

ABBREVIATED LITURGY FOR ORDINARY TIME  
WITH ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH  
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In care for one another and all our neighbors, we are not meeting in our buildings at this time. However, we are still the Church in worship and service. For 15 minutes prior to each service we have a "virtual coffee hour," to chat, check-in with one another and share announcements. Once the liturgy begins, participants will be muted except those leading at the moment. During the hymns and prayers, please join in as you would if we were all together.

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**The Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People*          *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

**Hymn of Praise 518, *Christ is made the sure foundation***

*-Westminster Abbey*

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain;  
what they gain from thee, for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*      Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### A Reading from the book of 1 Kings (19:9-18)

Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of

Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazeal, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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

**Anthem** *The Sound of Silence*

- Simon and Garfunkle

Hello darkness, my old friend  
I've come to talk with you again  
Because a vision softly creeping  
Left its seeds while I was sleeping  
And the vision that was planted in my brain  
Still remains  
Within the sound of silence  
In restless dreams I walked alone  
Narrow streets of cobblestone  
'Neath the halo of a street lamp  
I turned my collar to the cold and damp  
When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light  
That split the night  
And touched the sound of silence  
And in the naked light I saw  
Ten thousand people, maybe more  
People talking without speaking  
People hearing without listening  
People writing songs that voices never share  
And no one dared  
Disturb the sound of silence  
"Fools," said I, "You do not know  
Silence, like a cancer, grows  
Hear my words that I might teach you  
Take my arms that I might reach you"  
But my words, like silent raindrops fell  
And echoed in the wells, of silence  
And the people bowed and prayed  
To the neon god they made  
And the sign flashed out its warning  
In the words that it was forming  
And the sign said, "The words of the prophets are written on the subway  
walls and tenement halls"  
And whispered in the sounds of silence

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (14:22-33)

*People*                      *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

## 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.*

## **Prayers of the People**

*-adapted from Intercessions for the Christian People*

Dear people of God, sometimes our lives feel like a boat at sea in the midst of a storm, tossed and frightened. In those moments let our cries be those of faith calling to God, both for our own needs and for the needs of the whole world, saying:

*Lord, save us.*

For those churches resisting oppression and enduring persecution in the name of the gospel, let us cry out to the Lord:

*Lord, save us.*

For the leaders of nations, communities, and households who are faced with terrible choices and whose decisions affect the lives of many, let us cry out to the Lord.

*Lord, save us.*

For those caught in addictions of mind or body, for those who feel powerless and sink ever deeper into despair, let us cry out to the Lord.

*Lord, save us.*

For those who rely on themselves, for those who struggle to trust in God's beckoning word, for those who know fear before actions of grace, let us cry out to the Lord.

*Lord, save us.*

For all who gather to worship you today, even when our faith is sometimes weak or faltering, we give thanks for the gift and confidence that we can always cry out to you:

*Lord, save us.*

True and faithful God, you are the hope of all those who cry to you, for we know you hear us. Where there is no faith, we pray for its birth, where there is little faith, grant it may increase, and for those whose faith is strong, give them hearts to share your blessings and your peace.

Hear us now as Jesus taught us to pray, 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.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sin to God.

*People*

*God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,  
Opposing your will in our lives.*

*We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.*

*We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.*

*Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.*

### **Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*

The peace of Christ be with you.

*People*

*And also with you.*

### **Hymn 653**

*Dear Lord and Father*

*-Repton*

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,

in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity  
interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

Celebrant	Go forth to love and serve the Lord.
People	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>