



A mosaic depicting the miracle of the loaves and fishes at the Church of the Multiplication in Tabgha | File photo: Getty Images

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Last summer we began the Beethoven Project, performing all 10 violin sonatas. Our journey continues with the sonatas from Op. 30. Written in 1802, the year of the Heiligenstadt Testament, these pieces highlight Beethoven's creativity and emotional depth despite his struggles. We invite you to join us and experience his captivating music at two venues this year: Peabody Conservatory on August 3, 3:00 p.m. and the Church of Epiphany in DC on August 6, 12:00 noon. For details contact Dr. HyeSung Hwang, Director of Music Ministries, music@stmartinsinthefield.org.



BACKPACK BUDDIES NEEDS SUMMER HELP

Our Backpack Buddies program helps nearly 20 children each week during the school year by delivering food for food-insecure children to take home for the weekend. One of our school partners has identified children who need our help over the summer. Volunteers are needed to shop for and deliver food to four homes in Severn on Friday mornings. Grocery costs will be reimbursed. Food ideas will be provided. You don't need to be available every week! Any efforts to help are greatly appreciated. To sign up or for more details, contact Sarah Parkison, sarahparkison@verizon.net.

SUMMER "MEET & EAT"

Wednesdays through August 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for fellowship and delicious food.



Suggested donation is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Burgers/Hot Dogs/Chicken and drinks provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. For special dietary needs contact John Theune, jatheune@gmail.com.

Heat Advisory: Please note that if the temperature outside is 90 degrees or more we will eat indoors.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. (Parish Hall)

No study on July 28, will resume August 4.

Want to understand Old Testament history better? Want to see how Israel's experience of God intersects with their experience? Join us and take a deep dive into the Book of Kings. We will study political crises, theological challenges, and sharpen our skills at reading the Bible. Together we will also draw strength, courage, and examine our own struggles to be a people faithful to God. **There is no child care available this hour during the summer.** Contact Greg Church, ekklesia520@gmail.com.

BIBLE CHALLENGE BOOK STUDY

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

Come and study the Book of Proverbs with us. Join us whenever you are able over the summer. The study guide can be purchased online: <https://a.co/d/6LxWUiT>. Contact Cindy Neseth, cincysue1@aol.com.

The following programs will resume in the fall:

Sunday School, Youth Classes, EYC, Shepherd Group, Bible Workbench and Parents' Group.

JULY OUTREACH: HOPE FOR ALL

Hope For All is a Christian ministry whose mission is to provide basic furniture, household items, and clothing to people in our community who are without the financial means to meet their basic needs. Hope for All strives to offer stability to their daily lives and hope for their future. If you want to learn more about Hope For All, please review their website at <https://hopeforall.us/about/> To donate visit stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/give/ and put HOPE FOR ALL in the memo area. For details contact Kathy Berge, helpingotherstowin@gmail.com.

SPAN OPPORTUNITIES FOR JULY

SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) serves our neighbors by helping them through a critical or emergency situations. St. Martin's supports SPAN's mission this month by asking for donations for SPAN's **July's theme - "Summer Fun."** Donate items such as bottle water, sunscreen, insect repellent, hand sanitizer, and baby wipes. Other useful items are shelf stable foods like rice, beans, pasta, pasta sauces, popcorn, as well as canned vegetables and fruits. **Donations can be dropped in the bins marked "SPAN" in the Narthex.** For details about SPAN visit: www.spanhelps.org/support_us.

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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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 italics**.

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

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: *Morning Has Broken*

Arr. Michael Bedford
Handbell Choir

WELCOME

Please stand and sing.

OPENING HYMN: *Joyful, joyful we adore thee*

H 376

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP p. 355

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

H S 280

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 231

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

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

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

*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 14

¹ *The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.*

² *The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.*

³ *Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.*

⁴ *Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?*

⁵ *See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.*

⁶ *Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge.*

⁷ *Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.*

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Please stand and sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN: *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

H 686

THE HOLY GOSPEL

6:1-21

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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.

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.

SERMON

The Reverend Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs

One minute of silence.

NICENE CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM VI

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In our parish family long term prayers are requested for: Scott, Olivia, Mike, The Murray family, Ben, Melanie, Jeanne, Philip, Bunny, Sara, Gloria, Jared, Bill, Jax, 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 Lauren, our Rector-Elect, and her family as they prepare to join our parish, and with us as we prepare to welcome them. All this we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

Should you wish to refrain from physical contact during the Peace, simply give those around you the two-fingered "peace sign."

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/>



If you pledge via electronic means (ACH or online giving) please use the "Pledge Voucher" card, found in the pews, as a physical representation of your gift to St. Martin's.

Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Martin's in our world.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

David Phelps

DOXOLOGY

Please stand and sing.

H 388, v. 1

*O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

BCP p. 369

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 God thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS

All sing.

H S 130

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP p. 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP p. 364

FRACTION

All sing.

H S 154

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

INVITATION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Gluten-Free wafers are available. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, please stand to the far left of the altar rail, near the piano.

The Congregation joins in the singing of the Communion Hymn.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

H 304

Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

H 345

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.

THE CONCLUSION OF AN INTERIM MINISTRY

Aaron Carman, as a representative of the Vestry, will lead the initial prayers

On behalf of this congregation and the Vestry of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, we now recognize the conclusion of the interim ministry of the Rev. Josh Rodriguez-Hobbs, who has served here since August 2023. Let us pray.

The Sanctus, which begins, "Holy, holy, holy..." is a hymn of remembrance, consecration and praise where our voices echo the voices of the angels who eternally praise God with these words. Our worship also includes the Benedictus, "Blessed is he..." a Christological acclamation of the coming of Christ into the world, taken from Matthew's gospel.

Grant that we, along with Josh and his family, may continue to be instruments for serving the common good, **Give strength to your servants, O Lord.**

Grant to the people of St. Martin's-in-the-Field the vision to continue on God's journey, and to fulfill the mission of Christ, that all people may know God and love each other through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Give hope to your people, O Lord.**

Waken and inspire our hearts to see your face in all whom we meet, especially those in need, the sick, the hopeless, the helpless and the forgotten, both in this place and beyond its walls. **Give vision to your people, O Lord.**

Grant to us a holy remembrance of those who have gone before us, thankfulness for their abiding faith, and gratitude for their gifts which form the foundation of our ministry today. **Give peace to your people, O Lord.**

Make us willing to ask, to knock, and to seek the kingdom of God, inviting and drawing others so that we might more and more show forth your glory in all that we say and do. **Give joy to your people, O Lord.**

Rev. Josh prays

O God, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared this past year. We thank you for your never-failing presence with us and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained. We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son. Now, we pray, be with us; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be closer to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Do you, the people of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, recognize and accept the conclusion of our pastoral relationship? **We do.**

BLESSING

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.

CLOSING HYMN: How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

H 637

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

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