



THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

A Congregation of the Episcopal Church

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January 25th, 2026
Worship Service
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to St. Martin's

We are grateful you are with us in this sacred space. If you are joining us for the first time or the first time in a long time, please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and leave your up-to-date contact information on a Welcome Card.

If you are new to St. Martin's, you can find blank name tags on the tables by the back and side doors.

At St. Martin's, we welcome the joyful noise of children and babies. If you feel the need to step out with your child, please feel free to make use of the Mary Chapel, located on the left hand side of the Church when facing the altar.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available for those who need them. Please ask an usher for a device.

The Word of God

Please stand as you are able at the ringing of the bell.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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 (Said by all)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

THE SALUTATION & COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27:1, 5-13 (Said by all)

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom then shall I fear? *
 the LORD is the strength of my life;
 of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
 one thing I seek; *
 that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
 and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
 and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
 above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
 with sounds of great gladness; *
 I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
 have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
 Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
 nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Stephanie Barr

THE NICENE CREED

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 from 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. 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

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

(Silence may be kept)

Leader Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

(Silence may be kept)

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

(Silence may be kept)

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, which reflects your glory.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

(Silence may be kept)

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray especially for our Children, Youth, and Families ministry.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

(Silence may be kept)

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Juliana; Ethan; Bonnie; Yuri; Christopher; Rebecca; Wayne; Brent; Joanne; Kim; Victoria; Rita; Marta; Irene; David; Alison; Avrem; Alyson; Anne, Tony, and Sarah; Dory; Rich; Rudy; C.J.; Sue; Emily; Kay; Anna; and those we name now...

The congregation may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

(Silence may be kept)

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, remembering especially Eda Kauffman; Julie Moat; Robert Auclair; and those we name now...

The congregation may add their own petitions.

And we pray that we may share with Mary, Martin, and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

(Silence may be kept)

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

CONFESSON & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (Said by all)

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.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the

Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Martin, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God's Love for God's Loving People.

Everyone is welcome at God's table. Please come forward to receive communion or a blessing. Gluten free hosts are also available.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God,**
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The people say, Amen.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date: Annual Parish Finance Meeting

Sunday, February 22nd immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service

Lenten Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery

Friday, March 20th to Sunday, March 22nd, 2026

Blooming in the Lenten Desert: Encountering God in Lent as We Age

As we age through mid-life and beyond, we are particularly suited to understand and experience Lent in a profound way. The Lenten desert experience is meant to ultimately deepen our relationship with God through embracing the Paschal Mystery. Likewise aging, with its physical limitations, losses, emotional challenges, invitations to let go and calls to new life, is a mirroring experience that can aid us in a very particular way during this liturgical season. Come and explore this intersection. Learn more and register in Field Notes!

Mark Your Calendars: Discussions In Diversity

Every Wednesday in February except Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m. in the Houston Room

As part of our Adult Forum Series on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., we will again host a series of *Discussions in Diversity* during Black History Month. Please mark your calendars! Plan also to join us for Food & Fellowship prior to the discussion, at 6:00 p.m.

We give thanks for all God's blessings.

Please support Christ's ministries as fully as you can with your time, talents, and gifts. You may give by:

- *scanning this QR code and selecting Pledge or General Giving as appropriate;*
- *leaving a cash gift or a check (payable to the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields) in the offertory plate;*
- *visiting StMartinEC.org/give/ and click the "GIVE NOW" button;*
- *mailing your check (payable as above) to the office.*

Thank you for your continued support of Christ's community and ministry at St. Martin's, and through St. Martin's, to the city, the nation, and around the world.



PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the living: Juliana; Ethan; Bonnie; Yuri; Christopher; Rebecca; Wayne; Brent; Joanne; Kim; Victoria; Rita; Marta; Irene; David; Alison; Avrem; Alyson; Anne, Tony, and Sarah; Dory; Rich; Rudy; C.J.; Sue; Emily; Kay; Anna

Please pray for the recently deceased: Eda Kauffman; Julie Moat; Robert Auclair

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Mary Barber

Preacher: Stephanie Barr

TODAY'S READINGS

[Isaiah 9:1-4](#) | [1 Corinthians 1:10-18](#) | [Matthew 4:12-23](#) | [Psalm 27:1, 5-13](#)

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