



Pentecost; mosaic. West Dome, circa 1270; The Patriarchal Cathedral Basilica of Saint Mark; Venice, Italy.

Day of Pentecost

May 31, 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*

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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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Dear St. Martin's Parish Family,

Pentecost greetings to you! I hope that you are all well, healthy and safe.

In last week's E-pistle, I promised to give you updates about our return to face-to-face worship as they became available. This week, several new pieces of information were passed along from the diocese. Please take a moment and read this update and the new information about our worship now and as we move forward.

To be clear, regathering at St. Martin's will go more slowly than most would like, indeed the road ahead of us is long. And, trust me, I am anxious to see everyone face-to-face—or masked face-to-masked face—as soon as we are able. However, my desire to resume in-person worship even in a limited sense, is severely tempered by my desire for our parish family to remain safe.

The overarching theological response, to which we as St. Martin's need to adhere, was most succinctly offered by the bishop of Maine: "God has a mission, and the church is called to engage it: the Episcopal Diocese of Maine is called to slow the spread of COVID-19." I believe that as St. Martin's, we are called to do the same. As we move forward we will continue to rely on the gospel values of trust, reciprocity and gentleness; we will remain open to ongoing prayer and discernment of God's will for us; we will care for the most vulnerable members of our parish family; comply with all laws as put forth by our state and county governments and health officials; and continue whatever necessary to minimize a second wave of infection and death.

Recently the Diocese of Maryland sent out the requirements and materials for our churches to use as we develop plans to reopen. The plan I've been working on for the last six weeks or so will be vetted by a small group of parishioners, and then presented to the Vestry for its approval. Finally, the plan will be presented to the bishop and Standing Committee of the diocese for their approval. My hope is that by the middle of June we will have approval for our plans to re-open St. Martin's, in phases, over the course of the summer. Of course, this all might change if cases of the COVID-19 virus rise, or should the diocese, county or state governments put additional restrictions on what we can legally do in terms of our worshipping together once again.

On the weekly Wednesday Zoom Call with the clergy of the diocese, the bishop and his staff outlined the new policies and restrictions for all worship in our churches. As you will see, we have been told we can no longer sing during worship services (except for, if we choose, a cantor who might sing the words to hymns as we listen), inside or out, face-to-face in person, or even livestreamed. While this is disheartening for me personally, and I'm sure for many of you also, I remain committed to the safety of all of us as we worship together, even if apart.

As we move closer to regathering at St. Martin's for Sunday worship, I ask for your continued prayers and support as we manage through this time of pandemic.

With God's Peace and Blessings,



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 today.

PRELUDE: *Prelude on "Spiritus vitae"*

Jared M. Salyards

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

OPENING 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 OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

The Collect for Purity

entreats almighty God to prepare our hearts for worship. This prayer dates back to the 10th century and has appeared in almost every Anglican Prayer Book in the world since Thomas Cranmer's original translation in the 1549 Prayer Book.

The Collect of the Day

"collects" our individual thoughts into unified prayer that we might respond to the lessons we are about to hear.

PSALM 104:25-35, 37

²⁵ ***O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.***

²⁶ ***Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.***

²⁷ ***There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.***

²⁸ ***All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.***

²⁹ ***You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.***

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

12:3b-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 7:37-39

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

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

SERMON

The Reverend Matthew Hanisian

MUSICAL REFLECTION: *Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort, BWV 1103*

Johann Sebastian Bach

NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

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.

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

BCP p. 387

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Good Shepherd, Towson; Holy Comforter, Lutherville; and Holy Nativity, Baltimore. 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.***

We pray for our St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal School and Jamey, our Head of School. 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 - this week we pray for Joey, Sarah, Julia, David, Kyle, Lynn, Susan, Ward, Carol, Kevin, Jenny, Mark, Jocelyn, Andrew, Bill, Cole, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Annie. ***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.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; we also pray for all those in our parish family who celebrate their birthday this week especially: Leah, Roxy, Alice, Emma, Jack, Beth, Juliet, Thomas, Matthew, Bryan, Jerry, Ginger and Noah. And we pray for Neil and Lori Preston who celebrate their anniversary this week.

I ask your prayers for all those whose lives have been affected by the COVID-19 virus and all health care providers, as they tend to those who have been infected. Pray for those affected by natural disasters, who live in fear, or whose lives have been affected by gun violence and acts of terror, both domestically and abroad; for those serving in our Armed Forces; and for all of our children and grandchildren.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.

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.**

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: Holy Spirit, ever living

H 511

The Offertory Hymn is to be sung by the livestream congregation during the setting of the Table for Holy Eucharist.

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
 2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing
 min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with
 bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.
 ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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: **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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

FRACTION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) exemplifies that the Eucharist is the action of the whole Church, even of the whole creation, by sharing the song of the angels and the company of heaven.

**The Post-
communion
Prayer**
comes from
the prayer
book for the
Armed Forces
and speaks
to Spiritual
Communion
whereby the
assembled
congregation
spiritually
partakes of
the bread
and wine
while only
the celebrant
consumes the
elements.

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. During
the Great
50 Days of
Easter ONLY
we insert
the festive
Alleluias
into both
the Opening
Sentence and
Dismissal,
setting apart
these days
after Easter as
holy.

INVITATION

*Bishop Sutton has permitted the Celebrant ONLY, on behalf of the congregation,
to consume the consecrated elements of the Eucharist.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire*

Lyndell Leatherman

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