

## ST. MARTIN OF TOURS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 30, 2023

## **YOU ARE WELCOME!**

St. Martin of Tours Episcopal Church is a place for all—the curious, the hurting, the imperfect, the joyful. We gather as a lively and outwardly visible group of Christians dedicated to social justice and positive change in South Omaha and beyond. Wherever you are, whatever you bring to the table, you are in the right place this morning. Welcome!

### **How can I be respectful while at church?**

In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship, refrain from conversation 10 minutes before the service begins. The camera will start 5 minutes before the beginning of the service. Please silence and put away your cell phone as a sign of respect to God and the worshipping community.

At any point in the service, it is perfectly fine for you to remain seated as you are comfortable. We do have customary times to stand or sit, generally we stand to sing, kneel or stand to pray, and sit to listen. Other times are indicated by the italicized instructions throughout the bulletin. There are also times when it is customary to cross yourself and if you wish to do so, the + indicates these.

### **Can I receive Communion?**

Yes! Everyone, without exception is invited to receive Holy Communion. The Communion bread is received in your hands and the wine is received in individual cups. The empty cups should be placed in the appropriate receptacles near the steps. If you require a gluten-free host, please indicate to the priest as you approach. You are welcome to receive a blessing instead; keep your hands folded across your chest.

### **Where are the restrooms?**

The restrooms are at the east end of the basement. A chair lift is available if needed. An usher can assist you.

Masks are available if needed.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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Please stand or kneel as you are able and desire to do so.

Prelude

Meditations on "Rosedale"

Tune: Leo Sowerby, arr. Andrew Clarke

Processional Hymn 645

The King of Love my shepherd is

1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose  
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My  
3. Per - verse and fool - ish, oft I strayed, But  
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With

good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
ran - somed soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant  
yet in love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
Thee, dear Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my

I am His, And He is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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.**

**S- 280 Song of Praise Glory to God in the highest** *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

*Please stand and sing*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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 Lessons

### The First Lesson

**Acts 2:42-47**

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**S-415 Meachen Psalm 23** *Dominus regit me*



1 The LORD is my /shepherd; \*I shall not be in /want. | | 2 He makes me lie down in green /pastures \*and leads me beside still /waters.

3 He revives my /soul \*and guides me along right pathways for his Name's/ sake. | | 4 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.

5 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. | | 6 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

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand and all sing*



Jesus says I am the [good] shepherd | | I know my own and my [own] know me.

## The Holy Gospel

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**John 10:11-18**

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Nicene Creed**      *(All stand as you are able)*

**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      Form IV**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**People: AMEN**

### **Confession of Sin** *(Please kneel if you are able)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence. The Minister and People, then together say*

**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 undone. We 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.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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**

*All stand as able*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

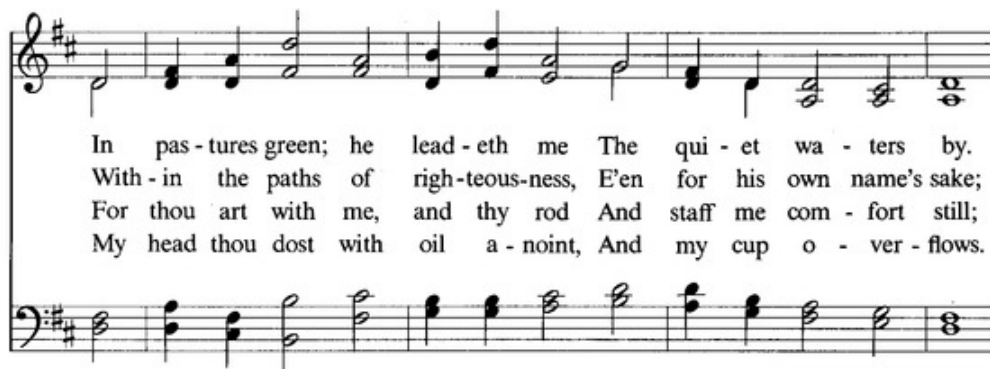
*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements and Offertory Sentence**

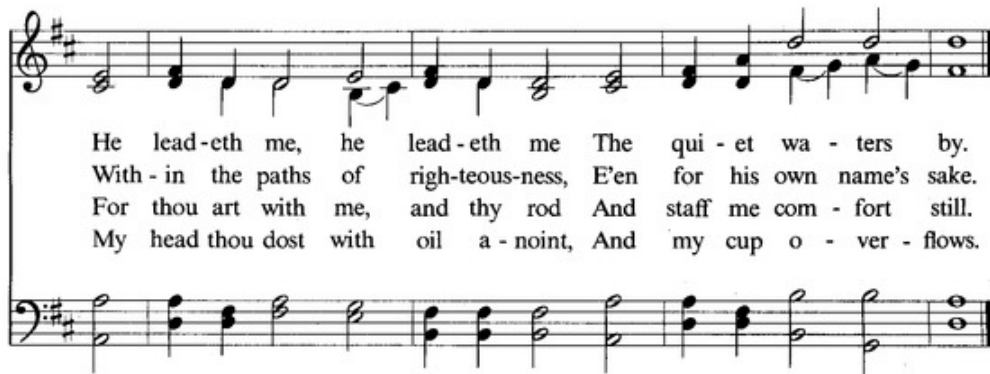
### **Offertory Hymn      The Lord's My Shepherd/Brother James Air**

1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, And me to walk doth make  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence of my foes;





In pas - tures green; he lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 With - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, E'en for his own name's sake;  
 For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me com - fort still;  
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 With - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, E'en for his own name's sake.  
 For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
 Shall surely follow me,  
 And in God's house forevermore  
 My dwelling-place shall be.

Text: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1650  
 Tune: J. L. Macbeth Bain, c. 1840-1925, adapt.

BROTHER JAMES' AIR  
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## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer D page 372*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

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 him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues with the Preface*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

*Celebrant and People*

**S-129 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**      *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again, and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.  
Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.  
Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Martin of Tours, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN!**

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

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**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 forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and says.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.*

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.

## The Communion of the People

*All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive communion.*


## Spiritual Communion

In Union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to God, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

## Communion Hymn 439

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what  
2. When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down; when I was sink - ing  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 down be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

## Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Sent forth by God

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The Dismissal



F C F Gm C

1. Sent forth by God's — bless — ing, our true faith — con — fess — ing, The  
 God's sac — ri — fice — end — ed, O now be — ex — tend — ed The  
 2. With praise and thanks — giv — ing, to God who — is — liv — ing, The  
 Our faith ev — er — shar — ing, in love ev — er — car — ing, We

F Bb F/C C F

1. peo — ple — of — God from in his dwell — ing take leave.  
 fruits of this Mass in all hearts who be — lieve.  
 2. tasks of our — ev — 'ry — day life we em — brace.  
 claim as our — neigh — bor all those of each race.

Gm D Gm C7

1. The — seed of — Christ's — teach — ing, our in — ner — souls — reach — ing, Shall  
 2. One — bread that — has — fed us, our one light that — has — led us U —

F Dm A7 Dm C/G G C

1. blos — som — in — ac — tion in for his God life and for all.  
 2. nite us — as — one in his life that we share.

F C F Gm C

1. His grace shall in — cite us, his love shall — u — nite us To  
 2. Then may all the — liv — ing with praise and — thanks — giv — ing Give

F Bb F/C C F

1. fur — ther — God's — king — dom and an — swer his call.  
 2. hon — or — to — Christ and his name that we bear.