

The Holy Eucharist The Last Sunday after Pentecost November 23, 2025

Welcome! If you are new to St. Martin's please drop us a line to let us know a little more about you and your household so we can find ways to include you in our life together.

We hope this service of worship will be a source of strength and inspiration for your spiritual journey.

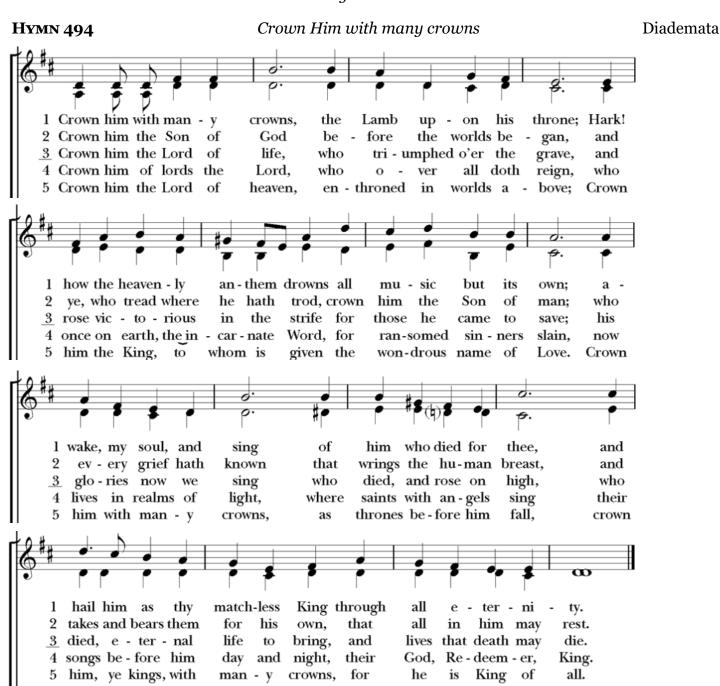




CHORAL PRELUDE

Your Kingdom is Glorious

Francois



OPENING ACCLAMATION

Page 355, Book of Common Prayer

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Celebrant

People And blessed be his kingdom now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you our 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 S 280 Gloria in excelsis Powell

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Page 236, Book of Common Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord. Lector Thanks be to God. People

THE PSALM Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah, Benedictus Dominus Deus Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of / Israel; * he has come to his people and set them / free. He has raised up for us a mighty / savior. * born of the house of his servant / David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our / enemies, * from the hands of all who / hate us. He promised to show mercy to our / fathers * and to remember his holy / covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father / Abraham, * to set us free from the hands of our / enemies, Free to worship him without / fear, * holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our / life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most / High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his / way,

To give his people knowledge of sal/vation *

by the forgiveness of their / sins.
In the tender compassion of our / God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon / us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of / death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of / peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy / Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. A/men.

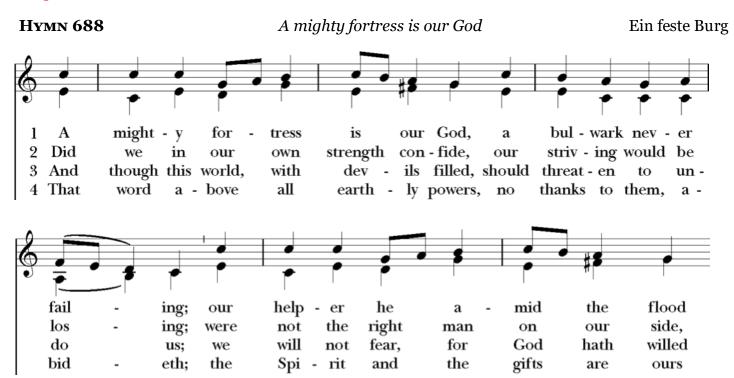
A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

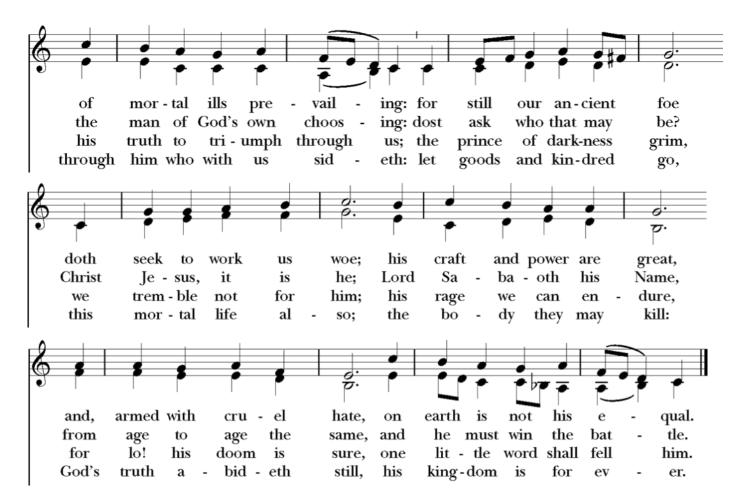
Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers -- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.





Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederick Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46 Music: Ein feste Burg, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 23:33-43

DeaconPeopleThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON The Rev. Alan D. Bentrup

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

We pray for your holy Church throughout the world: for those who lead, teach, and serve in Christ's name; especially the Anglican Diocese of Garissa, Kenya, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, St. Timothy's in Lake Jackson, Ascension and Christ the King in Houston, and Vineyard of Grace.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of the nations, for Donald our President, Greg our governor, our state and local officials, and all who work for the good of others. Give them wisdom to seek justice, courage to protect the vulnerable, and compassion to serve with humility.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the cities and neighborhoods where we live. Bless our schools, workplaces, first responders, and all who volunteer for the well-being of others. We pray especially for Thomas Jefferson High, Timber Creek High, Timberview Middle, Trinity Lakes Elementary, and Trinity Meadows Intermediate.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, lonely, anxious, or in any kind of need, especially those we now name. Surround them with your presence, strengthen them in body and spirit, and give them hope.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died, [especially N.] Receive them into the joy of your eternal kingdom, and comfort those who grieve.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Minister and People

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 undoneWe 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.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

OFFERTORY On the 3rd Sundays, loose offerings are designated for the Clergy benevolence fund.

Please take a few moments to offer yourself - your time, your talents, your gifts, and your service to God with a prayer that your offering may be pleasing in God's sight, spread God's love, and make a difference in God's world. You may text 817-270-6880 with an amount + GENERAL or PLEDGE to give or you may scan this QR code to give online, or click HERE.



OFFERTORY HYMN 458

My song is love unknown

Love Unknown

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HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 380 ST. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Page 361 Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 HYMN S 129

Holy, Holy, Holy

Proulx

The Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

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.

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.**Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 153

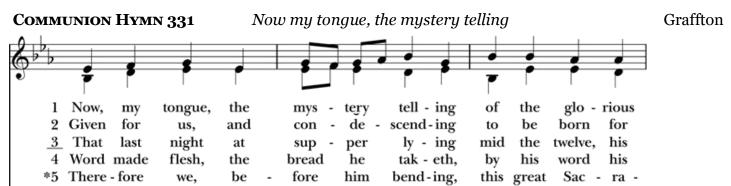
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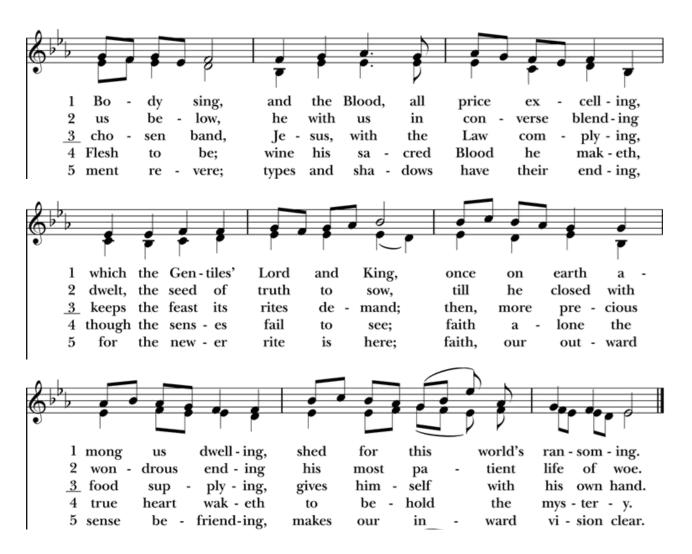
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.





*6 Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honor, thanks, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing
who from both with both is One.

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CHOIR ANTHEM

Jesus, Remember Me

Palmer

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Eucharistic Visitors present themselves at the Altar to receive the Sacrament to take to those who are prevented from attending in person. The Celebrant then says,

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

The People respond,

We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Eucharistic Visitors remain until the Altar Party retires, then leave for their visits.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People together standing

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.

THE BLESSING



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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon PeopleLet us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Postlude Festival March Powell

Notes for Instructed Eucharist

The Gathering (BCP 355-357)

- Prelude & Procession: Not entertainment; it forms the gathered community
- Opening Acclamation: Ancient greeting affirming the Trinity, draws the people into worship
- Collect for Purity: 10th-century prayer; Cranmer included it in 1549
- Gloria (except in Lent/Advent): One of the oldest Christian hymns (2nd century)
- Collect of the Day: Changes weekly, collects the prayers of the people into a single theme

Liturgy of the Word (BCP 357-361)

- Scriptural Pattern follows synagogue structure: OT lesson, Psalm, Epistle, Gospel
- Sermon/Homily: Interpreting Scripture for today; Not a lecture, but proclamation of Good News
- Nicene Creed: Shared confession since 4th century councils
- Prayers of the People: Rooted in 1 Timothy 2:1–6
- o Six classic categories: Church, World, Nation, Community, Suffering, Departed
- Confession & Absolution: A corporate healing moment, one of the most pastoral elements of the service
- The Peace: Reconciliation before the Table, Ancient Christian practice (Matt. 5:23–24)

Holy Communion (BCP 361-369)

- Offertory: Not "paying the bills," The people's gifts (bread, wine, money) represent our lives offered to God
- Eucharistic Prayer (A, B, C, or D)
- o Each prayer follows an ancient skeleton:
- ♦ Sursum Corda ("Lift up your hearts")
- → Preface (praising God's works)
- **♦** Sanctus (Isaiah 6 + Palm Sunday cry)
- **★** Institution Narrative ("On the night he was betrayed...")
- + Anamnesis (remembering Christ's saving acts)
- + Epiclesis (invoking the Holy Spirit on gifts + people)
- Doxology (offering the sacrifice of praise)
- Prayer D is the most ancient (from the 4th-century Anaphora of St. Basil)
- The Lord's Prayer: Universal Christian prayer; always precedes Communion
- Fraction & Invitation: Breaking the bread reveals Christ in the action (Luke 24)
- o "The Gifts of God for the People of God" = deep sacramental welcome
- Communion: The act of physically coming forward matters, the Eucharist is embodied grace
- Post-Communion Prayer: Thanksgiving for spiritual nourishment and preparation for mission

The Sending (BCP 366)

- Blessing: A proclamation of God's favor and presence
- Recessional Hymn: Movement back into the world
- Dismissal: Not "the end," rather it is the beginning of mission

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