

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 - 10 a.m. Morning Prayer



St. Martin's Episcopal Church

All are welcome

and fed with the love of God

pets too!

Lectionary Readings and Music

Prelude

Opening Hymn: We know that Christ is raised and dies no more
(286) vss 1,2,4,5

Psalm 22:24-30

²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship
him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

“May your heart live for ever!”

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an

Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The reading concludes

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The

commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The reading concludes

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People: Thanks be to God.

Third Reading John 15:1-8

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The reading concludes

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Collect

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Final Hymn: Lord, whose love through humble service (610)
vss 1,2,4

Community Prayer List

Please pray for: Amanda Vandervort, Ann Davis, Charles Sterner, Bob & Diane Rogalcheck, Heidi Partain, Ken Fringer, Laura Wolff, Marlon Brooks, Mark Savage, Nancy Modrow, Nancy Schaper, Tom Beechey, Lisa Stevens, Joan Miller, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Jan Landon, Joan Soske, Curt Van Peenan, Candy Mealer, Anna Dorn, Sarah, Stefan, Ellie, Greg and John Rasmussen, Nicole Cortino, Jackie White, Jessica Webb, Rob Sorenson, Carolyn McCarthy and Raggles, the dog.

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, especially the carnage in the Holy Land, for refugees, all who are affected by gun violence, systemic racism, and everyone impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

For all Veterans and those currently serving in the military, especially: Oriana & Richardson Naki, William Revell, Mike Bozza, Ben Suecheck, Ryan Staats, Zachary Kielar, Michael Webb and all

who serve in any military, those wounded in action, and all in harm's way.

For the Saint Martin's Church and Vestry

For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week
Including Barbara and Russ Gruber and Nancy Modrow.

For those who grieve the recent death of loved ones.

Jane Goerss
Paula Frazier
Brian Lennon

Announcements

Coffee Hour Hosts are Needed for May.

Sign up on the bulletin board in Strauss-Betker Hall.

Nancy and Bob Modrow are hosting coffee hour today.

Paws in the Pews

Sunday, May 5

10:00 am service

Your furry friends are
welcome to join us for worship.



Des Plaines city wide Garage Sale May 3, 4, and 5.

St. Martin's has signed up to participate in the City of Des Plaines Annual Garage Sale on May 3 rd through 5 th (Friday through Sunday). The community garage sales run from 8 am to sundown each day. Justin Cochran has graciously agreed to chair this effort.

Our sale will be held at St. Martin's in Strauss-Betker Hall from **8 am to 6 pm** each day. So look through all of the "stuff" you have that is in decent condition, still usable and that you would want to get rid of. **Please see the collection schedule below.** If you have large items (furniture) that would need to be picked up let us know.

All proceeds from our sale will be going to St. Martin's Church and anything that doesn't sell at the garage sale may be put online for auction or donated to other charities.

In Faith, Bryan Coussens
Seniorwarden1095@gmail.com

GARAGE SALE DROP OFF IS AS FOLLOWS:

**Monday, April 29, 8:30am to 11:30 am
and 2:00pm to 7:00pm**

**Tuesday, April 30, 8:30am to 11:30am
and 2:00pm to 7:00pm**

**Wednesday, May 1, 8:30 to 1:00pm
and 2:00pm to 6:00pm**

Thursday, May 2, by pre-arrangement only

**If you need an early morning drop off (8:30 to 9:30) or Thursday,
call Helayne at 847-824-2043 to make arrangements**

Please tell your friends and family to visit us, shop inside!!



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St. Martin's is participating in the Des Plaines Community Garage Sale!

Join Us!

Friday, May 3

Saturday, May 4

Sunday, May 5

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Come for
the best
deals in
town!**

Find hidden treasures and support
your local community!

Sunday Only: 5:00 PM Bag Sale
**\$15 - All you can fit in a
garbage bag!**

Clothes, games, books, and more at
unbeatable prices!



ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 3RD ANNUAL SEEDLING EXCHANGE

May 5, 2024 at 12:00 pm

1095 E. Thacker

While all non-invasive plants are welcome, we are focusing on sharing food plants and native plants.

To prevent the spread of invasive worms and insects, we can only accept plants that have been started indoors in bagged soil/starter or bare root plants cleaned of soil.

Come on by to pick up some free seedlings, share the seedlings you've started at home, swap stories and gardening tips with your neighbors, and much more!



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Plastic Film Recycling

Thank you so much to Maria and Duane Rasmussen who have volunteered to deliver our plastic film recyclables to the facility. Keep it coming, our mission to keep the environment clean is certainly alive and well here at St. Martin's.

Wear Orange Weekend June 7-9



In 2024, the 10th National Gun Violence Awareness Day falls on Friday, June 7. **Wear Orange Weekend**, a time to stand in solidarity against gun violence, takes place from June 7 to 9.

Congregations that want to observe Wear Orange Weekend can find prayers, litanies, and other liturgical resources on the **Bishops United Against Gun Violence website**. Bishop Clark is one of more than 100 Episcopal bishops who participate in the network.

The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations provides resources for responding to gun violence with advocacy and action. **Read more.**

The Learning Opportunities below were all in the April 24 edition of the Diocesan Leadership Newsletter

From September through June we publish both a general email newsletter and Leadership News, a publication for lay leaders and clergy in the Diocese of Chicago, on alternate Wednesdays.

Sign up! <https://episcopalchicago.org/newsletter/>

An Invitation to An Open EfM Seminar

May 15 in Evanston and May 20 in Oak Park



Two Education for Ministry (EfM) groups are opening up their seminars to anyone who has been curious about the program and would like to learn more. Interested or prospective participants are invited to attend the following sessions:

- Wednesday, May 15, from 6 - 9 pm at **St. Luke's in Evanston**. Contact **Mary Clark** for more information or to register.
- Monday, May 20, from 7 - 9:30 pm at **Grace, Oak Park**. Contact **Cherryl Holt** for more information or to register.

Future of the Episcopal Church Panel Discussion

May 16 with Lifelong Learning at VTS

On May 16 from 2 to 4 pm, Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary will host an online panel discussion, **Future of The Episcopal Church**.



Panelists will envision a vibrant Episcopal Church, exploring the crucial role of formation and discipleship in nurturing Episcopal communities, and discuss ways attendees can contribute to the church's flourishing.

Participants can listen to and engage with the four panelists: the Rev. Jess Elfring-Roberts, the Rev. Nancy Frausto, the Rev. Scott Gunn, and Ryan Kusumoto. **Learn more and purchase tickets.**

Province V Migration Ministries Network

May 21 on Zoom

The Province V Migration Ministries Network will meet on May 21 at 7 pm on Zoom to discuss how Episcopalians are responding to the asylum emergency in Chicago.



The webinar will be presented by Jack Lloyd, co-coordinator of the Province V Migration Ministry Network, and the Rev. Jaime Briceño, whose church has converted its rectory to provide emergency housing for migrant families. Visit the Province V [Migration Ministries](#) website page for the Zoom link and password.

81 st General Convention
June 23 - 28, 2024
Louisville, Kentucky
Volunteers Needed!



Volunteering is one of the most meaningful experiences a person can have, making people feel connected to their community. Be a part of history and volunteer at the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church! From Registration, Legislative Sessions, and Worship, to Information Resources, Revival and Community Awareness, there are many volunteer opportunities to consider. We invite you to sign up for one or many shifts available.



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

‘Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus: An Easter Journey with Palestinian Christians’

Video series starts Easter Sunday

Offering reflections and teaching on the Sunday Gospel readings during the Easter season, this seven-video series from the **Office of Global Partnerships** will feature Archbishop Hosam Naoum and other clergy from the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

An Easter Sunday reflection with the archbishop will premier online at sunrise in Jerusalem and be available for viewing **here**. The following six videos will be posted online on Wednesdays starting April 3.

“The goal of this series is to help us explore and understand the Easter Gospels through a unique voice and lens—that of Palestinian Christians,” said Archdeacon Paul Feheley, The Episcopal Church partnership officer for the Middle East.

The videos will include English and Arabic readings of the Gospel passages, as well as insights shared from each speaker about the Scripture and information about their respective contexts.

**One Book, One Diocese:
Poverty, by America**

One Book, One Diocese Discusses Poverty, by America
Register for Zoom event on May 1

On May 1, people from across the Diocese of Chicago will gather on Zoom to discuss *Poverty, by America*, by Matthew Desmond. The book is the second title in the four-year “One Book, One Diocese” initiative led by the Peace and Justice Committee.

On Wednesday, May 1, at 7 pm on Zoom, Mullen will join the Rev. Gary Cox, chair of the diocesan Hunger Committee, and members of the committee to discuss their work against hunger and poverty across the diocese. Register to attend.

<https://episcopalchicago.org/peace-and-justice-committee-announces-2024-one-book-one-diocese-selection/>

**Please continue to keep Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his family
in your prayers.**

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant Michael, that his weakness may be banished, and his strength restored; and that, his health being renewed, he may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, p. 458)

Great News:

St. Martin's now takes Zelle payments for pledge payments and donations. Just use your Zelle app and go to Saintmartinschurch1095@gmail.com



If any of SMEC members would like daily prayers for yourself and/or loved ones, please notify Dee Vihnanek, Charles Sterner, or Dot Bozza. Thank you.

Please join us on Noonday Prayer Monday through Saturday 11:30 to 1:00pm! All are welcome to log in:

Join the Prayer Group at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89911555007>

or

Dial: 312-626-6799 | Meeting ID: 899 1155 5007; pw 508024



Mark Your Calendar

Rev. M.E. is away...

at the Big Provincial Gathering
through Monday, April 29

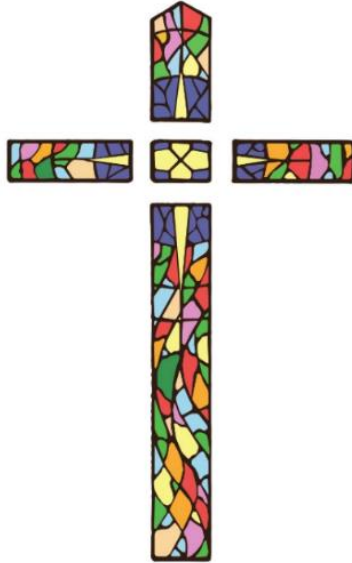
Monday, April 29 through Wednesday May 1 ~
Garage sale drop off (see the hours on page 9)

May 3 ~ 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Garage Sale
May 4 ~ 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Garage Sale
May 5 ~ 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Garage Sale
5:00 ~ SPECIAL BAG SALE (Sunday only)

May 5 ~ 10:00 am Paws in the Pews
May 5 ~ 12:00 pm Seedling Exchange
May 19 ~ Pentecost

June 1 ~ Maine West PRIDE Fest
June 28 ~ Bowling Fundraiser

Please make a note on your personal calendar that Healing
Corners will not be the 1st Sunday of each month.



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