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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021

8:00 p.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*

The Reverend Kathleen Schotto, *Deacon and Seminarian*

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**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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GLAD YOU ARE HERE: You belong here: See you on Sunday.

We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us today in person or online. Christmas Eve is one of the most special and meaningful services of the church year. This year, like last Christmas, things will be a bit different, although the basics of our worship and praise to God remain unchanged: we are united by the God who is with each of us, who came down to live with us, bringing light and love into our hearts and our world: Emmanuel, God with us.

You are not just welcome here; you are needed here.

The joy, love and welcome of this holy day are what we experience every Sunday. Excellent worship, in-person Sunday School and Youth programs for our children, and dozens of ministries that focus on alleviating hunger, poverty, lack of education and homelessness...the list goes on and on of the wonderful things happening here at St. Martin's-in-the-Field.

Come back and worship with us on Sunday. Every Sunday.

What is holding you back from experiencing this same sense of joy, family, and love every single Sunday?

Attending church on Sunday is safer by far than going out to eat with friends, or even going to the grocery store. What you experience today is what this church and our community are all about. We have resumed two in-person Sunday services: one at 8:00 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m. with education for all ages starting at 9:00 a.m. If you are with us for the first time or returning back after perhaps being away from church, St. Martin's welcomes you home.

Our St. Martin's in the Field Episcopal School offers top-notch education for children Pre-K through 8th grade and has nurtured thousands of children in Severna Park over the last six decades. Our Episcopal School builds confidence, compassion, and character in each child. If your child or grandchild is in the Pre-K through 8th grade, [visit our school's website to learn more about the incredible benefits of an Episcopal education: www.stmartinsmd.org](http://www.stmartinsmd.org). The artwork appearing on the front cover of our worship bulletin was created by students at our Episcopal school.

Again, I'm delighted you've chosen to worship with us on this holy day and I invite you to worship with us every Sunday and become a part of our growing and vibrant community. And, I wish you, and all those you love a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year.

In the name of Jesus, our Savior,



The Reverend Matthew Hanisian,
Rector

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

Our worship services are taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and The Hymnal 1982 (H).
All are invited to participate fully in our worship of God today, congregational responses are in **bold italics**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II - 8:00 P.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: *Puer natus in Bethlehem*, BWV 603

Johann Sebastian Bach

It came upon the midnight clear

H 89

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King.'
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.*

*Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!*

*For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.*

There is no Rose

Pat Messick
Woman's Choir

Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich, BWV 605

Johann Sebastian Bach

God rest you merry, gentlemen

H 105

*God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.*

*From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.*

*'Fear not, then,' said the angel, 'Let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might.'*

*Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
and with true love and charity each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.*

Refrain: *O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

In the Bleak Midwinter

arr. Mark Schweizer
Adult Choir

WELCOME

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN: O come, all ye faithful

H 83 v. 1-3, & 6

1 O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e-ter-nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,
 *4 Sec how the shep-herds, sum-moned to his cra-dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin-ners poor and in the man-ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem;
 2 lo! he ab-hors not the Vir-gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci-ti-zens of heaven a-bove;
 4 leav-ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em-brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be-hold him, born the King of an-gels;
 2 on-ly be-got-ten Son of the Fa-ther;
 3 glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est;
 4 we too will thith-er bend our joy-ful foot-steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov-ing us so dear-ly?

Refrain
 O come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord.

The Collect for Purity entreats almighty God to prepare our hearts for worship. This prayer dates back to the 10th century and has appeared in almost every Anglican Prayer Book in the world since Thomas Cranmer's original translation in the 1549 Prayer Book.

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

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

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

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

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

PSALM 97: 1, 6-12

BCP p. 726

¹The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

⁶The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods.

⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.

⁹For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

¹²Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy Name.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO TITUS

3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

The congregation stands for proclamation of the Holy Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL

2:8-20

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

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told 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

BCP p. 358

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

BCP p. 387

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 and Robert our bishops; for Matthew, Nathan, and John our clergy; and Kathleen our seminarian and deacon; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

For Joseph, our President; the Congress and Supreme Court of the United States; for Larry, our governor; 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 Charlie, our Interim 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. **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 continue to pray for those affected by the COVID-19 virus and all health care providers, as they tend to those who have been infected; for those affected by natural disasters; we give thanks for all those who celebrate birthdays and wedding anniversaries and for the many blessings of our lives.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP p. 360

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.

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 AND GIVING

Thank you for your generous giving on this holy day in celebration of Jesus' birth into our world.

For those worshipping online, you may text **Give2STM to 73256** to give via text messaging, or you may choose to give online via our secure online system by clicking here:

<https://stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/give/>

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Alleluia*

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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 him 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.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father, **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

ALL are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Martin's.

Please come forward to the standing station in the middle of the center aisle, following the instructions of the ushers.

Tape marks on the main aisle indicate 6' of social distance.

In the Anglican Tradition, consuming either the Bread or Wine is the same as consuming both elements.

Families may come forward together as a group.

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

THE CONGREGATION JOINS IN THE SINGING OF THE COMMUNION HYMNS

COMMUNION HYMN: *Angels we have heard on high*

H 96

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

COMMUNION MUSIC: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Michael Praetorius Arr. Rosemary Corrigan Campbell

COMMUNION HYMN: *Away in a manger*

H 101

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
*3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.



1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full rev - erent ly up on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP p. 365

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.

Please join us as we sing this traditional Christmas Carol, kneeling as you are able.
Please share the light of Christ with those around you.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: Silent night, holy night

H 111

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

All stand and sing.

CLOSING HYMN: Hark! the herald angels sing

H 87

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!
Refrain
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

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.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach arr. Mike Magatagan

*The congregation is invited to sit and listen to the postlude,
remaining in the sanctuary until the online broadcast concludes.*

*The members of our Choir are fully vaccinated and per the diocesan guidelines can sing
while maintaining social distancing guidelines.*

Today we especially thank the members of our Altar and Flower Guilds who have helped make our worship possible and have beautified our sanctuary for Christmas. We also give thanks for the members of our parish admin staff, our choir members, and our A/V Ministry team without whom our worship and celebration of Jesus' birth would not be possible.

We wish you a Blessed and Joy-filled Christmas!

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Shining Christ's Light and Love in the World This Year

Our parish family shone the love and light of Jesus into the world this year when it was needed the most.

Service to Service 5K Goal Reached: In a year when it was almost impossible to do traditional hands-on ministry, our parish family surpassed our goal of giving 5,000 hours of service to our community. This year we gave back the equivalent of over \$143,100 worth of service—what an achievement. A huge thank you to our parish family for the many ways we give back to our community. While our goal has been met that doesn't mean we are finished. How will you help us serve our world in Jesus' name this new year?

New Look for the Sanctuary: We completed a renovation and restoration of our worship space. The pews and altar rail received repairs, re-staining and restoration work. New flooring was installed. The organ console and choirs moved to the balcony and the baptismal font was placed in the midst of the congregation. These changes enhance our worship space both liturgically and logistically to better serve the needs of our congregation as we worship God.

Parents Group Launched: This Fall we launched a new initiative for our parents who met every Sunday for fellowship, conversation, education, and hands-on projects that benefit St. Martin's and our community. In just three months the group has organized a coat drive—donating dozens and dozens of coats to those in need, painted gratitude rocks for the campus and built child-size picnic tables for our school students. The group has also shared tips and ideas on parenting, stewardship and being a member of the church community. If you are the parent of a school-aged child, this group is for you and will begin meeting in January for the Spring semester.

The Youth of St. Martin's: It's been wonderful to be able to gather on campus again and have our children and youth education classes resume with a bang. Additionally, EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) has really taken off this fall with large attendance for Team Building adventure, Laser Tag, Noodle Hockey and a Gingerbread Build-Off. Your youth are always welcome to attend, as are their friends when EYC resumes in January.

Banner Year for Our Episcopal School: We are thrilled to have 295 students enrolled in our Episcopal school. Our soccer and cross country teams were wildly successful this fall, and both the boys and girls basketball teams have started their seasons with strong showings. Our Middle School hosted three performances of Lion King, Jr. and our entire school performed in winter concerts by division. The first annual Mustang Trot Student Fun Run raised over \$41,000 for our school. That event along with our other annual fund initiatives has raised almost \$90,000 for the Mustang Fund. Most importantly we have instilled in our students, faculty and staff that each is a beloved child of God, the cornerstone of an Episcopal school education.

Shining Our Faith Brightly in 2022

Nursery and Children's Chapel: January 9 we welcome back our Nursery and Children's Chapel. The nursery will be available from 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Sundays for infants and children ages 3 and under. Children's Chapel—our age-appropriate worship for those age 3 to 4th grade—occurs during the 10:30 a.m. service. Children leave the sanctuary right before the reading of the Gospel and return to their parents at the Peace for Holy Communion.

Chalking of the Doors during Epiphany: During the first two weeks of Epiphany, the clergy will come to your home and perform a simple service of blessing with you and your household as we celebrate the spread of news of Christ's birth in the world. Online signups will be available starting in January.

Epiphany Baptisms: Join us January 9, as we do all in our power to support the persons baptized in living out their new life in Christ, and in renewing our Baptismal Covenant. If you or a member of your household would like to be baptized, please contact a member of the clergy.

Shrove Tuesday: All are welcome for a service of Evening Prayer which will conclude with the burning of last year's palms to help make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Pandemic allowing, we hope to have our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper resume this year; be on the lookout for updates.

Ash Wednesday at St. Martin's: Join us for an evening service with Proper Liturgy for Ash Wednesday on March 2. We will once again offer the option to receive the imposition of ashes from your car with Ashes-to-Go that morning.

Lenten Series: Join us a five-week series of education in Lent. The topics covered will be accessible for all ages. Putting our faith into action in our daily lives is the emphasis of this series.



St. Martin's Christmas Flowers



ALTAR FLOWERS, PLANTS AND GREENS ARE GIVEN BY:

- Lois Brockett in memory of husband Ward and our daughters Meg and Cathryn and in thanksgiving for our son's family and the love and lives we shared.
- Charlie and Debbie Fitzgerald in thanksgiving for our family, our church, and our world.
- Tim and Karen George in memory of Amy George.
- Joyce and Bob Lee in thanksgiving for family and friends near and far.
- David and Lisa Mallery in memory of our parents and in thanksgiving for our family.
- Kate McCulloch in memory of Scott McCulloch and in thanksgiving for grandparents: Judy and Alan Manzler, Mary Kay McCulloch and Jacque Dawson.
- Cathy and Tom Kidd in memory of our parents and in thanksgiving for our children, Jenn and Sarah.
- Betsy and Lloyd Keys in memory of Alonzo C. Rand, and Lloyd and Florence Keys, Sr., and in thanksgiving for our families and all the blessings in our lives.
- David Herron in memory of my loving wife Susan MacDonald, and her parents John and Marion MacDonald and my parents Rolfe and Adelaide Herron.
- Bruce and Kay Nelson in memory of parents George and Jolyn Brinkley and Howard and Helen Nelson.
- Rev. Matthew Hanisian and Katie Glover in memory of Ray and Joyce Glover, the Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson, Jr. and in thanksgiving for our family and many blessings.
- Marie Tuccille in memory of Jerome Tuccille, in thanksgiving for my children and grandchildren.
- Mark Tilyou and Elise Tilyou in memory of Ben Tilyou and other family members.
- Don and Martha Nicholson in loving memory of our parents.
- Susan and Carter Askren in memory of Anne Askren.
- The Boteler family in thanksgiving for our families, past, present and future, and all God's gifts.
- Susan Griesmyer in memory of Nancy Griesmyer.
- Karen and Mark Sabins in memory of our parents and grandparents and in thanksgiving for family, friends, this St. Martin's community, and the love and joy of the season.
- Jane O'Donnell in loving memory of Rita Venturini.
- Prince and Nancy Jernigan in memory of our parents: Charlie Haywood and Malvina Rouson Jernigan, Sr.; Clarence and Nannie Patterson Davis; our siblings Carlton Lee, Glenn Roger, and Waynette Evelyn Davis; our grandparents: Lemuel and Lillie Alexander Rouson, Dorsey and Lottie Wilder Jernigan, Roy and Lillie Mattox Patterson; and in thanksgiving for our children: Alison Camille and David Ashley; and grandchildren: Dwayne, Jr., Caleb, Malachi Murray; and Eva Ashley, Gavin Porter Jernigan; and the blessings for our health, family, and home during this terrible pandemic.
- The Neseth family in thanksgiving for our daily blessings.
- Pam Ward in memory of Michael Ward and in thanksgiving for the blessings of my family.
- The Kirkup family in memory of Bobby Joyce Canon, Mom/Grandma.
- Sandi and Alex Blair in memory of loved ones we miss this holiday season; McKays, Blairs, Maddens and Mays.
- Ernest and Errub Killip in thanksgiving for Trinity's birthday.
- Bambi and Dan Sturgeon in memory of our dear parents who began the traditions and in thanksgiving for our sons, bonus daughters and sweet grandchildren: James, William, Gavin, Trent, Logan, and Riley, the "stars" of our lives and with whom the traditions live on.
- Mark and Helen Kellogg in memory of Zig and Mary Boroughs.
- Kevin O'Connell and Laurette Hankins in memory of George F. and Marion O'Connell.
- Cynthia F. Shimp-Day in memory of John Day, J.P. Thorim, C. DeLawter, the Ferrells, the Cogars, and M. Stanka.



*St. Martin's gives grateful thanks to all who have given of themselves to make our celebration of Jesus' birth memorable and joyful.
Glory to God who works in all things through the Body of Christ.*

*For the office staff: Anne Stewart, Administrative Assistant; Amber Kaltz, Communications Coordinator; Jory Bender, Bookkeeper;
Chris Mitzel, Facilities Manager; Reita Turro, Nursery Director.*

For our office volunteers: Sandy Sacra, Angela Johnson and Susan Griesmyer.

*For our Associate Rector and School Chaplain, the Reverend Nathan Erdman; Priest Associate, the Reverend Dr. John Price;
our Deacon and Seminarian, the Reverend Kathleen Schotto; the Altar Guild; the Flower Guild; and our Worship Leaders.*

For our Director of Music Ministries, Dr. HyeSung Hwang, and our choirs.