



White Angel, unknown artist. Fresco, 1234-36. Mileševa Monastery, Serbia.

Easter Day

April 12, 2020

10:00 a.m.

St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

The Reverend Matthew Hanisian, *Rector*

The Reverend Nathan Erdman, *Associate Rector and Chaplain*

The Reverend Dr. John Price, *Priest Associate*

Dr. HyeSung Hwang, *Director of Music Ministries*

Our mission is to gather as a welcoming community of Christ called to love and serve God, our neighbors and each other in joyful presence in the world.

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Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

From the earliest moments of the Christian church the words above have been used as a greeting between believers on Easter Day and the 50 days following Easter Sunday—also known as the Great Fifty Days. This morning we shout them with joy at the start of our service acknowledging that God, and God's love for us, is more powerful than even the finality of death.

The word "alleluia" focuses prominently in our service this morning, and I invite you to partake in another ancient tradition: every time the word "alleluia" appears, ring something—bells if you have them, but keys work just as well. Together we will make a joyful noise to God celebrating God's victory with our added praise and thankfulness.

Our livestream worship this morning of Christ's triumph over sin and death may seem a bit hollow as we are not all together to hear over 500 voices shout "Alleluia!" or hear the ringing of bells and keys each time we sing or say "Alleluia." Please know that once we are allowed to worship together once again, that first Sunday will be for us a real and literal Easter Day, our day of Resurrection. That said, my hope and prayer for us today is that we find, despite our separation from one another today, the love of God in Christ that is the cause of our celebration this morning.

Please take a moment to write in the comments section of the livestream or on the recording of the service and let us know where around the world you are watching and worshipping with us. Also, let us know how many people are there with you as we raise our voices in song and prayer, praising God and proclaiming that death has been defeated forever, and that love and life are the final words of the victory of our God.

I wish you and your family a blessed and glorious Easter Day. Alleluia!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mattie" with a small cross symbol at the end.

Rector

Welcome to St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

Our worship services are taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), The Hymnal 1982 (H), and Lift Every Voice and Sing II. All are invited to participate fully in our worship of God this morning.

CELEBRATION OF THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

PRELUDE MUSIC: *Aubade*

Christ, the Lord, is risen again

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Hail the day that sees Him rise

Brenda Portman

Arr. Michel Joseph

Mary McDonald

Robert L. Powell

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

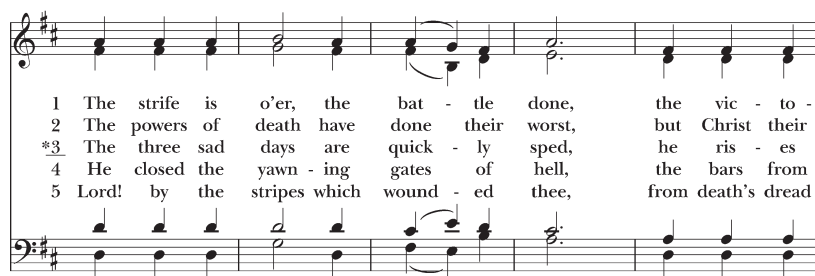
OPENING HYMN: *The strife is o'er the battle done*

H 208, v. 1-3


Our **Hymns** today feature majestic words and music that focus on the word "Alleluia" which has not been said since Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. At every mention of the word "Alleluia" join in the ancient tradition of joyfully ringing a bell, banging on a pot or pan, or even shaking one's car keys.



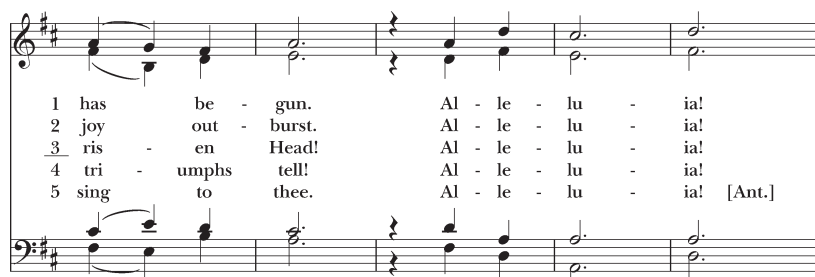
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He closed the yaw - ing gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread



1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and



1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



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EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen. ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY

BCP p. 222

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.*** Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 118:14-16, 21-24

¹⁴ ***The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.***

¹⁵ ***There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:***

¹⁶ ***"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"***

²¹ ***I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.***

²² ***The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.***

²³ ***This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.***

²⁴ ***On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.***

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: *Christ is alive!*

H 182, v. 1, 2, 5

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Reverend Matthew Hanisian

One minute of silence.

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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 and the Son. 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 – FORM III

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Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; ***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene , our Bishop; Robert, our Assisting Bishop; for Matthew, Nathan, and John our clergy; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

For Donald, our President; the Congress and Supreme Court of the United States; for Larry, our governor; and Steuart, our county executive; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest; ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. ***And also with you.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In celebration of Easter Day, please give generously to the mission and ministry of St. Martin's as we continue to serve our neighborhood, community and the world in the name of the risen Christ.

Please click the link in the livestream video to give, or visit stmartinsinthefield.com/giving.

The Nicene Creed is the most ancient and important corporate confession of our faith. We are joining ourselves to the great heritage of the holy (of God) catholic (universal) and apostolic (witnessing to the resurrection) church down through the centuries.

The Prayers of the People remind us that in our worship we are connected to a larger fellowship - the Church - the Body of Christ, on whose heart lies the cares and concerns of the world.

EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: *Jesus Christ is risen today*

H 207, v. 1, 2, 4
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EASTER DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE: *Organ Symphony No. 5, Op. 42 No. 1, V. Toccata*

Charles-Marie Widor

The Easter Blessing is an ancient three-fold blessing that highlights our redemption by the death and resurrection of Jesus and God's love for us as God's children—all of which are the hallmarks of our Christian faith and this holiest of days.

The Dismissal asserts the relationship between worship and living. It is a call to mission, a call to live the baptismal and Eucharistic life in the world.

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!



Fellowship and Faith

The Next Big Thing for the Great 50 Days of Easter

Join the clergy and your St. Martin's parish family for several new, exciting and fun ways to stay connected while building both our community and your faith online during the Great 50 Days of Easter.

The week after Easter we will begin the following fellowship and discipleship-building virtual events using Zoom.

IMPORTANT ZOOM INFORMATION:

- 1) For security reasons you **MUST RSVP to these events BEFORE THE DAY OF to receive your Zoom login and password. Don't delay, RSVP TODAY.** Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom
- 2) Learn how to use Zoom and best practices for joining a Zoom event. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom

**To RSVP to these events please visit
[STMARTINSINTHEFIELD.ORG/PARISH LIFE/ZOOM](https://stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom)**

The Acts of the Holy Spirit

Thursdays starting April 16 at 8:00 a.m. join Rev. Matthew for a new Bible Study as we read the Book of Acts together, four chapters a week. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to sign up and get your Zoom invite to the Bible Study.

Zoom Hymn Sing

Dr. HyeSung Hwang will lead us in a festive and joyful hymn sing as we celebrate the Great 50 Days of Easter. We will raise our voices in song on Thursday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to RSVP and receive your invite to sing along with us on Zoom.

The Bible Workbench

Sundays, starting April 19 at 9:00 a.m. join Rev. John as we come together for community as we read and discuss the Holy Scriptures assigned for our Sunday morning worship. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to get your Zoom invite to The Bible Workbench.

Zoom Coffee Hour

Every other Sunday, starting April 19, at 11:00 a.m. join your St. Martin's parish family for a time to check in, after we worship together. This informal gathering will last approximately 30 minutes and be hosted by the clergy. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to RSVP for this series.

Parent's Coffee Chat

Parenting during this time of COVID-19 compassionate distancing can be challenging and rewarding. On Sunday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. join Rev. Nathan and members of the Children's Ministry team for a time of fellowship and fun. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to sign up.

Rite-13 and J2A Game Nights

Miss your friends from Rite-13 and J2A? We'll be holding some Zoom game nights during the Great Fifty Days of Easter. All Rite-13 and J2A families will receive zoom invites, so you can join in the fun, visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to sign up.

YAC/Confirmation: Edition

We'll get started up with some online confirmation sessions after Easter. Youth and parents will receive a Zoom invitation and password for their first meeting.

Sunday School At Home

At-home Sunday School materials will be included in regular children's ministry e-mails. The Children's Ministry team is also exploring ways to engage children on Zoom. So keep an eye out for announcements about Sunday School Zoom events during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

To the Glory of God, Easter Flowers are given by...

The Kidd family in memory of our parents and in thanksgiving for our wonderful children.

Prince and Nancy Jernigan in memory of our parents Charlie Haywood and Mary Rouson Jernigan and Clarence and Nannie Patterson Davis, and in thanksgiving for our children: Alison (Dwayne, Sr.) and David Ashley (Kristen); and our grandchildren Dwayne II, Caleb, Eva, and Malachi.

The Neseth Family in thanksgiving for all our many blessings.

Lloyd and Betsy Keys in memory of Alonzo Rand, Lloyd and Florence Keys and in thanksgiving for our families and for those affect by the coronavirus pandemic.

Ann Bacot Edwards and David Edwards in memory of John Edwards, Cindy Grundy, and Betsy and Julian Bacot.

Marie Tuccille in memory of Jerome Tuccille and in thanksgiving for my children and grandchildren.

David R. Herron and Susan M. MacDonald in memory of our parents, Rolfe and Adelaide, and John and Marion.

David and Mary Ina Bourdon in memory of our parents, and Charles Hale and in thanksgiving for thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and the healing grace of Jesus, Our Lord of this Coronavirus in our country and the world.

Bambi and Dan Sturgeon in thanksgiving for our good health and the good health and blessings of our sons, daughters-in-love, and our precious grandchildren.

Tim George in memory of Amy George.



Pam Ward in thanksgiving for the life of Michael Ward and prayers for continued health for family and friends.

The Sabins family in memory of Otto and Betty Thiele; Bill and Alverda Sabins; Chuck Sabins; and Bob Sabins.

Sally Burton in memory our parents Joe, Sara, Richard, Shirley and in thanksgiving for our extended family and friends.

The Radike family in thanksgiving for our children Ethan, Alexandra, and Madison, and for our families; and we pray for the safety of and honor the commitment of all first responders and front line employees in all businesses.

Pam, Anne, Molly, John and Beckie Arey; Lindsay and Matt Parvis, in memory of Rev.

Patrick Arey.

Reverend Matthew Hanisian in memory of Joyce and Ray Glover, John Hanisian, Ruth and Dr. Thomas Heineman, and the Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson, Jr.; and in thanksgiving for the blessing from God that are our family and friends and the gift of love—where we see God most clearly.

Bruce and Kay Nelson in thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren and other Brinkley-Nelson family members.

George Acree in memory of my loving wife Marjorie M. Acree in thanksgiving for my family.

Lee and Sylvia Marston in thanksgiving for our wonderful, helpful family.

Deborah and Charles Fitzgerald in thanksgiving for our family, here with us, gone before us, and to come.

**Glory to God who works in all things through the Body of Christ!
St. Martin's gives grateful thanks to all who have given of themselves to help make our
celebration of Jesus' resurrection possible.**

For our Office Staff: Leah Musiker, our Parish Administrator; Amber Kaltz, our Communications Coordinator; Kathy Key, our Bookkeeper; Chris Mitzel, our Facilities Manager; Reita Turro, our Nursery Director.

For our Office Volunteers: Pam Ward, Sandy Sacra, Martha Nicholson.

For the Altar and Flower Guilds, and our Worship Leaders.

For our Director of Music Ministries, Dr. HyeSung Hwang; and our Parish Choir; and Handbell choir.