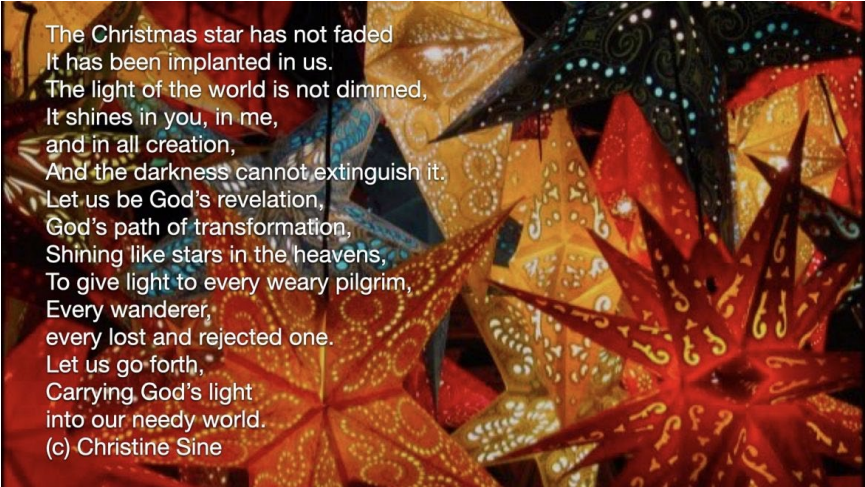


4th Sunday after Epiphany



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and in all creation,
And the darkness cannot extinguish it.
Let us be God's revelation,
God's path of transformation,
Shining like stars in the heavens,
To give light to every weary pilgrim,
Every wanderer,
every lost and rejected one.
Let us go forth,
Carrying God's light
into our needy world.
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January 29, 2023 – 10 a.m. Rite II

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Des Plaines, Illinois

Welcome to St. Martin's!

St. Martin's Vestry

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Helayne Levin, Communications and Operations Mgr.
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**Welcome to all who worship with us today.
We are blessed by your presence.**

In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship, please refrain from conversation within the sanctuary 10 minutes before and after the service.

Please silence your cell phone during the service as a sign of respect for God and the rest of our worshipping community.

Following the service, we invite you to join us downstairs in Strauss-Betker Parish Hall for refreshment and fellowship.

10:00 AM EUCHARIST WITH MUSIC: RITE II

PRELUDE Sarabande

Jean-Marie Leclair

PROCESSIONAL HYMN God, the Omnipotent! King,
who ordainest (569) - **vss. 1,2,**

God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest
thunder thy clarion, the lightning thy sword;
show forth thy pity on high where thou reignest:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the All-merciful! earth hath forsaken
thy ways all holy, and slighted thy word;
bid not thy wrath in its terrors awaken:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

Sts. 1-2, Henry Fothergill Chorley (1808-1872), alt.; sts. 3-4, John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. This selection is in the public domain.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL: 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS (*All sit*)

The First Reading Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

“Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,

and he will contend with Israel.”

³“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab
devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The reading concludes

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

³There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

⁴In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.

⁵He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

⁶He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

⁷Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose

what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The reading concludes

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

After the Gospel, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *(Please stand as 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*stand or kneel*)
The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God... For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer...

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer...

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Paula, our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation...

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life... We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom... Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

THE CONFESSION

**ALL: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

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*)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Peace Prayer Chain ~ Epiphany Prayer

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into our needy world.
All: AMEN.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN Lord, make us servants of your peace
(593)

Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

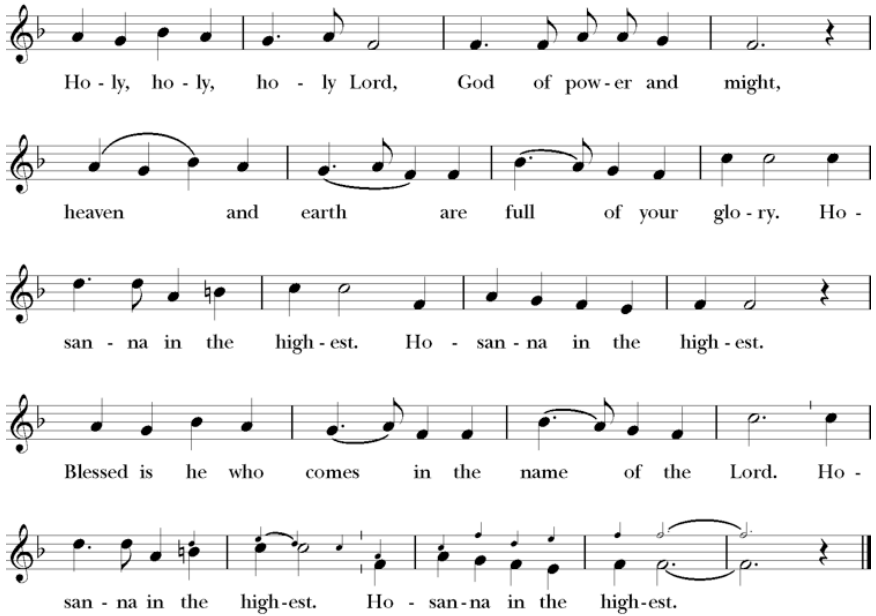
May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day:
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
to wake at last in heaven's light.

James Quinn (b. 1919), based on a prayer att. to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed 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. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for...

...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...

...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.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People

**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 and the Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant and People

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

Instructions for distribution will be given at the announcements; please follow the Usher's prompts. Please hold your hands out to receive the bread. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

All are welcome!

COMMUNION HYMN Tis the gift to be simple (554) all vss

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:
give us a conscience quick to feel,
a ready mind to understand

the meaning of thy chastening hand;
whate'er the pain and shame may be,
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

Search out our hearts and make us true;
help us to give to all their due.
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,
from sins which make the heart grow cold,
wean us and train us with thy rod;
teach us to know our faults, O God.

For sins of heedless word and deed,
for pride ambitious to succeed,
for crafty trade and subtle snare
to catch the simple unaware,
for lives bereft of purpose high,
forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.

Let the fierce fires which burn and try,
our inmost spirits purify:
consume the ill; purge out the shame;
O God, be with us in the flame;
a new-born people may we rise,
more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt.
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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love
to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life
of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Birthday/Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* 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 life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant ...this day and always.

People **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN Rejoice, ye pure in heart (556) - vss 1,4,6,7

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe.

At last the march shall end;

the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest.

Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high
the cross of Christ your King.

Hosanna, hosanna!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)
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DISMISSAL

Celebrant ...Alleluia. Alleluia.

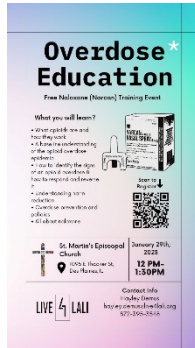
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia**

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune

Antonio Vivaldi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

According to the CDC, overdose deaths continue to be the leading cause of injury-related death in the United States. The Overdose Education Event is critical for understanding and responding to this epidemic. Join us THIS Sunday after Coffee Hour!



Healing Corners This Sunday!

Note of Gratitude from Heather Holderness Niemotka

(previously posted on Facebook 1/22/23)

I want to thank everyone for all your love and support through my family's time of grief. St Martin's Episcopal Church gave my Dad the most beautiful send off in his celebration of life service. To see so many come and join in memories of his amazing life as a Man, Dad, and Priest touched my heart.

Thank you all so very very much as this helped make my Dad's passing one of peace, sweet memories, and faith of everlasting life.

Lenten Series Coming!

Rolling Away the Stone: Where and How Shall We Seek God in an Unjust World?

Please join the St. Martin's community each Wednesday evening in Lent beginning March 1st for a presentation, discussion, and reflection on local and global social justice issues, followed by a meditative service. This Lenten series is based on our 2022 Social Justice Stations of the Cross and will focus how we can create change in the face of injustice.



One Book, One Diocese:

Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter by Kelly Brown Douglas

Let's read a book together - tell Rev. M.E. if you are interested by the end of January!

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- ⤴ Do you know how to zoom in and out on an iPad?
 - ⤴ Are you good at following step-by-step instructions?

We NEED videographers for the Sunday service!

Please speak to Sue Krauser or me if you can be part of a rotation of folks doing this ministry.



Amazon Smile ending their program February 20, 2023

Thanks to everyone who selects St. Martin's as their charity when purchasing items from Amazon. We received notice

that Amazon is discontinuing their Smile Program completely and will be looking for new ways to support nonprofits. In the meantime, if you have any Amazon shopping to do between now and February 20, 2023, please visit smile.amazon.com and choose St Martin's Episcopal Church, Des Plaines as your charity. It is no cost to you, and St. Martin's receives a small quarterly donation. Thank you for considering!

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the following:

Amanda Vandervort, Ann Davis, Charles Sterner, Connie Proctor, Bob & Diane Rogalcheck, Gay Miezin, Greg Rasmussen, Heidi Partain, Irene Stone, Jane Goerss & family, Ken Fringer, Laura Wolff, Marlon Brooks, Mark Savage, Debbie, Sarah, Nancy Modrow, Nancy Schaper, Robin Alley, Tom Beechey, Carol Doss, Gail Janczak, and Leslie Meyer, Lee Myers Hickey, Kenneth Fornoff,

For the members of the Des Plaines Chronic Pain Group.

For all who are suffering because of recent natural disasters, as well as human tragedies, for refugees, all who are affected by gun violence, systemic racism, and everyone impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

For all Veterans.

For those currently serving in the military, especially: Oriana & Richardson Naki, William Revell, Mike Bozza, Ben

Suecheck, Ryan Staats, Alex Smolik, Michael Webb and all who serve in any military, those wounded in action, and all in harm's way.

For those who grieve the recent death of loved ones.

For those who have died.

Robert Setmeyer



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All are welcome
and fed with the love of God
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