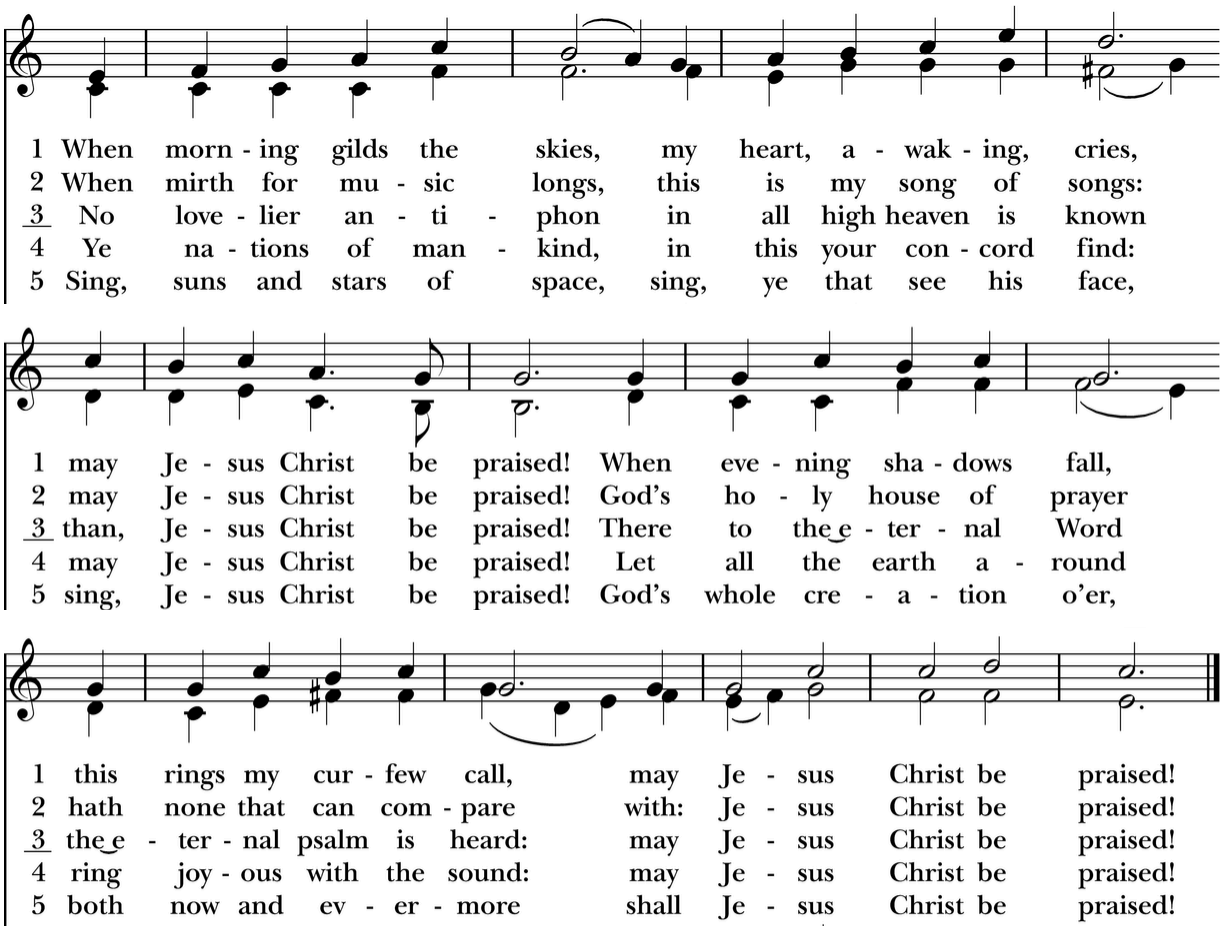
ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Holy Eucharist
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost with Confirmations
November 8, 2026

Choral Prelude — Great is the Lord — Smith

Hymn 427 — When morning gilds the skies — Laudes domini



Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896).

Opening Acclamation — Page 413, Book of Common Prayer

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

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

The Collect of the Day — Page 236, Book of Common Prayer

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is

pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**Amen.**

Children's Blessing & Dismissal
During the 10:30 service, children are invited to Children's Chapel. They'll return during the Peace.

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon Wisdom 6:12–16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon Wisdom 6:17-20

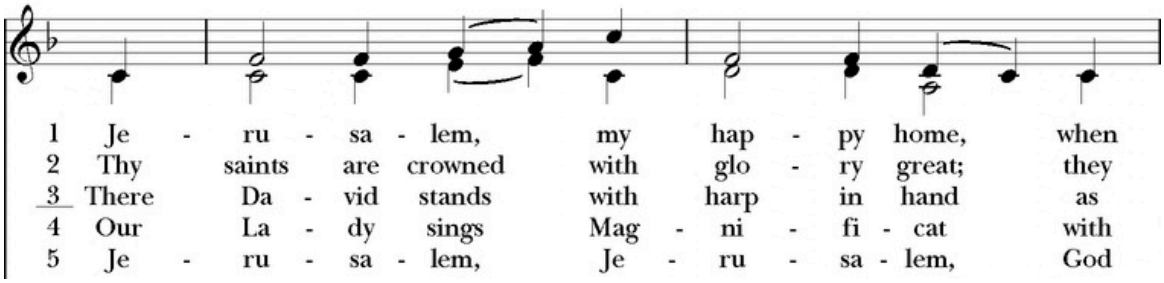
**The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for in/struction,
and concern for instruction is love of / her,
and love of her is the keeping of her / laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immor/tality,
and immortality brings one near to / God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a / kingdom.**
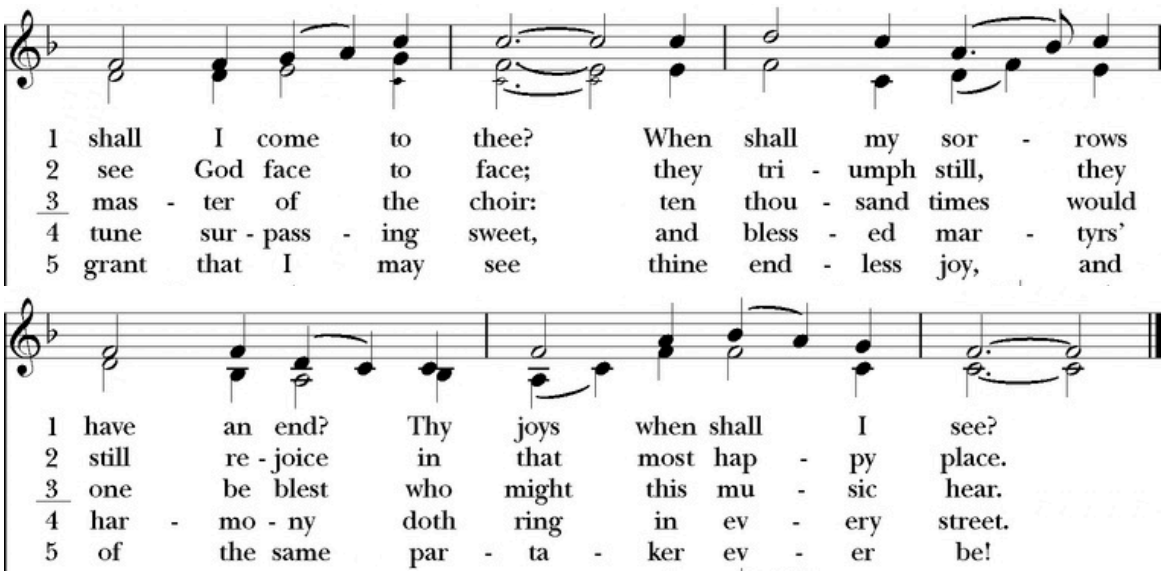
A Reading from Paul's first Letter to the Thessalonians 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 620 Jerusalem, my happy home Land of Rest





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The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon The Rt. Rev. Brian Richard Seage

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates BCP 415

Bishop The Candidate(s) will now be presented.
Presenters **I present these persons for Confirmation.**

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate **I do.**

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We Will.**

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that he/she may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he/she comes to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

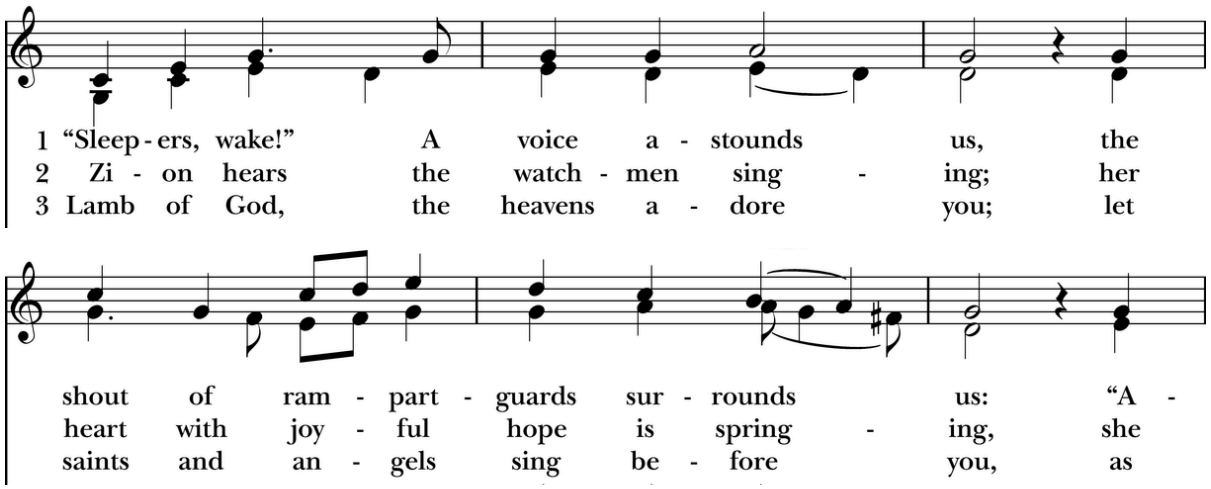
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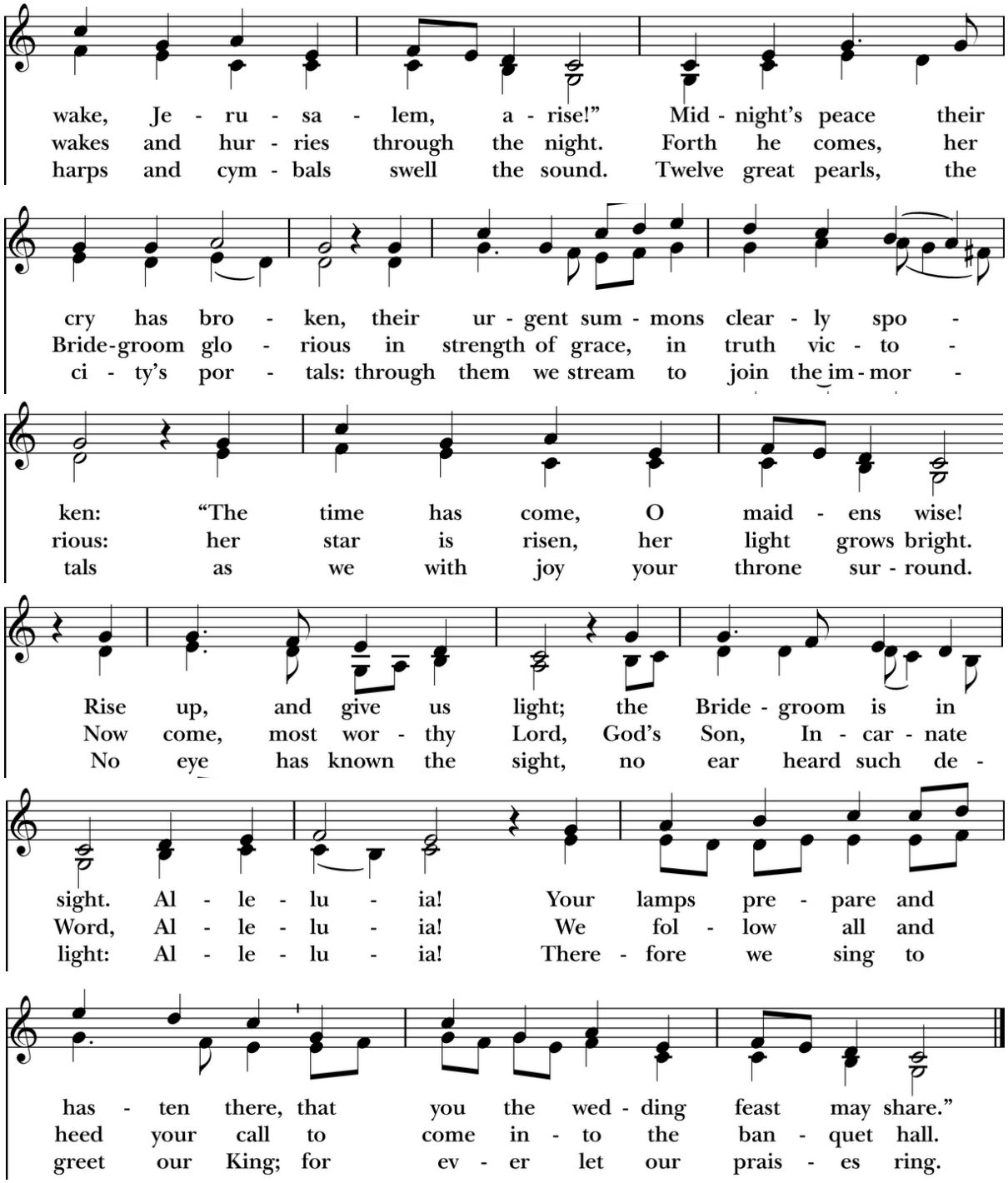
Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory On this Day, loose offerings are designated for the Bishop's discretionary 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.

Offertory Hymn 61 "Sleeper, wake!" A voice astounds us Wachet auf





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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

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 our thanks and praise.

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

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface

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 Lord Powell

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 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

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

Fraction Anthem S 154 Christ our passover Hurd
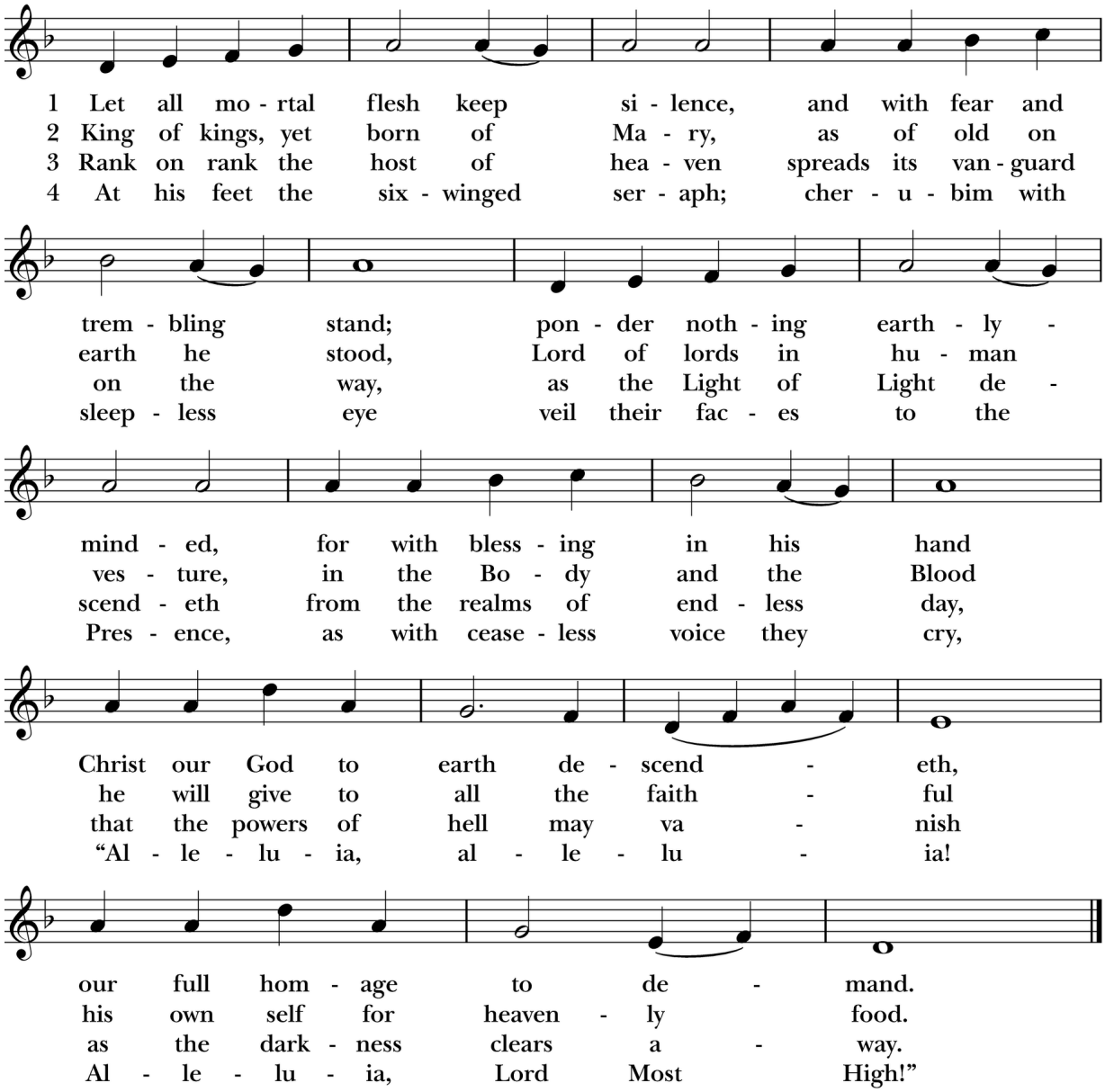
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion, regardless of denomination. If you are not baptized, we invite and encourage you to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing. If you're interested in baptism, please talk to the clergy after the service!

Communion Hymn 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silent Picardy



Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Choir Anthem Keep your lamps trimmed and burning Cooper

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

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.

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

The Post Communion Prayer Page 365 Book of Common 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.

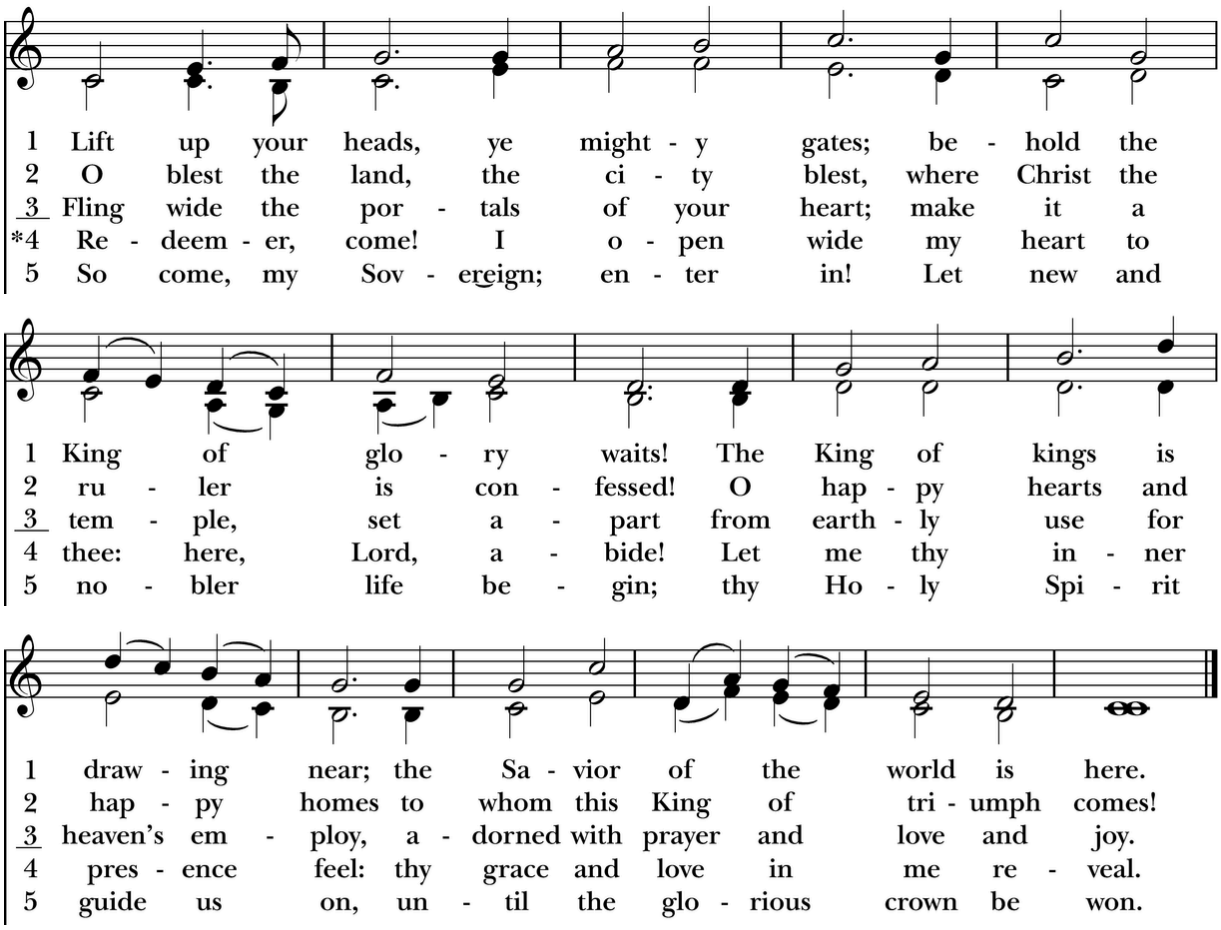
Prayers for birthdays & anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating the covenant of marriage in Christ's Name and presence. Send your blessing on [these your servants]. Lead them further in companionship with each other and with you. May they grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; and come at last the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates Truro



Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

The Dismissal

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Organ Postlude Bourree in G Handel

Prayers of the People - Parish Prayer List

We pray for all Bishops and other ministers especially Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Kai, Brian, and Hector, our bishops; Alan, Ellen, Mark, Ayo, Judy, Diana, and Nick, our clergy; William, our seminarian, and Liza our Family Minister, that they may both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments.

In our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for the Dadaab Parish, Kenya, and Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

In our Diocesan & Local Cycles of Prayer we pray for St. Catherine of Sienna in Missouri City, St. John's in Palacios, St. Mark's in Bay City, The Mount Church and Risen Nation Church in Keller.

We pray for the students, teachers and staff of: Spring Creek Elementary, Spring Hill College, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, St. Peter Preschool, and Starts Right Here.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week: Jeannie, Marianna, Eric, Robert, Kirsten, Ed & Kesa, Arlene & Blair.

We pray for those on the parish prayer list for healing or support: Suzette, Richard, Judy, Patty, Doug, Brooke, Mark, Pepe, Nancy, Donna, Karen, Jim, Renee, Daniel, Brady, Melissa, Kevin, Sally, Marianna, Sue Ellen, Rebecca, Ginger, Suzie, Barbara, Patrick, Bill, Walter, Roger, Flo, Titus, Joan, Kevin, Emerson, Natalia, Joe, Gwen, Morgan, Billy, Bob, Diane, Peter, Jerry, Nora, Lonn, Leah, Susan, Brandon, Wayne, Brenda, Jan, Lizz, Mac, Millie, Gregory, Renee, Mason, Brady, Garrett, Chris, Mary

We pray for those who are traveling:

We pray for those in the military: Ethan, Devin, Jonathan, Colin, Rachel, Mark, Jeremy, Patrick, Meagan, Stephen, Sheena, James, Edward, Brandon, Scott, Jim, Paul, Dylan, Dustin, John, Deion, Tanner, Timian, Will, John, James, Alex, Christian, Tucker, Brazos, Audrey, Andrea, Robin, Marco, Ryan, Aiden, Diego, Jordan, Hunter, MJ, RJ and all military personnel and civilians in harm's way.

We pray for those with employment concerns: Peter, Denice

We pray for those who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom:

You can request prayers or become a prayer warrior by sending an email to
prayers@stmartininthefields.org

Drop us a Line

If you are new to St. Martin's, we would love to connect and share more about our community. Scan this code for our online form, or fill out the welcome card in the pew back in front of you.

Dedicate Flowers

Subscribe to our Weekly Emails!

Want to get all the news of our upcoming events?
Subscribe today - and look for our weekly emails every Friday!

Upcoming Events

Today: Unique Boutique Holiday Market
It's time to stock up on gifts for the holidays while supporting local makers and crafters! Stop by the parish hall from 9 am - 2 pm to browse our wonderful shops! We have knitted and crocheted items, soaps, bracelets, beads & trinkets, pottery, books, painted gift bags, baked goods and pastas, floral creations, wreaths, T-shirts, ornaments, art, mosaics, and more!

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