

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2026

10 AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Annapolis, Maryland*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - Pastor**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.  
**Amen.**

1 John 1:8

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

To you, O God,

**all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**Lift High the Cross**

**ELW 660**

2 Corinthians  
13:13-14

**GREETING - Pastor**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

# Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

The Kyrie is an ancient chant to begin Christian worship.

Kyrie eleison means Lord, have mercy.

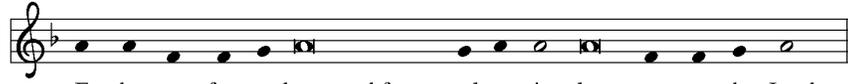
## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



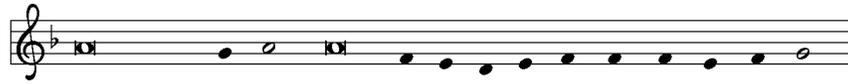
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

This prayer "collects" the theme of the day.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY - Assisting Minister

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

*This reading is typically from the Hebrew Scriptures, which Jesus often quoted.*

## THE FIRST LESSON - *Lector*

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” <sup>4a</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

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

*The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity’s relationship with God and one another. Psalms are the hymnbooks of the children of Israel*

## THE PSALM — (*Sung together*)

**Psalm 121**



C: Choir

A: All

C <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes <sup>1</sup> to the hills;  
from where is my <sup>1</sup> help to come?

A <sup>2</sup> My help comes <sup>1</sup> from the LORD,  
the maker of heav- <sup>1</sup> en and earth.

C <sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your <sup>1</sup> foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you <sup>1</sup> fall asleep.

A <sup>4</sup> Behold, the keep- <sup>1</sup> er of Israel  
will neither slum- <sup>1</sup> ber nor sleep;

C <sup>5</sup> the LORD watches <sup>1</sup> over you;  
the LORD is your shade at <sup>1</sup> your right hand;

A <sup>6</sup> the sun will not strike <sup>1</sup> you by day,  
nor the <sup>1</sup> moon by night.

C <sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you <sup>1</sup> from all evil  
and will <sup>1</sup> keep your life.

A <sup>8</sup> The LORD will watch over your going out and your <sup>1</sup> coming in,  
from this time forth for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.

*This reading bears witness to the early church.*

## THE SECOND LESSON - *Lector*

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. <sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & PROCESSION

*(The Gospel is read from the icon depicting the text for the day)*



Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

*We acclaim the living  
Word, Jesus Christ,  
present in the gospel  
reading.*

### THE GOSPEL LESSON - *Pastor*

**John 3:1-17**

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to John the third chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 6:68 <sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

*"Viva Vox," the Living  
Word of God  
interpreted. (Romans  
10:14-17)*

### SERMON - *Pastor*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

**God Loved the World**

**ELW 323**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Introduction of New Members*

### CONFESSION OF FAITH - *Assisting Minister*

**The Apostles' Creed**

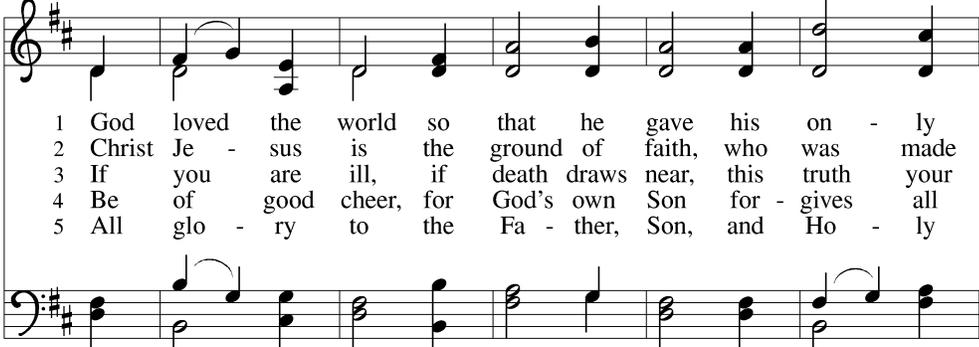
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

*Ancient church  
councils adopted the  
summary of the  
church's faith in the  
Nicene, Apostles' and  
Athanasian Creeds.*

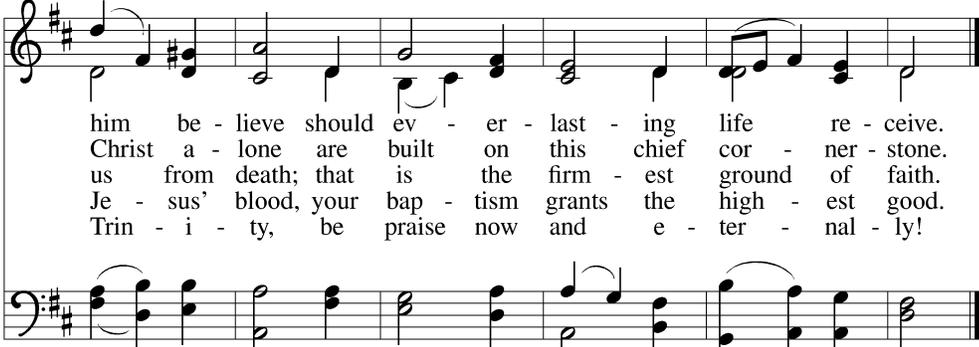
## God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
 Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

## ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

Siblings in Christ,  
do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism  
among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond.*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God,  
do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Those being welcomed face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.*

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*We pray for ourselves  
and particularly on  
behalf of others.  
(1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1  
Thessalonians 5:17;  
Acts 2:42)*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - *Assisting Minister*

To the words "Hear us, O God," the congregation responds "**Your mercy is great.**"

*Extending God's word  
of peace to others.  
(Romans 16:16;  
Matthew 5:23-24)*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE - *Pastor*

*1 Corinthians 16:1-2  
2 Corinthians 9:7-9*

## THE OFFERING *(Please be seated)*

*We thank you for your generosity and support! We are blessed to return thanks to God through our offerings to support the work of the Church in the world. Ushers will bring the plates to those worshipping in person this day. For those worshipping online you may give electronically or by way of US Mail. Your gifts enable our day to day operational budget, our missions, and the care of those in need. Please visit [www.stmartinsannapolis.org/giving](http://www.stmartinsannapolis.org/giving) or by scanning the QR Code here:*



**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*God So Loved the World*

*- J. Stainer*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

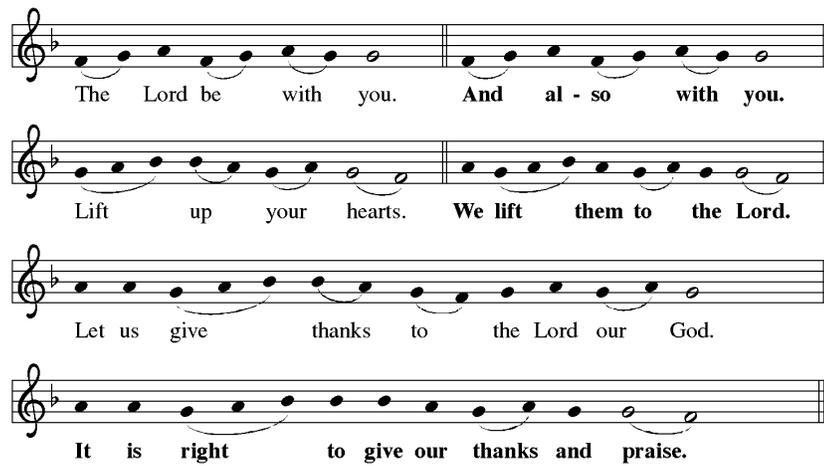
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### OFFERING PRAYER - *Assisting Minister*

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Before the Lord's supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into thanksgiving. (Psalm 15:1)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - *Pastor* (Please stand as you are able)



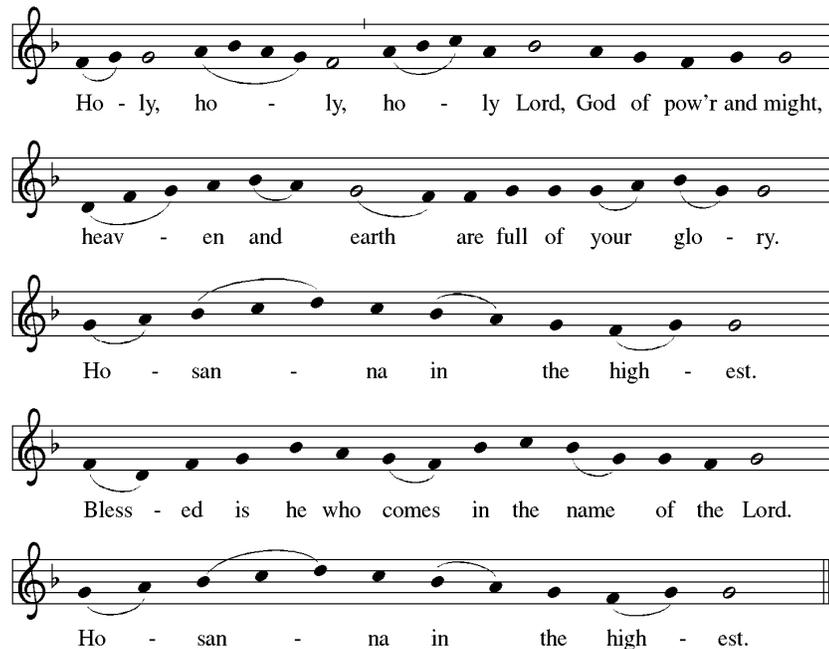
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE - *Pastor*

It is indeed right our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus is the hymn of praise that never ceases before

## THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In these words—Jesus institutes the sacrament for the church

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION - *Pastor*

Matthew 26:26-28;  
Luke 22:19-20; 1  
Corinthians 11:23-26

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray.

(Luke 11:24;  
Matthew 6:9-13)

## 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. (Please be seated)

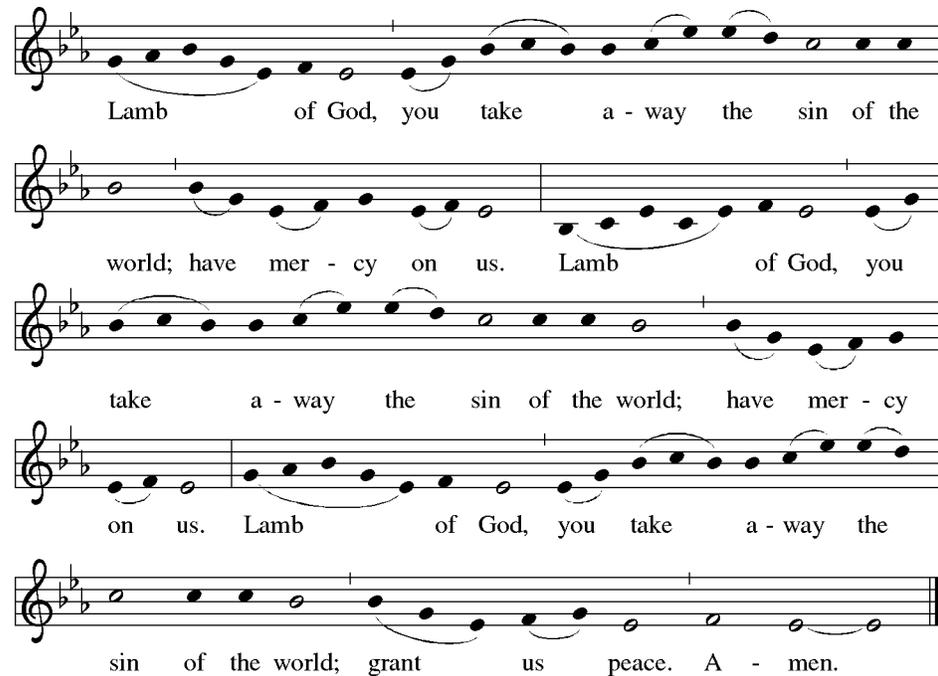
Our invitation to  
Christ's Table  
(adapted from Iona  
Community, Scotland)

## INVITATION - Pastor

This is Christ's table. It is a table of love and welcome. It is a table of fellowship with the poor.  
It is a table of communion with the earth.  
So, come those of you who have great faith and those of you who wish you had more.  
Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus, and those of you who have failed.  
Come, those of you who depend on this sacrament for your life, and those of you for whom it is a  
new and strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come!

As John the Baptist  
pointed to Jesus, he  
said these words.  
(John 1:29)

## THE AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

\*\*\*Blue Communion Cards- Please remember to fill in a blue communion card each week. You can hand your blue communion cards to an usher as you come up for communion.

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION** - At the Lord's Table we share in the gift of Jesus' body and blood. Please bring an empty glass from the head of the aisle to receive wine from a pouring cup. Grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses near the empty ones. If you need a gluten-free option for bread, please indicate that to the person with bread. Peel away communion kits are also available for any who so desire. Blessings will be given to those not yet communing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

O God of Mercy, God of Light  
Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 714  
ELW 335

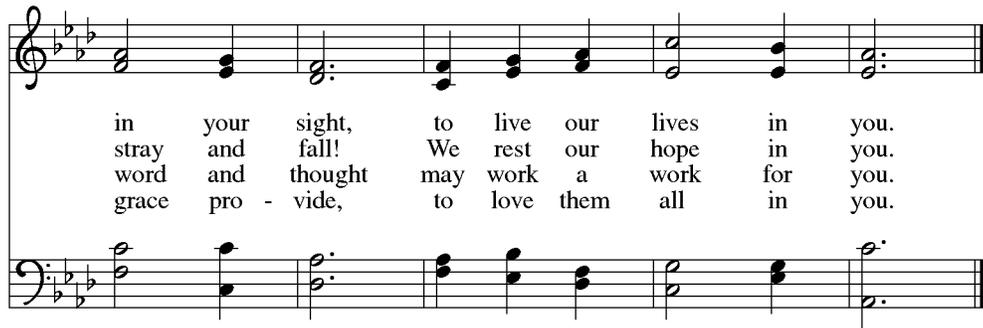
## O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and

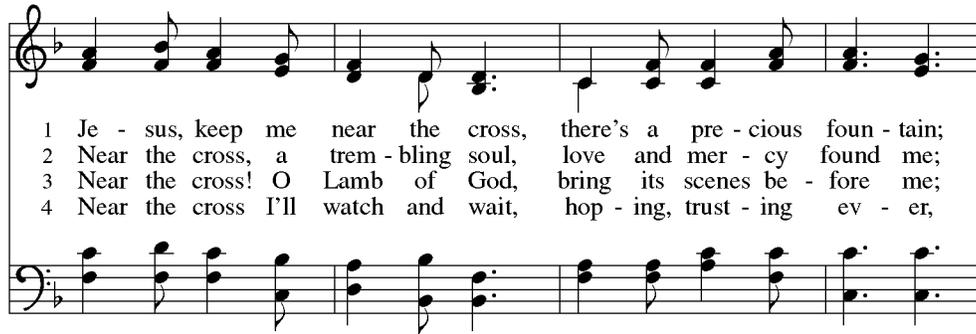


in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
word and thought may work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
may we each other's burdens share;  
may we, where help is needed, there  
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
all those who live to live in love,  
till you receive in heav'n above  
all those who live in you.

## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

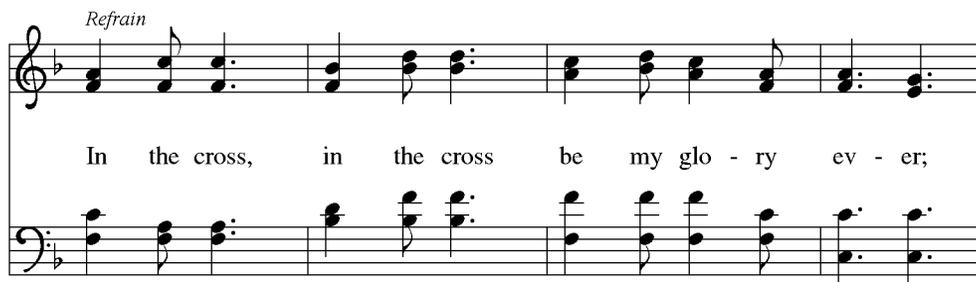


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



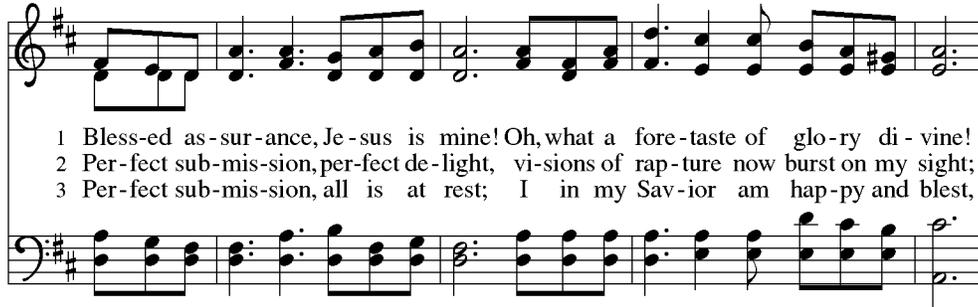
In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



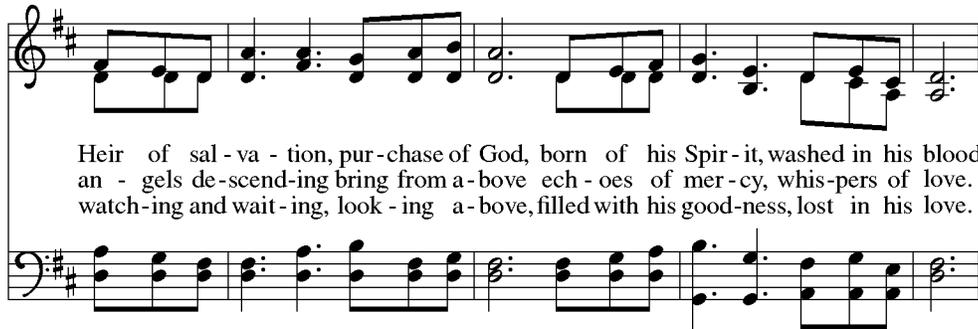
till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.



# Blessed Assurance

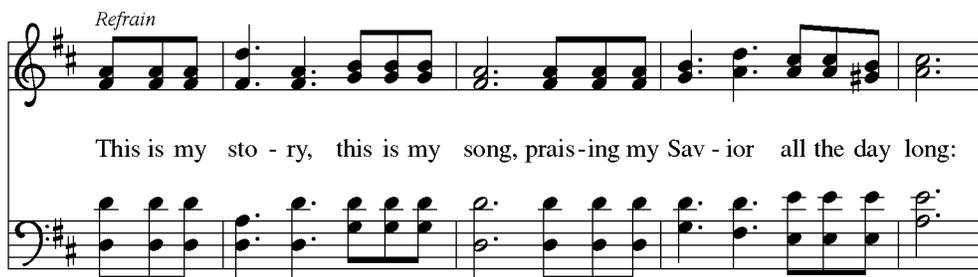


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

SAVE  
the DATE



## Annapolis St. Patty's Day Parade March 8<sup>th</sup> 1pm

Join St. Martin's Church and School as we hit the streets with our float in the parade! Come walk with us, wave to the crowd, and celebrate our St. Martin's spirit. Sign up in the narthex or on the Signup Genius Link below. All walkers must also fill out a waiver. Link is below.

Float assembly will take place on Saturday  
March 7th.

If you are interested in helping with  
the float reach out to Sara Wetz or Laura  
Albanese .



[Click Here to Sign Up](#)



[Click Here to Sign the Waiver](#)

### Midweek Lenten Services (Noon & Evening Opportunities)

*Wednesdays: 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25*

#### Noontime Service

We will gather at noon in the sanctuary for a brief prayer service with reflection. Immediately following the service, you are invited to bring your own lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall as we eat together in community.

#### Evening Meal, Bible Study, and Meditation

Each evening, we will gather in a new way, and you are invited to join us for as much (or as little) as you are able.

#### Schedule:

**6:00 pm – Dinner** (A lite dinner will be provided each week by one of our church groups.)

**6:30 pm – Bible Study** (Our Bible study will explore the biblical use of the earthly elements: Air, Fire, Water, and Earth.)

**7:30 pm – Meditative Worship** (Following Bible study, we will move into a time of meditative worship, with prayer stations and guided prayers centered on the element explored that evening.)

You are welcome to attend any part of the evening, in any week. You do not need to come at the beginning or attend every week. If you can only join us once, that's wonderful. If you can only come for worship, that's great too.

We hope you will join us as we ground ourselves together during this Lenten season.

Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Chaplain Paula Thistle
Communion Assistants	Mel Tuckfield
	Bob Drumm
Lector	Dave Mattingley
Ushers	Betty and John Knupp
	Dave Ehemann
	Melisa Steffens
Altar Set Up	Glenn and Martha Hollenbeck
Communion Cleanup	Cathy and Dick Jones
	Alan Bitonti

### Opportunities This Week

#### *Monday, March 2, 2026*

**10:00 am** Flying Quilters  
(Fellowship)

#### *Wednesday, March 4, 2026*

**7:00 am** Men's Bible Study  
(Double T)

**12:00 pm** Lent Service (Sanctuary)

**6:30 pm** Lent Service (Sanctuary)

#### *Thursday, March 5, 2026*

**11:30 am** Mid-Day Bible Study  
(Double T)

#### *Saturday, March 7, 2026*

**9:30 am** Garden Workday  
(Church Gardens)

#### *Sunday, March 8, 2026*

**8:00 am** Worship (Sanctuary)

**10:00 am** Worship (Sanctuary)

### **Garden Workday at St. Martin's – We Need Your Help!**

On Saturday, March 7th from 9:30 – 11:30am, we will beautify St. Martin's gardens. We will prune and rake leaves in the courtyard, rain gardens, and other visible landscape areas. All the ice and snow have made the gardens look especially unattractive. Please help us anytime during those hours. **Bring gloves, a garden rake and pruners if you have them.** We will meet in the courtyard. Rain date is March 13th. at 9:30am.



### Garden Work Day

### **Help Wanted**



We are looking for a church "mouse" - someone to come in once per week to straighten and stock the cards and envelopes in the pews. This task could be shared by multiple people so the same person does not have to come in every week. This task would take approximately 1 hour per week.

If interested, please contact Christine Sindt in the church office at 410-263-4723 or [church@stmartinsonline.org](mailto:church@stmartinsonline.org)

### **Worship Assistants Training – Rescheduled for Saturday, March 28 at 10:00am**

Would you like to serve in worship? Join us for a Worship Assistants Training on Saturday, March 28 at 10:00am in the sanctuary.

This training is for anyone interested in serving as an Assisting Minister, Lector, Usher, or Communion Assistant. It is also a great refresher for those who have served before but have been away for a while—or for anyone who would like a reminder of the "how" and the "why" behind what we do in worship.

Come learn, ask questions, and grow more confident in serving. All are welcome!

