



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

*A Congregation of the Episcopal Church*

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**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**8:00 a.m.**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**The Holy Eucharist**

## **Welcome to St. Martin's**

**We are grateful you are with us in this sacred space and time.**

**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 us 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. If you are in need of more nametags, please write your name on the clipboard next to the binders. Welcome!*

# The Entrance Rite

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## CANTICLE Christ Our Passover

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

***People* therefore let us keep the feast,**

*Celebrant* Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,

***People* but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

***People* death no longer has dominion over him.**

*Celebrant* The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;

***People* but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

*Celebrant* So also consider yourselves dead to sin,

***People* and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* Christ has been raised from the dead,

***People* the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

*Celebrant* For since by a man came death,

***People* by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

*Celebrant* For as in Adam all die,

***People* so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

## THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

***People* Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

# The Word of God

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 22:24-30 (*Prayed by All*)

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*

"May your heart live for ever!"

- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

#### **A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Lector*     **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Carol Duncan

## 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence is kept.*

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader* *For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Daniel, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;*

*People* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Leader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and all those on our prayer list.

*The congregation may add their own petitions.*

*Leader* Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The congregation may add their own thanksgivings.*

*Leader* We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The congregation may add their own petitions.*

*Leader* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Leader* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR PEACE (*From Episcopal Relief and Development*)

*Leader* Let us pray for restoration of peace for all in the world who suffer through oppression, conflict, and war.

*People* **Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## THE OFFERTORY

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*We give thanks for all God's blessings.*

*Please support Christ's ministries as fully as you can with your time, talents, and money.*

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/](http://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.*



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## The Holy Communion

### 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 our 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 & BENEDICTUS** (*Spoken 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, return all things to your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary and 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.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* 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* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

#### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

***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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Children, Youth, and Families Spring Social**

**Tonight from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for an opportunity to connect with other families in our church. People of all ages are welcome! Drinks and light fare will be provided for adults. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share if you are able. Childcare provided! The children will have a pizza party with lots of fun and games. **See you tonight!**

### **Submit Vestry Candidates By End of the Day!**

The Nominating Committee needs your suggestions for strong Vestry candidates. This year's Nominating Committee includes Barb Thomson, Tom Sibson, Jim Fairburn, Carol Horne Penn, Emily Law, and non-Vestry members Sandra Gould and Susan MacBride. Please contact any of us with questions about Vestry service or suggestions for candidates. You may suggest yourself and/or others.

After gathering names of potential candidates, the committee will carefully consider which candidates would best serve St. Martin's with a representative balance of strengths and perspectives given the continuing Vestry members and the church's current needs, and will publish its slate of candidates on May 12. After today, April 28th, additional candidates can only be proposed in writing, with signatures of 10 voting parishioners (not including the candidate), by May 26. **At our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, June 9, the candidates on the final slate will be elected** by voting parishioners (if there are contested slots) or elected via unanimous ballot by the Vestry Secretary (if there are no contested slots).

### **Register Now for Vacation Bible School!**

**Mon., June 17th - Fri., June 21st**

**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Full day) or 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Half Day)**

Registration is now open for VBS! This year's Vacation Bible School invites children to come celebrate the wonders of the earth! Our theme, Songs of Creation, is inspired by Psalm 150:6, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." We will explore the incredible ways people care for creation and celebrate it. Join us for a week of games, crafts, stories of faith, and lots of music! **Please see the link in Field Notes or visit [www.stmartinec.org/VBS](http://www.stmartinec.org/VBS) to register.**

**You're Invited: The Wedding of Sue Bell and Al Pearson!**

Parishioners Sue Bell and Al Pearson are pleased to invite the St. Martin parish community to their wedding on **Saturday, May 18th, at 11am** in the sanctuary, with reception to follow in the parish hall. No presents please. Sue and Al will be blessed by your presence! **Please RSVP via the link in Field Notes or via email (charlesalmondpearson3@gmail.com) by May 8th.**

**Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light Bike & Hike Event**

St. Martin's Climate Action Team is recruiting volunteers and donors to support the Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light (PAIPL) Bike & Hike Event. Throughout the month of May, get out and enjoy the outdoors in whatever non-motorized vehicle you choose. Last summer, St. Martin's raised over \$1,000 in support of PAIPL, with donors from across the country supporting our bikers and hikers. In 2024, we hope to raise at least \$2,000 in support of PAIPL. Contact a member of the Climate Action Team or see Field Notes to learn how to sign up or make a donation.

**Save the Date: Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, June 9th**

**Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service (~12:00 p.m.) in the Parish Hall**

## PRAYER LIST

**Please pray for the living:** Claire; Carol; Bert; Sharon; Juliana; Charlie; Julie; Ellen; Terry; Bill; Debbie; Ethan; Betsy; Michael; Patti; Gail; Margaret; Rev. Steven; Alfred; Bonnie; Yuri; Minter; Hal; John; Sylvia; Mary; Richard; Christopher; Sheila; Charlie; Susie; Linda; Cary; Christine; Jim; Karen; Mary Kathryn; Sumbo; Jack

**Please pray for the deceased:** John Waller and Barbara Baumgartner

## SERVING TODAY

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Laura Palmer

*Preacher:* The Rev. Carol Duncan

*Lector* Gary Glazer

*Intercessor and Chalice:* Matt McAlpin

*Usher:* Jeff Meade

*Altar Guild:* Mary Baumberger

*The flowers in the church today are offered to the Glory of God in loving memory of Barbara Baumgartner.*



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