



Altar to an Unknown God, Antiquarium del Palatino; Rome Italy.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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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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.

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



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**** YOU ONLY NEED TO RSVP ONE TIME ****

ADULT AND INTERGENERATIONAL

The Acts of the Holy Spirit: Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. join Rev. Matthew for a new Bible Study as we read the Book of Acts together. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to sign up and get your Zoom invite to the Bible Study.

The Bible Workbench: Sundays 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. RSVP online at stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom.

Zoom Forum for Vestry Candidates: Please join today, **Sunday, May 17** at 11:15 a.m. for a meet and greet with the four candidates chosen for the ministry of the Vestry. Read candidate statements and biographies on our website stmartinsinthefield.org/about-us/vestry or see the link in the E-pistle. We'll hold our final Zoom Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 31 at 11:00 a.m.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Sunday School At Home: We'll be holding short online Sunday School Sessions on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Sessions will include a Bible story, sharing time and a prayer. RSVP online at stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom.

Parent's Coffee Chat: Parenting during this time of COVID-19 compassionate distancing can be challenging and rewarding. Sundays 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 invite you for fun and games on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Join the fun and sign up at stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom.

YAC/Confirmation: Zoom Edition: Online confirmation sessions will be held Sundays at 11:45 a.m. Interested youth and parents please RSVP online at stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom.

SPECIAL EVENT: Feast of the Ascension Livestream Service

Join Bishop Ihloff, St. Martin's-in-the-Field, St. Albans, St. Andrews, and St. Christophers to celebrate the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven. Join us online Thursday, May 21 at 12:00 p.m. as we worship together virtually during this time of compassionate distancing. Worship with us livestream via St. Martin's facebook page. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to watch. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/events for details.

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.

PRELUDE MUSIC: *Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn*, BWV 630

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: *At the Lamb's high feast*

H 174, v. 1,3,4

Our Hymns during the Great 50 Days of Easter feature the word "Alleluia," to express our gratitude, wonder and joy at God's gift of eternal life through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

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

BCP p. 225

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

PSALM 66:14-18

BCP p. 677

¹⁴ *Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.*

¹⁵ *I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.*

¹⁶ *If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;*

¹⁷ *But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.*

¹⁸ *Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.*

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF PETER

3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--

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

not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: *Come down, O Love divine*

H 516

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

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.

NICENE CREED

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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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In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for The Anglican Church in Korea; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: St Martin's in-the-Field, Severna Park; St Philip's, Annapolis; and St Stephen's – Severn Parish. 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 Lynn, the James family, Susan, Joseph, JD, Ward, Carol, 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: Peter, Connie, Beth, Grace, Sheri, Sam and Durelle. And we pray for John and Linda Keefe, Pablo and Cris Argeles, Bill and Elaine Phillips, Gary and Sarah Stein, and Wamahdri and Kathy Skidmore Williams who are celebrating their anniversaries 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; for those who are recovering from addiction and do not have access to recovery meetings. 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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In celebration of the Easter Season, 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

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.**

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.

CLOSING HYMN: *Lord dismiss us with thy blessing*

H 344

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

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.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Postlude on "Hallelujah! Thine the Glory"*

David Lasky

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