.

***And also 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 God thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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:

*Celebrant and People*       *(Sing Together)*

***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; 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:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*let us sing together*)

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,***

***your kingdom come,***

***your will be done,***

***on earth as in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread.***

***And 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. Amen.***

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Healing Prayers** -- *During Communion, people desiring healing prayer, after receiving the sacrament, should go to the kneeler behind the table for laying on of hands. Kneel if you are able, or stand. Others who wish to support those being blessed may join in the laying on of hands.*

Communion Hymn

*“Eat This Bread; Drink This Cup”*

## Eat This Bread

OSTINATO RESPONSE: *Meditative* (♩ = 80)

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

The first line of music is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in the key of D major (one sharp) and common time. It features a steady, meditative accompaniment in the bass clef and a vocal melody in the treble clef. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry."

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst. 2. Your

*Fine*

The second line of music continues the accompaniment and melody. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst. 2. Your". The piece concludes with a double bar line and the word "Fine" written above the staff.

### Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (*we pray together*)

***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.***

### Prayer for St. Martin's (*let us pray together*)

***God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.***

### Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelling Mercies

### Announcements

## Easter Blessings

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you this day and for ever. . **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn #405**      *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”*

**Dismissal**      Let us go into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

**Postlude**

**Ray Hendricks**

