

THE SEASON OF EASTER WITH ST. MARTIN'S
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2020

Welcome to this virtual gathering of the people of St. Martin's. During this time of global health pandemic, we seek to look out for and to care for one another, most especially by staying home. The time before our liturgy begins is a good time to check-in with one another. Once the service begins all participants will be muted except those speaking to lead us. You are invited to sing along with the hymns and join in speaking the responses just as we would if we were actually together. If anyone is in pastoral need during this time, do not hesitate to write: rectorstmartinsnj@gmail.com or call Fr. Mulder at: 908-672-8695.

The Opening Acclamation of Easter

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People *The Lord is risen. Alleluia!*

Hymn of Praise – *Our opening hymn today is selected as it gives thanks to God for all those who have nurture us along our way, especially our mothers.*

Hymn 397, *Now thank we all our God* Nun danket alle Gott
(sung by the choir of King's College, Cambridge)

The Collect of the Day

Officiant	The Lord be with you.
People	<i>And also with you.</i>
Officiant	Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. <i>Amen.</i>

A Reading from 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is

precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.
People Thanks be to God!

Anthem Greater Love -John Ireland
(sung by the Choir of King’s College, Cambridge)

*Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
That ye should show forth the praises of him
who hath call'd you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable unto to God, which is your reasonable service.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:1-14)

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus told his disciples, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen

me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Officiant	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	<i>Praise to you, Lord Christ!</i>

Homily

The 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 Prayers of the People *(adapted from A Wee Worship Book, of the Iona community)*

*Heaven is here, and earth, and the space is thin between them.
Distance may divide, but Christ's promise unites those bounded by time,
those blessed by eternity.
Let heaven be glad;
Let the whole earth cry glory.*

*Heaven is here, and earth, and the Church above and below is one.
Peter is here, and Paul, Martha and all the Marys,
Columba and Francis, Theresa and Martin Luther King;
The saints from far back and those who left us not long ago.
Only sight prevents us from seeing them, one with us on the other side.
Let heaven be glad.
Let the whole earth cry glory.*

*Heaven is. Here, and earth, and the God who made them is present.
The Lamb, glorious on the throne, sits beside us;
The Spirit of God, the Dove, makes her resting place among us.
God inhales the breath of our prayers and spreads a table for our satisfaction.
Let heaven be glad.
Let the whole earth cry glory.*

*Lord, we pray for your world and all we hold dear.
Grant healing to the sick, courage to the fearful, vision to our leaders
and compassion by all, for all and to all.
We offer prayers of gratitude and debt to all who serve others during this time.
Grant them energy, health and resolve for their ministry among us.
And for your Church, may the day come soon when we can feast again at your Table.
Until that great day, keep us steadfast in care for one another, regular in prayer and
faithful in worship, in fellowship with our ancestors from the book of Acts.*

Hear us now as we pray as Jesus taught his disciples, saying:

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
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 for ever. Amen.*

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Hymn 688

A mighty fortress

-Ein feste Burg

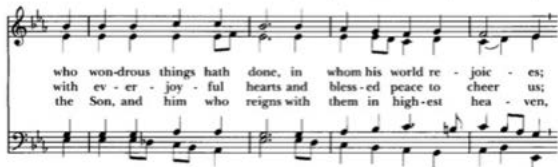
Blessing and Dismissal

Officiant Go into this new week to share the joy and power of Easter. Alleluia.

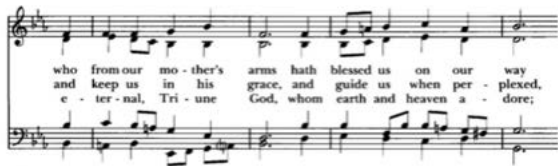
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*



1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
 with ever - joy - ful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,



who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 eternal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever - more.

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: Nun danket alle Gott, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662);

harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

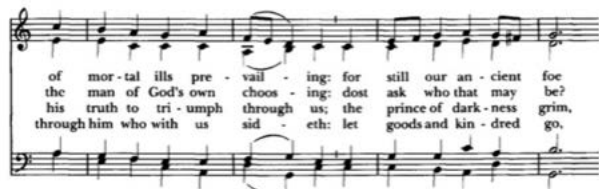
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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
 do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
 bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours



of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: for still our an - cient foe
 the man of God's own choos - ing: dost ask who that may be?
 his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,
 through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill: