



Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

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

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

The Rev. Lauren R. Holder, *Rector*

The Rev. 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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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.

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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All may receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist or a blessing. Stand or kneel at the altar rail to receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available on the far left of the altar rail. Receive the wine either by drinking from the common cup or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine in the smaller intinction chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest.

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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), Enriching Our Worship, 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**. We livestream our 10:00 a.m. service*

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

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: *Erstanden ist der heilig Christ*

Johann Gottfried Walther

WELCOME

Please stand and sing.

OPENING HYMN: *Awake, arise, lift up your voice*

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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.

GLORIA

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

The Psalm is recited antiphonally by whole verse.

PSALM 150

¹ Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; praise him in the firmament of his power.

² **Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his excellent greatness.**

³ Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; praise him with lyre and harp.

⁴ **Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe.**

⁵ Praise him with resounding cymbals; praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

⁶ **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

As we sing the Sequence Hymn children who wish to attend Children's Chapel are invited to gather in the back of the church with the Children's Chapel adult leaders. Children's Chapel is located in the music room. The children will return during the Peace.

All stand and sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN: *We walk by faith, not by sight*

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Nathan Erdman

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 II

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In our parish family prayers are requested for: The Smith family, Joey, Michele, Kerry, Carter, Eliana, Matthew, Julia, Sarah, Amalia, Edmund, Anna May, Joey, Kip, Wilma, Merla, Lisa, Mike, The Carman family, Kevin, Sarah, Kevin, Melanie, Jared, Bill, Jax, Brody, Matt, and Kyle.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIVING

The Offertory is when we make a sacred gift to God as part of our worship. You can leave a donation in the plate being passed by the ushers; give online via our secure online system by scanning the QR code provided or visit our website at <https://stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/give/> Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Martin's in our world.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Christ, the Lord, Is Ris'n Again*

arr. Kent Newbury

PRESENTATION HYMN

Please stand and sing.

H 182, v. 5

**Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

All sing.

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**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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

The cantors chant the verses. All repeat the Antiphon where indicated.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. *Antiphon

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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The Congregation joins in the singing of the Communion Hymn.

COMMUNION HYMN: Will you come and follow me

WLP 757



1. Will you come and fol - low me if
2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
5. Christ, your sum-mons ech - oes true when



I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
 I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
 I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
 I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
 you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your
 nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your



let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in



you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 5. you and you in me.

COMMUNION HYMN: *That Easter day with joy was bright*

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Please stand.

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.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *He is risen, he is risen*

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Easter Fanfares*

Robert Lau

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

POPSICLE PLAYGROUND PLAYDATE

This Sunday following the 10:00 a.m. service

After church we are hosting a popsicle playdate to connect parents of Sunday School age kids. Join us on the playground behind the church. Spend time with other parents, Rev. Lauren and Rev. Nathan while the kids play. For details contact Rev. Nathan, associate@stmartinsinthefield.org.

REGISTER FOR ST. MARTIN'S VBS TODAY

St. Martin's is offering Vacation Bible School, the week of July 28- August 1, for kids ages four to 12 years old. For \$50 you can register your child for half-day VBS, which would be from 8am to 12pm, or for \$75 we will have a full-day of VBS, from 8am to 3pm. **To register scan the QR code, visit our website www.stmartinsinthefield.com/events/ or contact Tabitha Carman, tabithacarmanrn@gmail.com.**



WALKIN' LOVES

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. (Kinder Farm Park)

Lace up your shoes and join our new Walkin' Love group for fresh air and fellowship. Meet us for a walk on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. at Kinder Park, off of Kinder Rd, near the small playground. The loop is 2.4 miles, mostly level, and takes about 45 minutes to complete. All ages and fitness levels welcome. Contact: Julie Reiter 443-875-1457.

SMES NIGHT AT THE RACES GALA & AUCTION

Saturday, May 3

Don your best Derby hat and get ready for an unforgettable night of fun at our School's largest annual fundraising event, our Gala & Auction on Saturday, May 3, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. at Chartwell Golf & Country Club. Your evening includes cocktails, seated dinner, live and silent auction, and dancing with music by the Dan Haas Band! Purchase your tickets today! Visit <https://stmartinsmd.org/>



EYC: CINCO DE MAYO AND ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Sunday, May 4, 5:30 p.m.

Bring your appetite for some great Mexican themed food. After we eat we'll play ultimate frisbee. *For all youth grades 6th-12th. Friends are welcome.* Newcomers always welcome. Contact Sam Burdette, samburdette@gmail.com or Amy Miller, akriewald19@gmail.com.

PARTNERS IN TRANSITION (PIT) GROUP KICK-OFF MEETING

Saturday, May 10, 9:00 a.m.

Join us as we come together to support those affected by the Federal Government reduction in forces. You're invited to the Partners in Transition (PIT) Group Kick-Off meeting on Saturday, May 10, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the St. Martin's House meeting room (2nd floor). This gathering will provide a space for discussions on how St. Martin's PIT group can offer resources, support, and fellowship during this time. Refreshments will be provided, so come connect with others and explore ways we can uplift one another. If you are unable to attend in person and would like to join us virtually **scan the QR code, visit our website www.stmartinsinthefield.com/events/**

For any questions, feel free to reach out to: Dan Tootle, Susan Gibbons, Chris Werth, Ann Platoff, or Wendy Gatanas. We look forward to seeing you there!



WE'RE MOVING TO REALM CONNECT!

Tuesday, May 27

We're making the transition to Realm Connect, a new online platform and mobile app that will help us all stay more connected to St. Martin's—anytime, anywhere.

With Realm Connect, you'll be able to:

- View our online directory
- Access your giving history
- Update your personal profile
- And much more!

What to Expect: On Tuesday, May 27, you'll receive an email invitation from St. Martin's to join our online community. This email will include a secure link to create your Realm account—either through the website or the Realm Connect app (available on iOS and Android). We're excited to launch this new way to stay engaged and grow together as a community! Details to come. Contact Katrina Schultz, parishadmin@stmartinsinthefield.org.

OUTREACH AND MINISTRY

BINGO NIGHT AT LIGHT HOUSE SHELTER

Friday, May 2, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

You're invited to share a meal and enjoy a few games of Bingo with our neighbors from the Lighthouse Homeless Prevention Center. Volunteers (ages 11+) are needed to help make this outreach opportunity successful. Sign up today! **Scan the QR code, visit our website www.stmartinsinthefield.com/events/ or contact Rachel Erdman, rachieryan@hotmail.com.**



NEED GIFT CARDS?

Our J2A Youth Group is selling gift cards in support of their pilgrimage. For every card purchased, they receive a percentage back. These cards make great graduation gifts, but most importantly can be used for everyday purchases. Give a card to yourself to buy your everyday groceries. It's a easy way to support the youth at St. Martin's without costing you extra. To place an order or set up an account contact Amber Kaltz, akaltz@stmartinsinthefield.org.

SPAN OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL

SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) serves our neighbors by helping them through a critical or emergency situation. St. Martin's supports SPAN's mission this month by asking for donations for SPAN's **April's theme is "Spring Cleaning."**

Please donate household cleaning items: soaps, laundry detergents, sanitizing wipes and sprays. Sanitary items and baby diapers especially in the larger sizes are also helpful.

Of course we're also happy to collect anything else you're willing to share. **Donations can be dropped in the bins marked "SPAN" in the Narthex.** For details about SPAN visit: www.spanhelps.org/support_us.

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

Children and youth of all ages are welcome to join any time.

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

Rite-13 (Grade 6-8): SMES History Room

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

YAC (Grade 11-12): St. Martin's House

Contact Rev. Nathan, associate@stmartinsinthefield.org.

FAITH AND FAMILY GROUP - Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

(Parish Hall) - You are invited to this inclusive community dedicated to nurturing faith and service in our families.

Drop your kids off for Sunday School and/or youth group, grab a cup of coffee or a donut, and join us. Contact Chris and Liz Lucas, stmartinsparentsgroup@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

During the 10:00 a.m. service children age 4 and older are invited to experience an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word. *See bulletin for details.*

SUNDAY NURSERY - Available for infants and children ages 4 and under on Sundays from 8:45 - 11:30 a.m. Located in Parish Hall, see an usher for directions.

TUESDAY NIGHT GROUP - Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual)

Deepen your understanding of your theological beliefs and how they may impact your everyday life. Readings are based on Christian Theology from a variety of authors. Join us Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Charlie Fitzgerald, charliefitz76@gmail.com, 410-353-4719.

BIBLE CHALLENGE BOOK STUDY - Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

(St. Martin's House) Join us for a 16 week study of the Acts of the Apostles. We will be using the LifeChange Study Guide on Acts which can be ordered on Amazon. https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0891091122?ref=dbs_m_mng_rwt_calw_tpbk_11&storeType=ebooks Contact Cindy Neseth, cincysue1@aol.com.

SHEPHERD GROUP - Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

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

MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY - Thursday, 12:00 noon

(St. Martin's House) Join us for a weekly, midday Bible study and connect with God's word. Meetings are held in the conference room of St. Martins house. Bring a Bible. For information contact Julie Reiter, 443-875-1457, voicesbyjulie@gmail.com.

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