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March 12, 2023
The Third Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist
8:00AM

Welcome to St. Martin's this morning.
We are glad you are with us in this holy space and time.
The entire service follows in this leaflet.

As the "triple-demic" of COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) continues thankfully to ebb, St. Martin's has made masking optional. We encourage anyone at higher risk to continue to mask and those who choose not to mask to respect the health and wellbeing of others, including by staying home if you or any member of your household has been exposed to someone ill or has any symptoms consistent with infection.

– The St. Martin's Health Policy Advisory Committee

Please silence all electronic devices prior to the beginning of worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless God who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People **Have mercy on us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Let us pray,

People **Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as God commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Holy One?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to God, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." God said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested God, saying, "Is the Holy One among us or not?"

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95 (*Said by All*)

Venite, exultemus

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Holy One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout with psalms.
- 3 For you, O God, are a great God; *
you are great above all gods.
- 4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
- 5 The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *
and kneel before God, our Maker,
- 7 For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me;
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Savior Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves God's love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by Christ's blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of God's Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Savior Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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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 Christ.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (Jesus' disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to the woman, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to Jesus, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to the woman, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you

have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Creator neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Creator in spirit and truth, for the Creator seeks such as these to worship God. God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then the disciples came. They were astonished that Jesus was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging Jesus, "Rabbi, eat something." But Jesus said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the One who sent me and to complete that work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them; and Jesus stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Celebrant The Good News of Jesus Christ.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Please stand as you are able before the Creed.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to God, saying "God, have mercy."

Leader For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

Leader For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

Leader For our Bishop, Daniel, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

Leader For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

Leader For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

Leader For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

Leader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to God.

People **God have mercy.**

Leader For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

Leader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Claire, Lyn, David, Barbara, Jenny, Taylor, Carol, Pete, Bert, Sharon, Marvin, Monica, Savannah, Elton, Helen, Leigh, Charles, Michael, Richard, Lois & Juliana, Edward, Sarah, Pat, Eric, Sandy, David & Matt, the Borie Family, the Case Family, David, the Allen Family, Erik & Heather, Julie, Mary Kathryn, Beverly, Randy, Jack, the Griswold Family, and those we now name...

Leader Let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

Leader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, the Most Rev. Frank Tracy Griswold, III, and for all the departed, including those we now name...

Leader Let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

Leader For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

Leader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

Leader Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O God, by thy grace.

People **God, have mercy.**

Leader In the communion of Mary, Martin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To you, O God.**

CONFESSIOŅ & ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

(Silence may be kept)

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 the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

Give thanks for all God's blessings!

Please support Christ's ministries at St. Martin's 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;
- texting 73256 with the message ST MARTINPHILLY and an amount to give;
- 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!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 *(prayed 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 the one who comes in the name of God. 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 Savior 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 God,

All **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 God 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 and Martin and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All **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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

AGNUS DEI

People **O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

To those joining us in person, please proceed to the altar rail when invited via the center aisle. After receiving communion, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please keep your mask up at all times when not consuming the host, or sharing the cup. Intinction is not allowed. If you would like a blessing instead of bread or wine, simply place your hands across your chest.

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, O God, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO ANYONE AT ST. MARTIN'S FOR THE FIRST TIME. – TO RETURNING PARISHIONERS, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT, LOOK AROUND AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO A COUPLE OF PEOPLE YOU DO NOT KNOW.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY IN THE PARISH HALL HOSTED BY
STEPHEN MINISTRY



For all RSVPs: Scan the QR code with your phone's camera and follow the links for sign-ups (or email office@stmartinec.org to RSVP)

Funeral for the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold, III

Saturday, March 18, 11 a.m.

The funeral for Frank will be held at St. Luke's Church, Germantown, 5421 Germantown Avenue, on Saturday, March 18, at 11:00 AM. All are invited and welcome.

Stations of the Cross Sundays in Lent 5:00 p.m. February 26th-March 26th

Please join us for a service of prayer and music as we walk the Stations of the Cross together, with music by St. Martin's musicians. Our Baritone Section Leader, Michael Miller, will provide a 15 minute musical reflection after the service this Sunday.

Wednesday Evenings at St. Martin's: Lent + Joy in Ministry

March 1st-March 29th

4:30 p.m. Choristers Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Food & Fellowship

Wednesday, March 15th, 7:00 p.m.: St. Martin's Music Ministries Hosts Lent + Joy Forum

Are you searching for ways to put your faith into action? The Music Ministries of St. Martin's will host the Lent + Joy Forum this Wednesday, March 15th, 7pm where our community will hear from members of the choir, parents, and choristers regarding how they find and bring joy in their ministry.

Please RSVP for dinner if you are able, and to learn more use the QR code or email office@stmartinec.org

The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: Why People Are Drawn in, and How to Talk Across the Divide March 20th, 7 p.m. at United Lutheran Seminary, 7103 Germantown Avenue in Mt. Airy. The Rev. Dr. Pamela Cooper-White, Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs, at Union Theological Seminary (and former Assistant Priest at St. Martin's) will lecture on her new book.

Learn more and RSVP with the QR code or email Bill Bixby billbixbyop@gmail.com

Via Crucis: A Musical Devotion on the Stations of the Cross for Choir & Organ

Sunday, April 2nd, 5 p.m.

Join us for a special service of the Stations of the Cross supported by the Choir of St. Martin-in-the-Fields who will perform Liszt's meditations on the stations accompanied by Tyrone Whiting on the organ. This service will be a beautiful way to begin Holy Week.

Stewardship Update: March 9th, 2023

As of March 8th, 2023, 186 households have pledged a total of \$541,506.50. supporting St. Martin's in 2023. Together we have far surpassed our initial goal of \$500,000; thank you! Now, let us try to aim for \$600,000, which is closer to where we will need to be in 2024. Getting there this year will enable us to dramatically strengthen our staff and ministry in 2023, to be ready to move forward strongly into 2024, and to call our new Rector into a parish moving from strength to strength.

Thank you to the households who increased your pledges in response to this challenging moment at St. Martin's and who are helping us move into our future together. We appreciate your gifts, your faith, and your ongoing support.

The Stewardship Committee and church staff are available to help make pledging as easy as possible. If you wish to pledge on-line, go to www.stmartinec.org/pledge.

To make or to increase your 2023 pledge, please contact Lorie Hershey: (412)-587-0172 or lhershey@stmartinec.org. If you have set-up recurring online giving, you can adjust your donation amount via your ACS portal. For more information re: ACS, see our Giving page on our website: www.stmartinec.org/give. If you have any further questions, please contact David Dieck or Alan Good from the Stewardship Committee, Lorie Hershey on staff, or our Interim Rector, Jim Littrell.

Thank you again for pledging your support to St. Martin's for 2023.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the living: Claire; Lyn; David; Barbara; Jenny; Taylor; Carol; Pete; Bert; Sharon; Marvin; Monica; Savannah; Elton; Helen; Leigh; Charles; Michael; Richard; Lois & Juliana; Edward; Sarah; Pat; Eric; Sandy, David & Matt; The Borie Family; The Case Family; David; The Allen Family; Erik & Heather; Julie; Mary Kathryn; Beverly; Randy; Jack; The Griswold Family.

Please pray for the recently deceased: The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold, III



SERVING TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Laura Palmer

Preacher: Eugenie Dieck

Lector: Al Pearson

Intercessor & Chalice Minister: Matt McAlpin

Usher: Dorrie Schenkel

Altar Guild: Pamela Prell

Flower Guild: Jane Good

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