



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

A Congregation of the Episcopal Church

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5:00 p.m.

**Choral Evensong in Recognition and Celebration of Black
History Month**

Welcome to St. Martin's

We are very glad you are with us in this Spirit-filled space and time.

If you are joining us for the first time or returning after some time away, 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:



The entire service follows in this leaflet.

Prelude

Played by Valerie Gay & Aaron Graves

Introit

Keep your lamps

Thomas (b. 1952)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.

Christian, journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary,
'Til your work is done.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
The time is drawing nigh.

Opening Sentences

Confession of Sin

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

All **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.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

LEVAS 181 - Amazing Grace

The Invitatory and Psalter

Setting by Carl Maultsby

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Phos Hilaron *(Sung by the Choir)*

Arr. David Hurd

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes beyond the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Please be seated.

Psalm 23

Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows,
Beside the still waters,
She will lead.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my
foes,
She anoints my head with oil,
And my cup overflows.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
And fills my heart with songs.

Surely goodness & kindness will follow me,
All the days of my life,
And I will live in her house,
Forever, forever & ever.

Even though I walk,
through a dark & dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said She won't forsake me,
I'm in her hand.

Glory be to our Mother, & Daughter,
And to the Holy of Holies,
As it was in the beginning, is now & ever shall be,
World, without end. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Read by Nokomis Wood

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Lector Here ends the Lesson.

Anthem

Lift Up Your Heads

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Lift up your heads, O ye gates
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors
And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?
It is the Lord strong and mighty
Ev'n the Lord mighty in battle

A Reading from The Gospel According to Luke

Read by Harry Gould

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and

said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Lector Here ends the Lesson.

Anthem (*Soloist: Congregation member and musician, Adenike Webb*)

There is a Balm in Gilead

Dawson (1899-1990)

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul

Sometimes I feel discouraged
And think my work's in vain
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again

Don't ever feel discouraged
For Jesus is your friend
And if you lack of knowledge
He'll ne'er refuse to lend

If you cannot sing like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul
You can tell the love of Jesus
And say, "He died for all".

Please stand as you are able.

The Apostles' Creed (*Spoken by All*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers *(Said by All)*

Officiant May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

All **Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**

Officiant 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.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

All **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, save the state.

All **And mercifully hear us when we call upon you.**

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

All **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

All **And bless your inheritance.**

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All **Because there is none other that fights for us but only you, O God.**

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collects *(Sung by the Choir)*

Cantor Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Choir Amen.

Cantor Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior.

Choir Amen.

Cantor Keep watch, dear God, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, O Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Choir Amen.

The Anthem

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood, Arr. Barrett & Rao

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills
Knowing my help is coming from You
Your peace You give me
in time of the storm

You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to You
Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

All **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Closing Hymn

LEVAS 1 - Lift Every Voice and Sing

The Grace

Officiant The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all for evermore.

All Amen.

Postlude

Played by Valerie Gay & Aaron Graves



Please join us in the Houston Room across the driveway for a time of fellowship with beverages and refreshments.



SERVING TODAY

Officiant: The Rev. Laura Palmer

Director of Music & Arts: Tyrone Whiting

The Choir of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

St. Martin's Section Leaders: Gillian Booth, Marisa Miller, Aaron Scarberry, Michael Miller

Guest Musicians: Valerie Gay & Aaron Graves, and Adenike Webb

Lectors: Nokomis Wood and Harry Gould

Ushers: John Howe and Faith Watson

Altar Guild: Paula Wineland

Flower Guild: Kim Kopple

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