



Third Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist
April 19, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Preacher & Celebrant:
The Rev. Lauren R. Holder



**St. Martin's
in-the-Field**
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Serving Severna Park since 1955

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.*

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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Narthex following this morning's worship service.

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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: *Song Of Life: Christ Burst The Bars Of Death!*

Lani Smith

WELCOME

All stand and sing.

OPENING HYMN: *At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

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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

All sing.

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

- ¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- ² **The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.**
- ³ Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- ¹⁰ **How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?**
- ¹¹ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- ¹² **I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**
- ¹³ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.
- ¹⁴ **O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**
- ¹⁵ I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- ¹⁶ **I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,**
- ¹⁷ In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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: *Over The Chaos Of The Empty Waters*

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the

prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Lauren R. Holder

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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The congregational response is "Hear our prayer."

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

In our parish family prayers are requested for: Bruce, Stephen, Alex, John, Rosemary, Alec, Mary, Eileen, Susan, Cris, Barbara, George, Jim, Kiera, Marie, Emma, Brett, Katie, Lew, Karen, Suzanne, Greg, Bruce, David, Joey, Michele, Kerry, Carter, Amalia, Kip, Wilma, Merla, Mike, the Carman family, Kevin, Sarah, 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 Christ 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 or give online by scanning the QR code or via our website at <https://smartinsinthefield.com/giving/> Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Martin's-in-the-Field.

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 God, 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

WLP 876

Antiphon
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing
— of the bread. *Fine Verses* 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
All repeat Antiphon
ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.

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The Congregation joins in the singing of the Communion Hymns.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *Come, Risen Lord*

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We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight

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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

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day; —
 2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care, —
 3. Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce. O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing. —

1. I know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er oth - ers say; —
 2. And though my heart grows wea - ry I nev - er will de - spair; —
 3. E - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ, the King! —

1. I see His hand of mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer, —
 2. I know that He is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast, —
 3. The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find, —

1. And just the time I need Him — He's al - ways near. —
 2. The day of His ap - pear - ing — will come at last. —
 3. None oth - er is so lov - ing, — so good and kind. —

He lives, — He lives, — Christ Je - sus lives — to - day! —

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. —

He lives, — He lives, — sal - va - tion to im - part! —

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with - in my heart. —

DISMISSAL

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

After the dismissal, you may remain seated for the postlude or exit to the Narthex.

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune On "The Day Of Resurrection"

Jason D. Payne

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