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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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

The Reverend Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs, *Interim Rector*

The Reverend Nathan Erdman, *Associate Rector and Chaplain*

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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The Holy Season of Lent

This season of Lent St. Martin's is offering new opportunities for you to grow deeper in your faith, and deeper in relationship with your St. Martin's parish family..

TUESDAY NIGHT LENTEN PROGRAM: TASTE AND SEE

Tuesdays through March 25, 5:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)

Join us each Tuesday in Lent and Holy Week for a simple dinner and an intergenerational program. We will gather to hear the story of Jesus' experiences in Holy Week using Godly Play, an interactive storytelling format. Following our story, we will reflect on how Jesus' story impacts our own stories through art, movement, music, and discussion. We need volunteers to bring soup to share. **For details and to sign up to bring soup, scan the QR code or visit www.stmartinsinthe field.com/events/** Contact Rev. Josh, rector@stmartinsinthe field.org.



THE MEANING OF THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION

Thursdays through March 21; 12 p.m. (St. Martin's House) or 7 p.m. (Zoom)

Join us for a Lenten book discussion of *The Sign and the Sacrifice: The Meaning of the Cross and Resurrection* by Rowan Williams. We'll explore his short and accessible book on the meaning of the Crucifixion and Easter. **For details and to register scan the QR code or visit www.stmartinsinthe field.com/events/** Contact Rev. Nathan, associate@stmartinsinthe field.org.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THESE WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. (Arrival time 8:45-9:00 a.m.)

Sunday School (K-Grade 5): SMES Art and Science Rooms

Rite-13 (Grade 6-8): Lower Heck Hall

J2A (Grade 9-10): Lower St. Martin's House

Confirmation Class/YAC (Grade 10-11): St. Martin's House

Register at stmartinsinthe field.com/parish-life/ or contact Rev. Nathan, associate@stmartinsinthe field.org.

PARENTS' GROUP - *Sundays, 9:00 a.m. (Parish Hall)*

Each week we explore different aspects of faith-based parenting and join in fellowship. This group is geared for parents/guardians of school-aged children, but is open to all who wish to attend. For a schedule of events **visit www.stmartinsinthe field.com/events/** . Contact Chris and Liz Lucas, stmartinsparentsgroup@gmail.com.

BIBLE CHALLENGE BOOK STUDY

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. (St. Martin's House, lower level)

You are invited to join us as we study of the Book of James. We are using the study guide <https://lamplightersusa.org/product/james/> published by Lamplighters International. For details contact Cindy Neseth, cincysue1@aol.com.

INTERIM RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, 11:30 a.m. (St. Martin's House, upper level)

Join Rev. Josh for a weekly drop-in Bible study. Bring your Bible (or borrow one from the Church office) and a brown bag lunch as we study the Gospel of Mark. Contact Rev. Josh, rector@stmartinsinthe field.org.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel happens during the 10:00 a.m. service, from before the reading of the Gospel to the Peace. Children from 3 years old to 2nd grade are invited to experience an age appropriate Liturgy of the Word led by Children's Chapel adult leaders. Contact Rev. Nathan, associate@stmartinsinthe field.org for details.

SHEPHERD GROUP *Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. (via Zoom)*

Group discussion of the readings for the upcoming Sunday. All adults welcome. For zoom link and details contact Susan Griesmyer, sgriesmyer@verizon.net.

SUNDAY NURSERY - Available Sundays from 8:45 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. for infants and children ages 3 and under. Located in Parish Hall, see an usher for directions.



NEW TO ST. MARTIN'S?

Please scan our QR code and help us welcome you to our community.

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

*Our worship services are taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP);
all are invited to participate fully in our worship of God this morning.*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I - 8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

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INVITATION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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please wait until AFTER the chalice is offered and simply cross your arms over your chest.***

Gluten-Free wafers are available, please let your need be known to the Celebrant.

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DISMISSAL	

You're invited to join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship in the Narthex following our worship this morning.

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 (L). We invite you to participate fully in our worship service, by both singing joyfully and with spoken responses which appear in bold.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II - 10:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: *What Wondrous Love is This*

arr. Michael Mauldin

WELCOME

Please stand and sing.

OPENING HYMN: *Lift high the cross*

H 473

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

BCP p. 351

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. ***God's mercy endures forever.***

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP p. 352

KYRIE

All sing.

H S 88

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 219

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

A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

31:31-34

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.

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

PSALM 119:9-16

⁹ ***How shall a young man cleanse his way? By keeping to your words.***

¹⁰ ***With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments.***

¹¹ ***I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you.***

¹² ***Blessed are you, O Lord; instruct me in your statutes.***

¹³ ***With my lips will I recite all the judgments of your mouth.***

¹⁴ ***I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches.***

¹⁵ ***I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways.***

¹⁶ ***My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word.***

During Lent the font is covered, since there is an ancient tradition of not baptizing people during Lent. The font will be refilled with holy water at Easter.

The Penitential Order begins our services during Lent and focuses on both our need to repent for our sins, and God's love and mercy to forgive us so that we may amend our lives and more fully live as the beloved children God created us to be.

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

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

5:5-10

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.

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

Please stand and sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN: *What wondrous love is this*

H 439

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

As we sing the Sequence Hymn all children are invited to gather in the back of the church with the Children's Chapel adult leaders. Children's Chapel is located in the Parish Hall. The children will rejoin their parents during the Peace.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

12:20-33

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

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.

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

The Gospel procession into the congregation reminds us that Jesus came among us.

All face the Gospel.

SERMON

The Reverend Nathan Erdman

One minute of silence.

NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

The BCP allows congregations to write their own **Prayers of the People**. During Lent and Holy Week, we will use prayers written by our Rite-13 Youth Group.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for our Bishops, Priests and Deacons. We pray for our St. Martin's-in-the-Field Choirs, Sunday School teachers and A/V ministry, and for all people who contribute to the mission of St. Martin's and for other churches around the world. **Hear us, Lord.**

We pray for our nation's leaders and all authorities around the world. **Hear us, Lord.**

We pray for those suffering from natural disasters and war. We pray for this congregation and the world to conserve natural resources. **Hear us, Lord.**

We pray for struggling local small businesses, our first responders, coastguard and others in our community who help protect us and keep us safe. We also pray for those experiencing homelessness during this time. **Hear us, Lord.**

We pray for those who are sick and those with cancer, the poor and for those who are unable to care for themselves, especially Emmett, Cynthia, Lois, Olivia, Kate, Jeanne, Philip, Bunny, and Dora. **Hear us, Lord.**

We pray for those who have departed from this life and into the next. **Hear us, Lord.**

We give thanks for those who have birthdays this week, especially Kay, Ann, Lindsay, Owen, Connor, Finlay, Dawn, Grant, David, Doug, Jackson, Anna, Bryan and Henry. **Hear us, Lord.**

We pray for new members to our parish, educators and students at St Martin's Episcopal School and those around the world. Thank you for the beauty of your creation, our parks, forests, rivers and especially the Chesapeake Bay for all the joy and gifts it gives us. **Hear us, Lord.**

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

In our parish family long term prayers are requested for: Sara, Gloria, Jared, Clyde, George, Geoffrey, Joe, Bill, Lee, Jax, Sumner, Sarah, Candy, Ellen, Brody, Matt, and Kyle.

ST. MARTIN'S TRANSITION PRAYER

O Lord God, our lives and works are in your hands. With all that we undertake, you are present with us, guiding us on the roads ahead. Now, we find ourselves in a time of transition. In your mercy, give us your holy wisdom and guidance so that we will be transformed to the people you would have us to be. Grant us open minds, listening ears, and loving hearts. Be with our search committee and vestry as they work to call a faithful pastor, who will care for us and equip us for our ministries. All this we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PEACE

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Miserere mei Deus*

Antonio Lotti

DOXOLOGY

Please stand and sing.

H 143, v. 5

**O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP p. 361

SANCTUS

H S 129

**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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP p. 364

FRACTION ANTHEM

All sing.

H S 166

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

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THE CONGREGATION JOINS IN THE SINGING OF THE COMMUNION HYMNS

COMMUNION HYMNS: *O love of God, how strong and true*

H 455

And now, O Father, mindful of the love

H 337

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP p. 366

A SOLEMN PRAYER

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*

H 495

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Postlude in C minor*

Fenton Grodon

At the close of our worship service please exit the sanctuary quietly or stay and enjoy the postlude.

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During Lent, we will use bread for **Holy Communion** instead of our usual wafers. Our Bread Ministry, Parents' Group, and Sunday School partnered to bake our altar bread.

A Solemn Prayer is used instead of a blessing during Lent. This change reflects Lent's somber atmosphere, especially when compared to Easter.

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.



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