



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

A Congregation of the Episcopal Church

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March 17th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Choral 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!

Except for some hymns, when hymnal numbers are listed, the entire service follows in this leaflet. Hymnals are available in the racks under the pew in front of you or from an usher.

The Entrance Rite

PRELUDE

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

OPENING HYMN

H 603 - When Christ was Lifted from the Earth

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

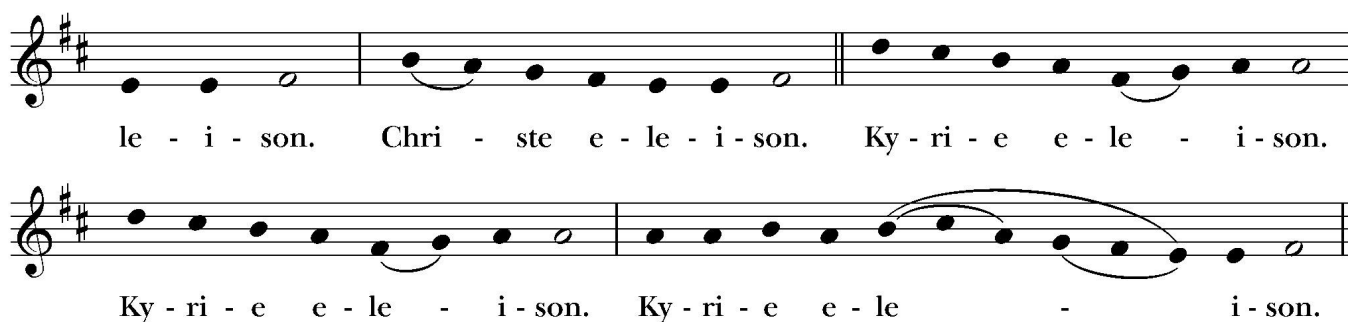
People **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON (Sung by All)

New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

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THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray,

People Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 55:1-13 (*Sung by the Choir*)

Plainsong

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *

- and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;
as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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 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. Lord, in your 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. Lord, in your 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. Lord, in your 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. Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those on our prayer list who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

The congregation may add their own prayers.

Leader Lord, in your 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.

The congregation may add their own prayers.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader And now, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts, let us add our own thanksgivings and petitions.

The congregation may add their own prayers.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader O Lord our God, be present with those who work for the renewal and mission of St. Martin's, especially those on the vestry, the parish profile committee, and the discernment committee. Guide us all in our beloved parish to see the path you have prepared for us to follow. Lead us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord and savior. Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

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 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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

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/ 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *(Sung by the Choir)*

The Loving Lamb

Jennifer Stammers (b. 1968)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer B, pg 367)*

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 him thanks and praise.

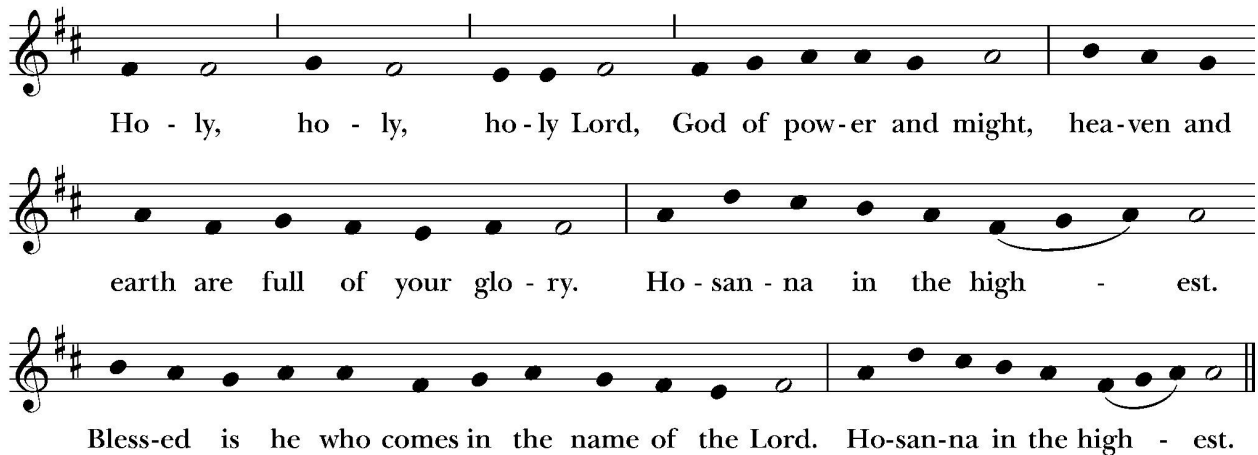
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto 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 *(Sung by All)*

New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and". The second staff continues with "earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The third staff concludes with "Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The notation uses a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with notes and rests clearly marked.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

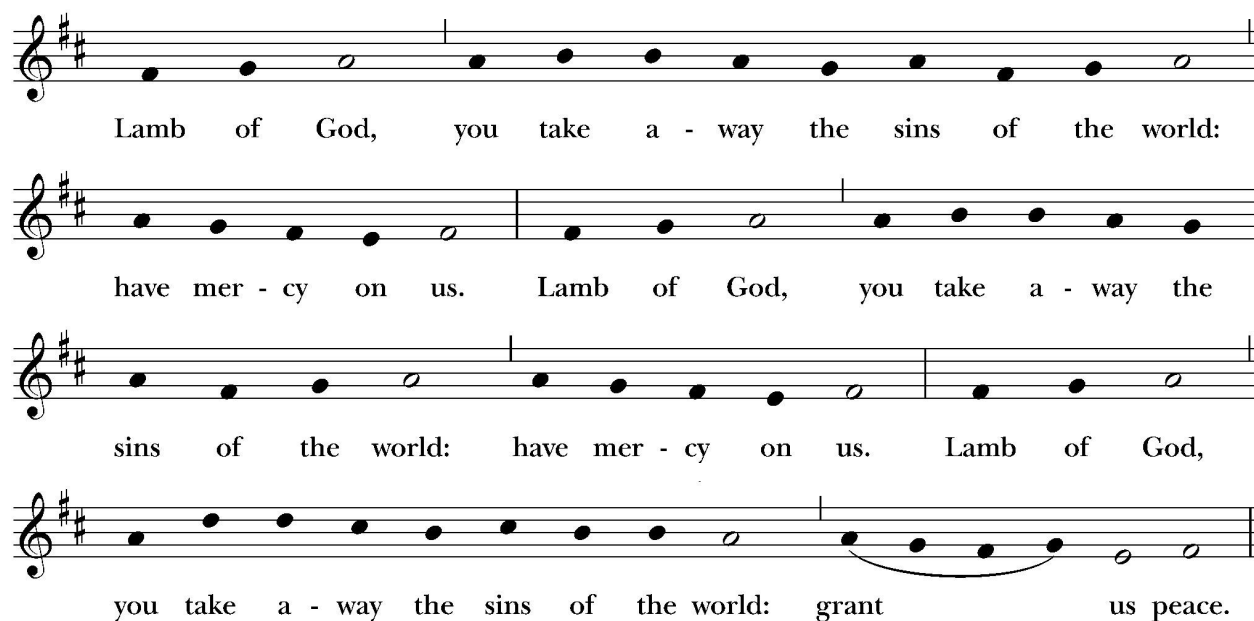
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us.

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

AGNUS DEI

New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

COMMUNION MOTET

Hide Not Thy Face

Farrant

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
 That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish,
 But have everlasting life.
 For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
 But that the world through Him might be saved.

COMMUNION HYMN

H 628 - Help Us, O Lord, to Learn

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 whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

H 473 - Lift High the Cross

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us walk into our Lenten devotions knowing God loves us and forgives us.

People Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE



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.

Final Week to Submit Names for Easter Memorial Flowers

If you would like to make a donation to this year's Easter Flower Fund in honor of, or thanksgiving for, a loved one, please contact Connie Haggard at choirconnie@gmail.com or call the office and leave a message for Connie. As is St. Martin's tradition, we will also memorialize each loved one's name in our Easter service leaflets. **Please submit names no later than Sunday, March 24th.**

Sign Up to Bring a Treat to the Easter Vigil Feast

All are invited and encouraged to attend the Easter Vigil service on Saturday, March 30th at 8:00 p.m., followed by our traditional Easter Vigil Feast in the Parish Hall. We also invite you to bring a small dish to contribute to the Feast! If you are interested, **please sign up on the clipboards in the back of the church.** Contact Kate Maus at kmaus@stmartinec.org with any questions.

Holy Week and Easter Service Times

Palm Sunday: March 24th at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5 p.m. Passiontide service with Christ Church, Philadelphia

Maundy Thursday: March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: March 29th at 12:00 p.m. (Eucharist) and 7:00 p.m. Seven Last Words *feat. music from the Fairmount String Quartet*

Easter Vigil: March 30th at 8:00 p.m., with Vigil feast to follow

Easter Sunday: March 31st at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Vacation Bible School: Songs of Creation

Mon., June 17th - Fri., June 21st, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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 contact the Rev. Britta Carlson for more information. Email: cyf@stmartinec.org**

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; Donna; Jane; Peg; David; Sandy ; Bonnie; Yuri; Minter; Hal; Sandra; John; Sylvia; Mary; Richard; Christopher; Sheila; Mark; Elton; and Charlie

Please pray for the recently deceased: Harriet Richards and Gwen Pulchard

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant:
The Rev. Laura Palmer
Preacher and Deacon:
The Rev. Carol Duncan
Director of Music & Arts:
Tyrone Whiting
The Choir of St.
Martin-in-the-Fields

Section Leaders: Gillian
Booth, Marisa Miller, Aaron
Scarberry, Michael Miller
Lectors: Michael Blakeney
and David Schaaf
Intercessor: Anne Swoyer
Crucifer: Betsy Masters

Chalice Ministers: Dick
Haggard and Anne Swoyer
Ushers: Diane Pierce and
Rich Welch
Altar Guild:
Mary Baumberger
Flower Guild: Jane Good

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