

SAINT MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SUNG MASS RITE 1 + 10:30 AM + FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
LAETARE SUNDAY

**Prelude**

*Please stand as the choir sings the introit*

**Introit**

Re - joice! Re - joice, Je - ru - sa - lem, and  
all who care for her. Be joy - ful, let all  
mourn - ing cease. Find com - fort at her breast.

**Opening Hymn:** *O Bless the Lord, My Soul* vv. 1, 4-6

**Blue Hymnal 411**

**Penitential Order**

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins. *His mercy endureth forever.*

**Confession and Absolution** *Please kneel*

***Book of Common Prayer, 320***

## Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mer - cy. —

Lord, have mer - cy. — Christ, have

mer - cy. — Christ, have mer - cy. —

— Lord, have mer - cy. —

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The Lord be with you. ***And with thy spirit.*** Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated*

### A Reading from Joshua

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 32 1-8, 11,12** (*Simplified Anglican Chant, remain seated*)

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for-**given**, \* and whose sin is put a-**way**!  
2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no **guilt**, \* and in whose spirit there is no **guile**!  
3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered a-**way**, \* because of my groaning all day **long**.  
4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and **night**; \*  
    my moisture was dried up as in the heat of **summer**.  
5 Then I acknowledged my **sin to you**, \* and did not conceal my **guilt**.  
6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the **LORD**." \*  
    Then you forgave me the guilt of my **sin**.  
7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of **trouble**; \*  
    when the great waters overflow, they shall not **reach them**.  
8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from **trouble**; \*  
    you surround me with shouts of de-**liverance**.  
11 Great are the tribulations of the **wicked**; \*  
    but mercy embraces those who trust in the **LORD**.  
12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the **LORD**; \* shout for joy, all who are true of **heart**.

**A Reading from Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians**

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand*

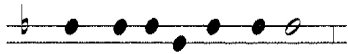
**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



V: I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to Him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

*(the acclamation is repeated)*

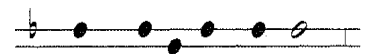
## THE GOSPEL The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke



*Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.*

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'" The Gospel of the LORD.



*Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**THE HOMILY**  
**THE NICENE CREED**

*Book of Common Prayer, 326*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
THE PEACE, WELCOME & NOTICES

*Book of Common Prayer, 328*

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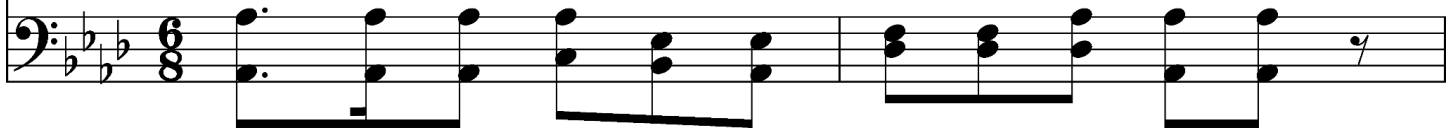
*Please stand to sing*

OFFERTORY HYMN *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling*

LEVAS II, 101



1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,
4. Oh! For the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,



1. Call - ing for you and for me; — See, on the por - tals He's
2. Plead - ing for you and for me? — Why should we lin - ger and
3. Pass - ing for you and for me; — Shad - ows are gath - er - ing,
4. Prom - ised for you and for me; — Though we have sinned, He has



1. wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me. —
2. heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me? —
3. death beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me. —
4. mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me. —



Come home, Come home, come home, come home,

Ye who are wea-ry, come home! Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

Words: Will L. Thompson (1847-1909). Music: Will L. Thompson.

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People*

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

*Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)*

Blue Hymnal, S 114

*(Kneel or Stand. The Eucharistic Prayer continues on page 341 in the Book of Common Prayer)*

**THE OUR FATHER  
THE FRACTION**

**Prayer Book, 336**

*After a moment of silence, please sing*

**LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of the world: \_\_\_\_\_ have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you  
*slower*  
take a-way the sins of the world: \_\_\_\_\_ grant us peace.

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**THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS  
THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION  
HOLY COMMUNION  
COMMUNION HYMNS**

**Prayer Book, 337**

1 Still, still with thee, when pur - ple morn - ing break - eth,  
 2 A - lone with thee, a - mid the mys - tic shad - ows,  
 3 When sinks the soul, sub - dued by toil, to slum - ber,  
 4 So shall it be at last, in that bright morn - ing,

when the bird wak - eth, and the shad - ows flee;  
 the sol - emn hush of na - ture new - ly born;  
 its clos - ing eye looks up to thee in prayer;  
 when the soul wak - eth, and life's shad - ows flee;

fair - er than morn - ing, love - lier than the day - light,  
 a - lone with thee in breath - less a - do - ra - tion,  
 sweet the re - pose be - neath thy wings over shad - ing,  
 O in that hour, fair - er than day - light dawn - ing,

dawns the sweet con - scious - ness, I am with thee.  
 in the calm dew and fresh - ness of the morn.  
 but sweet - er still to wake and find thee there.  
 shall rise the glo - rious thought, I am with thee.

Words: Harriet Beecher Stowe (1812–1896).  
 Music: *Consolation*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847).

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1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,  
 2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,  
 3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,  
 4. Come, Hope of U - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,

come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.  
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Words: Geonyong Lee; para. Marion Pope, alt. Music: *O-so-so*, Geonyong Lee.

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**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**  
**LENTEN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE & DISMISSAL**

*Prayer Book, 339*

*Please stand*

**HYMN** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**Blue Hymnal 690**

**SERVING TODAY**

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno Crucifer: Val Montrone

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Larry Ottenstroer Lector:

Choir: Alison Jandak, Beth Hixenbaugh, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Rector: Father Rob Laws

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW DURING LENT**

Mondays 6:30 pm	St. Anthony's Rosary for Healing (Juanita H's home)
7 pm	Book Study: <i>Giving Up Worry for Lent</i> (Juanita H's. home-)
Wednesdays 6 pm	Mass in the Lady Chapel. The Rosary follows at 6:30 pm
Fridays 6 pm	Stations of the Cross in the Nave

**SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION-** always available by appointment. Contact Father Rob+

**The Outreach Committee is asking for donations for the Somerset Animal Shelter.**

A list of needed items may be found on the bulletin board in the narthex

**Senior Moments** meet on April 15 in the conference room

## **THANK YOU BILL VALIANT**

Today we honor Bill Valiant for his 30+ years of dedicated service to St. Martin's as sexton. Thank you Bill for your years of service. May God continue to bless you and your family.