



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

*A Congregation of the Episcopal Church*  
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**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**8:00 a.m.**

**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**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. To access a digital Welcome Card, scan the following QR code:**



***Please take your nametag prior to the service.***

***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 Word of God

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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.

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

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

**PSALM 111** (*Said by all*)

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

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

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

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

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

*Deacon* The Good News of Jesus Christ.

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

#### THE SERMON

The Rev. Carol Duncan

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### 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.

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.

*Leader* God of love and mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*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* God of love and mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Leader* God of love and mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*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.

*Leader* God of love and mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*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

Claire; Barbara; Carol; Bert; Sharon; Juliana; Charlie; Daniel and Maggie; Julie; Ellen; Terry; Bill; Debbie; Ethan; Betsy; Michael; Diane; Patti; Gail; Margaret; Kaitlyn; Charles; Alfred; Robin; Pam; David; Donna; Jane; Peg; Gwen; David; Sandy; Bonnie and Yuri; Linda and Chuck; Minter and Hal; Cary; Sandra; Bill; John; Sylvia; the families and friends of the Rev. Emily Richards; Lois Hannon; and Barbara Johnson Green; and those we name now...

*Leader* God of love and mercy,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for the Rev. Emily Richards; Lois Hannon; Barbara Johnson Green; and those we name now...

*Leader* God of love and mercy,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* 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.**

#### **A LITANY FOR THE RESTORATION OF PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND**

*From the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*

*Leader* God of peace, we pray for the people of Palestine and Israel in these perilous and dangerous times.

***People* For all who are fearful for the safety of their loved ones and themselves, we pray that the assurance of unfailing love, even in the midst of danger, settles upon them. Shelter them from despair and protect them from harm.**

*Leader* For all who are wounded, we pray they find healing.

***People* For all who have died, we pray they find rest.**

*Leader* For all who grieve, we pray they find comfort.

***People* For leaders on all sides, we pray for a renewed will to lay down arms, for the strength to put the grievances and wrongs suffered by their people to rest, and for the conviction to embrace a path of reconciliation and peace that preserves the rights and dignity of all of your children.**

*Leader* God of mercy, help us to remember there is no border that can separate us from your great love and protection, no stone that can sound the well of your deep mercy.

***People* God of justice, we pray with hopeful hearts that your beloved children of the Holy Land will be spared a future of sustained violence and unrest and that a recognition of the humanity of all people will prevail.**

*Leader* We ask all this in the name of your Son, Jesus. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION & 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. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

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

## THE OFFERTORY

*The Offertory Sentence*

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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;*
- *texting 73256 with the message STMARTINPHILLY and an amount to give;*
- *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* 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* All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing; All you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *(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* Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**People**     **Dying, you destroyed our death.**  
**Rising, you restored our life.**  
**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*Celebrant*    Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and the Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Mary and Martin and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**People**     **Blessed are you 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.

*If you would like to receive communion, please proceed to the altar rail via the center aisle when invited by an usher. If you'd like a blessing instead of either the bread or wine, place your hands across your chest. Healing prayers are offered in the side chapel.*

## 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 dominion.  
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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to everyone who's with us at St. Martin's for the first time, or for the first time in a long time. It's good to have you here!** Returning parishioners, please take a moment, look around, and introduce yourself to people you have not met. **If you are new to St. Martin's, please complete a Welcome Card**, available at the back of church and in the pews.

## **Announcing Our Rector Search Committee Members**

*From Nokomis Wood, Search Committee Chair*

“Dear Parishioners, It makes me very happy to announce the members of your Search Committee for a new rector. It is with God’s blessing and your prayers, that we will choose a clergy leader for St. Martin’s. The members are: Erin Horvath, Lorraine Webb, Anthony Campisi, George Tyndall, Katherine Hankinson, Michael Prell, The Rev. Reed Brinkman, John Howe, Michaela Prell, Michael Blakeney, Sean Nesselrode, Nokomis Wood, Chair”

## **Announcing Our New Children, Youth, and Families Minister: The Rev. Britta Meiers Carlson**

*From the Rev. Laura Palmer*

“It is with joy and gratitude that we announce that The Rev. Britta Meiers Carlson has accepted the position as our new Children, Youth, and Families minister! Britta begins next week and will be with us until September because of other commitments. Many of you know Britta, her husband, The Rev. Reed Carlson, and their two delightful children, Anthony and Alma. Britta’s chief responsibility will be the 9:00 a.m. service, planning and leading Vacation Bible School this summer, and creating more opportunities for families at the church. Shrove Tuesday is shaping up to be one of the first! Britta is ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church and because we are in full communion with the Lutherans, she will be able to celebrate when I am away. She’s also going to be preaching on February 25th. Please take a moment to welcome Britta in her new role at St. Martin’s! Her email is [cyf@stmartinec.org](mailto:cyf@stmartinec.org). To learn more about Britta’s impressive background, see this week’s Field Notes.”

## **Final Epiphany Fireside Tea & Sherry Is This Evening!**

**4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Houston Room**

Please join us for our final Epiphany Fireside Tea and Sherry event. Much like our summer *Iced Tea Under the Tent* series, this fireside Epiphany gathering is a great way to meet with St. Martin's community members in an informal yet intimate setting. If you would like, please consider bringing a treat or additional beverage to share! RSVPs are not required.

## **Lenten Partners**

*Sponsored by Wellspring*

Lenten Partners is a program for parishioners who are interested in a companion to join them on their Lenten journey of prayer. The Lenten Partners choose a project they would like to share, whether it is a prayer practice, a service project, a book to discuss, fasting from food or bad habits, or any project that would help them have a fruitful Lent. They offer each other comfort and encouragement. Ultimately, partnering is intended to deepen our commitment to God, to our Lenten partner, and to seeking and serving Christ. If you are interested, please sign up at the back of the church. Contact Joanne Conway or Mary Grant to learn more.

## **MissionInsite Presentation: "Demographics of Northwest Philadelphia Churches"**

**This Upcoming Wednesday, January 31st, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. in the Houston Room**

The MissionInsite Team will share what the churches in Northwest Philadelphia look like with a focus on three key areas: 1) The fascinating range of versions of who God and Jesus are understood as with the many different churches in our immediate area. 2) Demographic changes in the region's church attendees 3) Nearby Philanthropic Sophistication churches

## **Notes from the Stewardship Committee**

The Stewardship Committee extends its thanks and gratitude to the **172** families that have already made their pledge for 2024. We are working to build on the generous commitment of support these pledges represent. While we continue to be ahead of last year's pledging pace, we're still working to close the gap and raise the remaining amount necessary to reach *our goal of \$750,000 in pledge support*. We can't reach that goal without the support of each and every household that considers St. Martin's its home parish.

## **Upcoming Adult Forums**

**Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Houston Room**

*See Field Notes for a description of each Forum.*

**Feb. 4: "Updates from St. James School"** - *Led by David Kasievich, Soozung Rankin, Laura Sibson*

**Feb. 11: "Memoir-Writing, St. Martin's Style"** - *Led by Huntly Collins and Wellspring*

**Feb. 18: "The Wissahickon, Ensouled, in Poetry"** - *Led by the Rev. Laura Palmer & Scott Robinson*

**Feb. 25: Annual Parish Budget Meeting in Place of Forum**

## **Ash Wednesday Service Times: Wednesday, February 14th**

**7:00 a.m.** Spoken Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

**12:00 p.m.** Holy Eucharist with Music and Imposition of Ashes

**7:00 p.m.** Choral Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

## **Save the Dates**

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, February 13th, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

*Co-sponsored by the Children, Youth, and Families Ministry and Men For Others*

### **Annual Parish Budget Meeting**

Sunday, February 25th at 9:15 a.m.

*Led by Tom Sibson and the Vestry Finance Committee*

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



## Choral Evensong

### 5 P.M. - FEB 4

The Choir of St. Martin's with special musical guests:  
**Aaron Graves, Valerie Gay, and Adenike Webb.**

A service in recognition and celebration of  
**Black History** in worship, music, and art.

*All are welcome!*

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## MUSIC & ARTS

### DISCUSSIONS IN DIVERSITY

Join us at for presentations and conversations with artists and creators who will discuss their work in the Arts as people of color.



7PM - February 7

**JONENE  
LEE**

*Artist &  
Gallerist*



7PM - February 21

**DAVID  
HURD**

*Organist &  
Music Director*



7PM - February 28

**VINROY DAVID  
BROWN, JR.**

*Conductor &  
Educator*

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# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

## 5p.m. Sundays in Lent

Join us for a short service of prayer, music, and art  
in meditation on the **Stations of the Cross**.

A 15-minute musical reflection follows each service.

**Michael Miller**, *Baritone*

February 18

**Gillian Booth**, *Soprano*

February 25

**Marisa Miller**, *Mezzo-Soprano*

March 3

**Aaron Scarberry**, *Tenor*

March 10

**Tyrone Whiting**, *Piano*

March 17

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**PRAYER LIST**

**Please pray for the living:** Claire; Barbara; Carol; Bert; Sharon; Juliana; Charlie; Daniel and Maggie; Julie; Ellen; Terry; Bill; Debbie; Ethan; Betsy; Michael; Diane; Patti; Gail; Margaret; Kaitlyn; Charles; Alfred; Robin; Pam; David; Donna; Jane; Peg; Gwen; David; Sandy; Bonnie and Yuri; Linda and Chuck; Minter and Hal; Cary; Sandra; Bill; John; Sylvia; and the families and friends of the Rev. Emily Richards; Lois Hannon; and Barbara Johnson Green

**Please pray for the recently deceased:**

The Rev. Emily Richards; Lois Hannon; Barbara Johnson Green

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**SERVING TODAY**

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Laura Palmer

*Preacher:* The. Rev. Carol Duncan

*Lector and Chalice:* Matt McAlpin

*Intercessor:* Ben Makem

*Usher:* Mary Baumberger

*Altar Guild:* Mary Baumberger

*Flower Guild:* Dani Reed

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