



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

*A Congregation of the Episcopal Church*

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**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**8:00 a.m.**

**The Fourth 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* O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.**

***Amen.***

# The Word of God

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23 (*Prayed by all*)

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 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

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Save the Date: Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, June 9th**

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

### **Seeking Vestry Candidates by April 28**

The Nominating Committee needs your suggestions for strong Vestry candidates no later than Sunday, April 28! 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 through April 28, 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 that, 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). **Please see this week's Field Notes to learn more about Vestry Nominations.**

### **Commissioning of the Discernment Committee**

As we move into the next phase of our search for a new rector, you are asked to join us on Sunday, April 28th during the 10:30 a.m. service for the commissioning of the Discernment Committee. As a congregation, we have shared our thoughts, hopes, and concerns about who we are and who we wish to become with God's help. This input will be key as the search moves forward. During this next phase of the search, the Discernment Committee will follow Diocesan protocol. It will prayerfully consider feedback from the Listening Circles to guide them in this most important mission. The Discernment Committee asks for your ongoing prayers and support as they move forward with this important ministry. Please join us as we celebrate another milestone in this process.

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

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

**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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.**

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

**Sunday, April 28th, 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. **Please RSVP so we know you can make it!** Email Rev. Britta to RSVP or for questions: [cyf@stmartinec.org](mailto:cyf@stmartinec.org)

## **Face to Face Presentation and Bagged Lunch Preparation**

**Sunday, April 28th**

**9:15 a.m.** Adult Forum led by Mary Kay Hanks-Meeks, Executive Director of Face to Face

**9:45 a.m.** Bagged lunch preparation

Face to Face is a wonderful community aid center located in Germantown and a new partner organization of St. Martin's! All are invited to come learn about their work at the Adult Forum and then help make bagged lunches for their free dining program.

## PRAYER LIST

**Please pray for the living:** Claire; Barbara; Carol; Bert; Sharon; Juliana; Charlie; Julie; Ellen; Terry; Bill; Debbie; Ethan; Betsy; Michael; Patti; Gail; Margaret; Rev. Steven; Alfred; David; Sandy; Bonnie; Yuri; Minter; Hal; John; Sylvia; Mary; Richard; Christopher; Sheila; Elton; 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:* Eugenie Dieck

*Lector and Chalice:* David Dieck

*Intercessor:* Ben Makem

*Usher:* Mary Baumberger

*Altar Guild:* Victoria Sicks

*Flower Guild:* Betsy Masters



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