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Our service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

CELEBRANT Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King,

Almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father;

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord.

you alone are the most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen

COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

Peter urges the convicted crowd to repent.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

**2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.**

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

**10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?**

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

**12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.**

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

**14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

**16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,**

17 In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

I PETER 1:17-23

Sons and daughters of God have both privilege and responsibility.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the

ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 24:13-35

CELEBRANT The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

CELEBRANT The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE REV. DR. KARL KRUEGER

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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 of 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to the Lord revealed to us in word and sacrament.

Help your people to search the Scriptures to bring us nearer to our Lord. Let us pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael and our Diocesan Bishop, Daniel, and our friends at St. Martin's Church. May the hearts of Christians burn with faith as they feel his presence. Help us to know and to make him known in the breaking of bread.

Response: Risen Jesus, Hear our Prayer.

May Christ be the guest at every table. May we see him in the stranger as well as in those close to us and make the weary and hungry welcome for his sake.

Response: Risen Jesus, Hear our Prayer.

We pray for the homeless and for those who wander without a destination. Grant shelter to the unprotected, bread to the hungry and rest to the weary. Bless those who do the work of relief at home and abroad.

Response: Risen Jesus, Hear our Prayer.

Gracious God, bless the growing covenant relationship between Christ Church and St. Martin's. Deepen the ties that bind us and open our hearts to what you yearn for us. Guide us in our search for a shared Rector. Empower us in love as we grown our mission together, so we can move forward into a future that is exciting and full of hope, though Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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We remember today...

Lunetta, Art, Mary, Anne, Celeste, Pam L., Jerald M., Claudia, Alex, Patricia A., David M., Doug & Marilyn, Laurie, Sophie, Molly, Richard, Emily, Sally, John, Lori, Gabby, for leaders of this county, for all refugees fleeing from the horror of war, famine, or oppression, and for all the members of our armed forces. Be with them in their need. healing Give them relief in their affliction and the hope of new life.

Response: Risen Jesus, Hear our Prayer.

Be with those whose day is far spent and who are near to death. We pray for those who are with Christ in the eternal feast of his love especially Anna Robson, Martin McNeil's aunt and see him with the eyes of perfect sight.

Response: Risen Jesus, Hear our Prayer.

If you have any people you wish to mention or prayers for particular needs, please do so at this time.

We pray in the name of Christ, our companion through every day.

THE CONFESSION

CELEBRANT: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Celebrant and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen**

Celebrant says:

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

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

WHEN THE OFFERING IS BROUGHT TO THE ALTAR, THE CONGREGATION SAYS:

“All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

SILENCE

A POST COMMUNION PRAYER DURING THIS TIME OF SEPARATION

Celebrant and people together, in place of the Post-Communion Prayer.

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

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