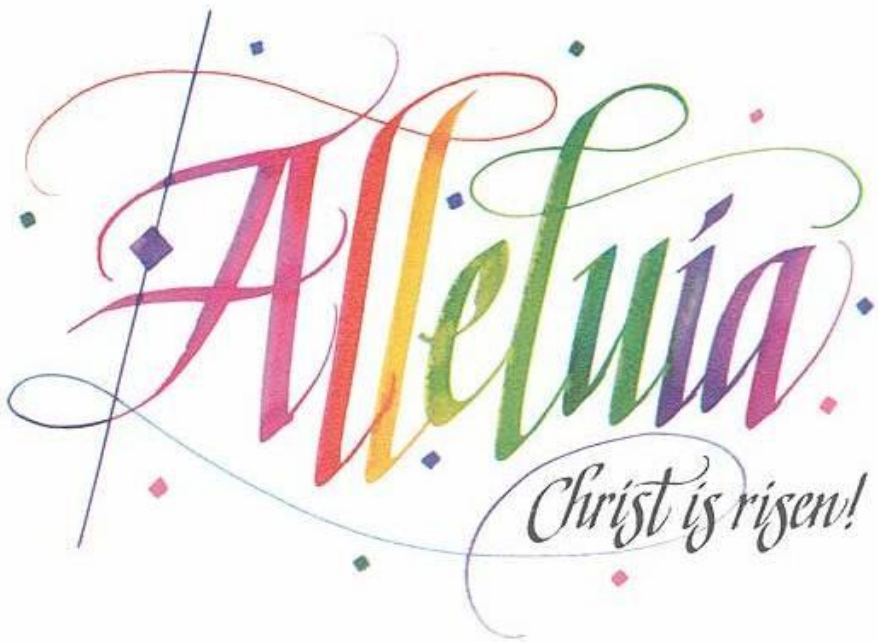


2nd Sunday of Easter



Evening Prayer

4:00 pm

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Welcome to St. Martin's!

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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 worshiping community.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing* **H205 vs. 1-3**

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE *All stand*

Officiant O God, be not far from us.

People **Come quickly to help us, O God.**

Officiant and People

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God; as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen. Alleluia.**

ANTIPHON

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen. O come let us worship.
Alleluia.

1. O gra-cious Light, pure
bright-ness of the ev-er-liv-ing Fa-ther in hea-ven,
O Je-sus Christ, ho-ly and bless-ed! 2. Now as we
come to the set-ting of the sun, and our eyes be-hold the ves-per
light, we sing your prais-es, O God: Fa-ther, Son, and
Ho-ly Spi-rit. 3. You are wor-thy at all times to be
praised by hap-py voic-es, O Son of God, O Giv-er of life,
and to be glo-ri-fied through all the worlds.

PSALM 118:14-29

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

¹⁶"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.

¹⁸The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

²⁰"This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

²²The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! *
Lord, send us now success.

²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the
altar.

²⁸"You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

²⁹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

At the end of the Psalm is said

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When [the captain and the temple police] had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.

At the conclusion of the reading, the Reader says,

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

1 O glad - some Light, O grace of God the Fa - ther's face,
 2 Now, ere day fad - eth quite, we see the eve - ning light,
 3 To thee of right be - longs all praise of ho - ly songs,

the e - ter - nal splen - dor wear - ing; ce - les - tial, ho - ly, blest,
 our wont - ed hymn out - pour - ing; Fa - ther of might un - known,
 O Son of God, Life - giv - er; thee, there - fore, O Most High,

our Sa - vior Je - sus Christ, joy - ful in thine ap - pear - ing.
 thee, his in - car - nate Son, and Ho - ly Spirit a - dor - ing.
 the world doth glo - ri - fy, and shall ex - alt for ev - er.

SECOND READING Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is
and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

At the conclusion of the reading, the Reader says

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

H206 vs. 1,2,6

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Antiphon (at the end)



This hymn is for the Second Sunday of Easter and St. Thomas' Day.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them

and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

	<i>At the conclusion of the reading, the Reader says</i>
<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SERMON/REFLECTION

THE APOSTLES' CREED *Stand as able.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**
**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. Amen.**

The Prayers

SALUTATION *The people stand or kneel*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *ALL*

**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.**

SUFFRAGES

Officiant That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace
and goodwill,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins
and offenses,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That there may be peace to your Church and to the
whole world,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,
and not be condemned before the great judgment
seat of Christ,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit
in the communion of Mary, the God-bearer, Martin
and all your saints, entrusting one another and all
our life to Christ,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

FIRST COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery
established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all
who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may
show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

People **Amen.**

SECOND COLLECT

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

People **Amen.**

HYMN *At the name of Jesus*

H435

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

at the end of each petition...

Leader God of love,

People **Grant our prayer.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus
Christ;**

**for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,**

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth
your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with
one accord to make our common supplication to you; and
you have promised through your well-beloved Son that
when two or three are gathered together in his Name you
will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our
desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in
this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come
life everlasting. Amen.

FINAL HYMN *We walk by faith, and not by sight* **H209**

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the
 love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 be with us all evermore. *2 Corinthians 13:14*
People **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE IS NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

Fellowship Hosts are still needed for May!

If you are interested or can help on an upcoming Sunday, call or text Noreen Coussens at 224-567-3974 or simply sign up on the bulletin board list in Strauss-Betker Hall.

Chill'n With The Lord

Air Conditioning Service Fund

We are starting to head to a cooler space. As of publication time, we have \$2100 in the A/C fund. Let's keep the ball rolling!

DINING OUT AFTER EVENING PRAYER...

SUNDAY, MAY 11

TEXT OR EMAIL NOREEN IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND AND/IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS.

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<https://www.trinitydesplaines.org/green-team>

Join the folks at Trinity as they continue to create programming in the movement to make our earth a better place to live.

Future Events:

- Butterfly Release
- Fair Trade items sale

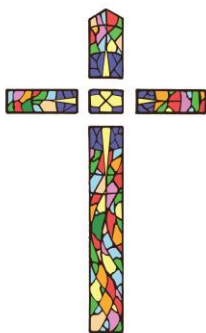
For further information call the church as the number above or check out their activities on the Green Team Website above.

Mark your Calendar for Eastertide

May 3 ~ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm ~ Craft Show

May 4 ~ Seedling Exchange

May 18 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Paws-in-the-Pews



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All are welcome
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