

ST MARTIN OF TOURS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
24TH & J Street, Omaha, Nebraska
Diocese of Nebraska



Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

We welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus

We welcome Bishop J. Scott Barker today.

The yellow envelopes found in your bulletin may be used for the Bishop's offering.

The Holy Eucharist

Reception and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

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

Prelude

Prelude on Picardy from St. James Music Press

Processional Hymn 348 Lord, we have come at your own invitation



1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion
3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,
4 So, in the world where each du - ty as - signed us



cho - sen by you, to be coun - ted as friends:
ev - er to cher - ish the gifts you pro - vide;
vows are re - newed, and our cour - age re - stored:
gives us the chance to cre - ate or des - troy,



yours is the strength that sus - tains our vo - ca - tion,
teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,
may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing
help us to make those de - ci - sions that bind us,



ours a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.
led by your Spi - rit, de - fend - er and guide.
all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.
Lord, to your - self, in o - be - dience and joy.

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The people remain standing.

Bishop: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: **One God and Father of all.**
Bishop: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Bishop: Let us pray.

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb, he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength--he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 40:1-12

Expectans, expectavi



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1 I waited patiently upon the /LORD; *he stooped to me and heard my /cry. || 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and/ clay; *he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing/ sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our /God; *many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the /LORD. || 4 Happy are they who trust in the /LORD! *they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false/ gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for/ us! *there is none who can be compared with /you. || 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell /them! *but they are more than I can/ count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no /pleasure *(you have given me ears to /hear you); || 8
Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not re/quired, *and so I said, "Behold, I /come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written con/cerning me: *I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my/ heart.'" || 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great conger/gation;
*behold, I did not restrain my lips: and that, O LORD, you/ know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness
And your de/liverance; *I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great
Congre/gation. 12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from/ me; *let your
love and your faithfulness keep me safe for /ever

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be
saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both
their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in
Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every
kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking
in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen
you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful;
by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

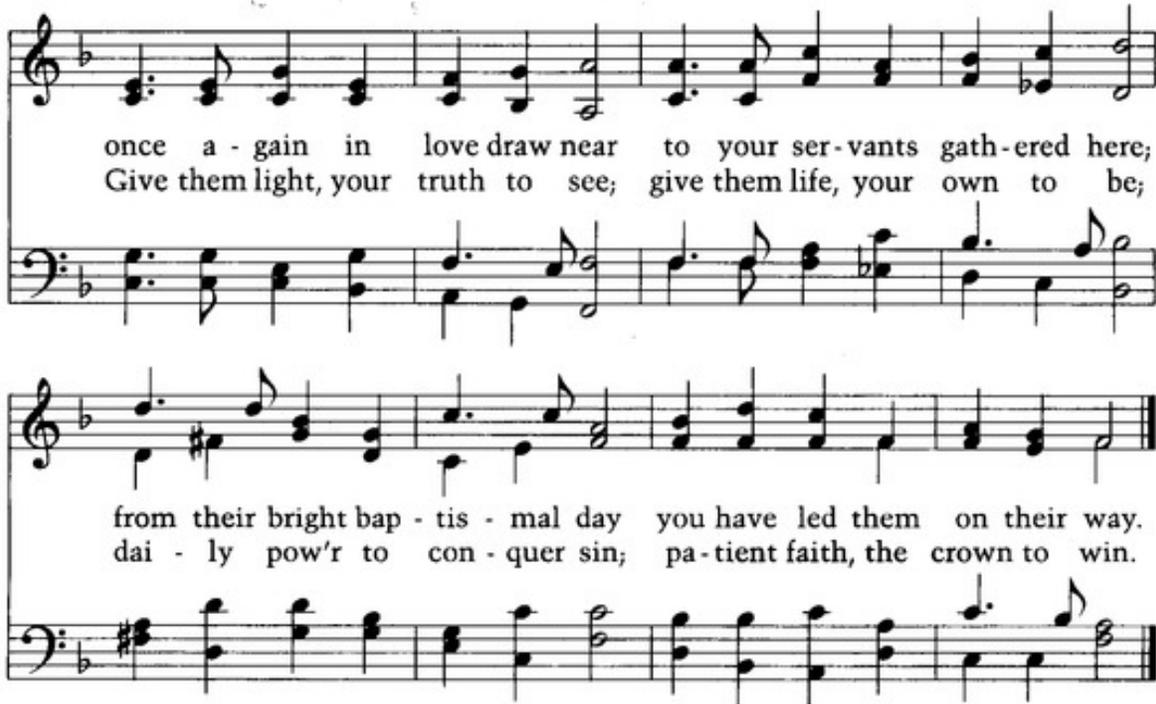
The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn 349 Holy Spirit, Lord of love

Tune: St. George's Windsor

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, Lord of love, who de - scend - ed from a - bove,
2 When the sa - cred vow is made, when the hands are on them laid,
gifts of bless - ing to be - stow on your wait - ing church be - low,
come in this most sol - emn hour with your strength - 'ning gift of pow'r.



once a - gain in love draw near to your ser - vants gath - ered here;
Give them light, your truth to see; give them life, your own to be;

from their bright bap - tis - mal day you have led them on their way.
dai - ly pow'r to con - quer sin; pa - tient faith, the crown to win.

The Holy Gospel

Please stand, as able

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **John 1:29-42**

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Bishop J. Scott Barker

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenter: I present *Juanita Thomas* for Confirmation.

Presenters: We present *Landry Cormier, Floyd Harvey, and Jimmy Miller* to be received into this communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

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

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

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.**

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 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.

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant: Let us now pray for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

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.**

Bishop: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

A period of silence follows.

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands the candidate and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Juanita. with your Holy Spirit, empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. **Amen.**

For Reception

The Bishop lays hands upon the candidate and says

Landry, Floyd, Jimmy, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop says

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

The Peace

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

The people greet the newly received and one another

The Prayers of the People

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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; (especially_____) 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, (especially_____) 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.**

We offer thanksgiving for all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and all the joys of life, especially the reception of Conner Mowery.

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

The Congregation may add prayers or thanksgivings here.

The Bishop adds a concluding Collect.

People: Amen

Announcements and Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn A Place at the Table

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their
all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and
words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone to heal and strength-en,
songs and vi - sions heard and loved and trea-sured,
chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -
dare to seek to dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, and live the Word they've
taught and claimed as words with - in the
give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi-sions, rock of
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit-ness and as
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re-
known. Here the out - cast and the strang-er bear the
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh-ter, prayers of

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Martin of Tours and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

The organist intones

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

S-146 The Great AMEN



And now, as our Savior as our Savior Christ has taught us, 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.

S-154 Fraction Anthem *Christ our Passover*

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

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

To receive the Bread, place one hand in the other, palms up and extend them to the minister distributing the Bread. To receive the Wine, please assist the minister with the cup, grasping the base and guiding the cup to your lips; or you may dip the Bread in the cup, or you may choose not to receive the Wine. Those who wish to be blessed rather than receive communion, cross your arms in front of your chest and bow your head in front of the minister distributing the Bread.

Communion Hymns

314 Let all mortal flesh verses

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,

who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:

lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,

tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

LEVAS 60

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.____
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.____
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.____
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art.____

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee:____ How great Thou

* The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."

art,____ how great Thou art!____ Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee:____ How great Thou art,____ how great Thou art!____

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Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together

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

Closing Hymn 347 Go forth for God



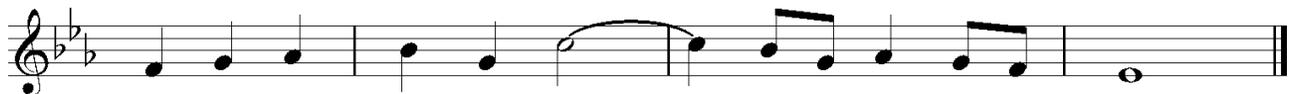
1 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in peace;
 2 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in love;
 3 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in strength;
 4 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
 and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we _____ be - hold his face.
 his love sup - plies the grace _____ and power we seek.
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

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The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God

Postlude

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Celebrant and Preacher
 Assisting Clergy

The Rt. Reverend J. Scott Barker, Bishop Diocesan
 The Reverend Kim Roberts, Rector,
 The Reverend Mark Kowalski, Deacon

Chaplain to the Bishop
 Acolyte/Thurifer

Jimmy Miller

Lectors

Patrick Vossen

Presenters

Ann Chambers, Conner Moery, Jim Murphy

Ushers

Juanita Thomas, Bill Roberts

Musicians

Ann Chambers, Conner Mowery, Carol Durham, Deb Burse, Juanita Thomas

We are happy to receive Juanita Thomas, Landry Cormier, Floyd Harvey, and Jimmy Miller into the Episcopal Church and to St. Martin of Tours.

The Worship ends. The service begins.