



*Angelic Choir*, by Edward Burne-Jones. Mosaic, circa 1880; St. Paul Within the Walls, Rome, Italy.

## **A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols**

December 26, 2021

10:30 a.m.

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

The Reverend Matthew Hanisian, *Rector*

The Reverend Nathan Erdman, *Associate Rector and Chaplain*

The Reverend Dr. John Price, *Priest Associate*

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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## The Holy Season of Epiphany: Light, Magi, Revelation

The Episcopal Church says the following about the Season of Epiphany:

*“A season of four to nine weeks, from the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6), through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The length of the season varies according to the date of Easter. The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus’ identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ. We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showings of his divinity recorded in the gospels of the Epiphany season. (see: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/epiphany-season>)*

This year we have eight of the possible nine Sundays that stretch from January 9 to March 2. Each day of Epiphanytide we gain several minutes of daylight—literally there is more light in our lives. During our worship services we will hear gospel stories primarily from Luke's gospel. Almost all of the gospel passages focus on the ways that Jesus revealed to his disciples and the world that he was the Christ, the light of the world.

The tradition of inscribing one's door with a blessing started in medieval times in central Europe. Today, the custom is practiced by millions of Christians around the world today and is rooted in the visitation of the “wise men from the East” to the infant Jesus and his parents and the blessing they bestowed.

For the past five years, the clergy have come to parishioners’ homes and done this simple service, inscribing the ancient formula of blessing above the home's entryway. **This year we will once again resume this tradition at St. Martin's--however you will need to sign up online. See the announcement in the bulletins, in the E-Pistle and on our website to sign up and have Rev. Matthew or Rev. Nathan come and bless your entryway. Time slots are limited, so I urge you to sign up today.**

As one canon of the Church of England wrote so eloquently, “It is, moreover, a constant reminder that Christ is incarnate in the love and care we show each other in our ordinary lives together, and also our relationship with friends and strangers who cross the threshold of our homes in the course of the year.”

I invite you into this holy time of revelation, light, and blessing. The days will now become brighter, longer, as we look for the many ways the Light of the World, Jesus, is being revealed to us afresh this year.

In the name of Jesus who is the light of the world,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mattie" with a small cross symbol at the end.

# 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**.

## A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS WITH HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II - 10:30 A.M.

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### WELCOME

**PRELUDE:** *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Gustav Holst arr. Mark Schweizer  
*Hand Bell Choir*

*All stand.*

#### BIDDING PRAYER

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

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols and praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. ***Amen.***

*Please be seated.*

#### THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 3:1-22

Read by Clay Patty

#### **Adam and Eve Rebel Against God and Are Cast Out of the Garden of Eden**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;" but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the

woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, you shall not eat of it, cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all who live. And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. Then the LORD God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever."

**CAROL:** *Adam Lay Ybounden*

Boris Ord

*Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;  
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.  
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took.  
As clerkes finden, written in their book.  
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,  
Ne had never our ladie abeen heav'ne queen.  
Blessed be the time that apple taken was;  
Therefore we moun singen Deo gracias!*

**THE SECOND LESSON: ISAIAH 7:10-15**

Read by Christopher Werth

### **Isaiah Gives Ahaz the Sign of Immanuel**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

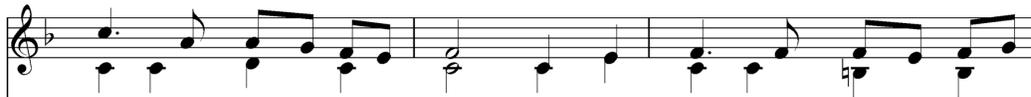
All stand and sing.

CAROL: Once in royal David's city

H 102 v. 1, 2, & 6



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
\*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
\*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in



1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -



1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —  
6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

Please be seated.

THE THIRD LESSON: LUKE 1:26-38

Read by Lori Skalitzky

### The Birth of Jesus Foretold

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

CAROL: *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,  
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."  
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

*Please be seated.*

## THE FOURTH LESSON: LUKE 2:1-20

Read by Elaine Bachmann

**The Birth of Jesus**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 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 Saviour, 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 favours!" 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.

*Jesus the Christ is born! Give thanks now  
 every one! Rejoice, ye great ones and ye  
 small; God's will it has been done.  
 Ye, mighty kings of earth, Before the  
 manger bed, Cast down, cast down your  
 golden crown from off your royal head!  
 Cast down, cast down your golden crown  
 from off your royal head!  
 For in this guise The son doth sleep, And  
 see the Mother Her vigil keep.  
 Two angels at His head, Two angels at  
 His feet, Beside His bed the flowers red  
 perfuming there so sweet, so sweet.*

THE FIFTH LESSON: JOHN 1:1-18

Read by Connor Skalitzky

### The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

CAROL: *Alleluia*

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Alleluia, Alleluia,  
 O Praised be God, All raise your voices, sing with thankful voices;  
 Thou God today, hast given us joy, Hold fast to Him and praise His name eternal.*

*All stand.*

NICENE CREED

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***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
 Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through  
 him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the  
 Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he  
 rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of  
 the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With  
 the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in  
 one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look  
 for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

**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.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—FORM III

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In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: St. Peter's, Ellicott City; Trinity, Elkridge; All Hallows, Davidsonville. 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; 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 - this week we pray for Jasper, Clark; the Markey family, David Luke, Tim, Mildred and family, Peg, Joseph, Mamsook, Alison, and Donald as well as those in our parish family in need of our continued, long-term prayers as listed in our bulletin. ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed, eternal rest; ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; especially for those in our parish family who celebrate their birthday this week: Meg, Howard, Kathy, Trent, Cody and Mike. And we pray for David and Mary Ina Bourdon; and John and Kassy Sodergreen who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

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

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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 to the mission and ministry of St. Martin's in 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/>

*In our parish family long term prayers are requested for:  
George, Eileen, Stephen, Alison, Dwayne, Jeff, Barbara, Jim, Matt, Tina, Chris, Lois, Kyle, Katherine and Kenny.*

## 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.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All sing.

## OFFERTORY 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.

*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.*

## 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**

#### **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: *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.

COMMUNION HYMN: *It came upon the midnight clear*

H 89

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly  
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly  
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give  
  
 still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

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***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**

*All stand and sing,*

**CLOSING HYMN: Joy to the world! The Lord is come**

H 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the  
  
 ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and  
  
 heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
  
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

*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: *I saw three ships***

David Clark Isele

*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.*

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# St. Martin's-in-the-Field

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

### 2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to all who have given back to God this year to support the ministry and mission of St. Martin's in 2022. **So far we have received pledges from 98 households totaling \$648,472.** Last year we had 154 households pledge \$656,000. The **average increase per household this year is over 40%**. This is wonderful news. If you have not yet made your gift back to God, please do so now—every gift is vital as we come through the pandemic. **Pledge cards are in the Narthex or pledge online at [stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/pledge/](https://stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/pledge/)** Send your completed pledge cards to the Parish Office.



### EPIPHANY BAPTISMS

**Sunday, January 9, 10:30 a.m.**

Join us, 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 Rev. Matthew, [rector@stmartinsinthefield.org](mailto:rector@stmartinsinthefield.org) or Rev. Nathan, [associate@stmartinsinthefield.org](mailto:associate@stmartinsinthefield.org) for details.



### WE REACHED OUR 5K SERVICE TO SERVICE GOAL

During one of the toughest periods our community faced, the Covid pandemic, **we surpassed our goal of giving 5,000 hours of service to our community.** 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 done. There is always work that continues to need to be done using our hands, hearts, and selves through our ministries. How will you help us serve our world in Jesus' name this new year?



### NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHAPEL TO RESUME - JANUARY 9

January 9 we welcome back our Nursery and Children's Chapel. Our nursery will be available from 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Sundays for infants and children ages 3 and under. Children's Chapel happens during the 10:30 a.m. service, from before the reading of the Gospel to the Peace. Children from 3 years old to 2nd grade, are invited to experience an age appropriate Liturgy of the Word led by Children's Chapel adult leaders. **Adult volunteers needed.** Contact Rev. Nathan, [associate@stmartinsinthefield.org](mailto:associate@stmartinsinthefield.org) for details and learn how you can help.



### 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.



### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MUSTANG

Applications for 2022-23 admission to our Episcopal School and financial aid are being accepted until January 31. Private tours are available during the school day by booking online. For details contact Kira Dickson, Director of Admissions, [kdickson@stmartinsmd.org](mailto:kdickson@stmartinsmd.org).



# St. Martin's-in-the-Field MINISTRY AND REMINDERS

## ONE OF OUR MOST VITAL MINISTRIES

We give great and hearty thanks for the leadership and dedication Larry Sells has given as Outreach commissioner the last three years. Larry has been dedicated in ensuring that St. Martin's Outreach efforts spread far and wide despite the restrictions the pandemic has presented. We now invite you to look into your heart and discern if this could be your calling to help coordinate one of our most important and vital ministries at St. Martin's. To hear more about this role or to volunteer to be a part of this wonderful team that does some truly amazing ministry, please contact Rev. Matthew, [rector@smartinsinthefield.org](mailto:rector@smartinsinthefield.org).



## JANUARY OUTREACH: ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN MISSION

In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed. Second collection funds go to assist Orphan Grain Train in transporting most needed items to those in most desperate need.



## SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood. **If you think you or someone you know is suffering seek support today.** Online resources provided on St. Martin's website, <https://smartinsinthefield.com/parish-life/mental-health/>. For immediate assistance call our office at (410) 647-6248 any time and follow the prompts for pastoral emergency.



## WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

### PARENTS' GROUP

**Sundays, 9:15 a.m. (Parish Hall) Resumes January 9**  
We meet every Sunday for fellowship, conversation, education, and hands-on projects that benefit St. Martin's and our community. Contact Rev. Matthew, [rector@smartinsinthefield.org](mailto:rector@smartinsinthefield.org).

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE WORKBENCH

**Sundays, 9:00 a.m. (via Zoom) Resumes January 9**  
Explore the Scripture readings from our Sunday Eucharists and discuss how these spiritual themes shape our lives as Christians. Sign up at <https://smartinsinthefield.com/events/>.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Sundays, 9:15 a.m. Resumes January 9**  
**Sunday School (K-Grade 5):** The back picnic tables, with the church or parish hall being utilized as a rain location.  
**Rite-13 (Grade 6-7):** SMES Middle School Classrooms  
**J2A (Grade 8-9):** Lower Heck Hall  
**Confirmation Class/YAC (Grade 10-11):** SMES Middle School Classrooms  
**Senior YAC (Grade 12):** SMES Teacher Workroom.  
If you haven't already, be sure to register online at: <https://smartinsinthefield.com/ministries/>.

### THE BOOK OF DANIEL - BIBLE CHALLENGE

**Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. (St. Martin's House)**  
A 12 week study on the Book of Daniel. To order the Book of Daniel study guide online visit <http://lamplightersusa.org>. Contact Cindy Neseth, [cincysue1@aol.com](mailto:cincysue1@aol.com).

### SHEPHERD GROUP Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. (via Zoom)

Group discussion of the readings for the upcoming Sunday. All adults welcome. For zoom link and details contact Susan Griesmyer, [sgriesmyer@verizon.net](mailto:sgriesmyer@verizon.net).

## GIFT CARDS TO SUPPORT J2A

Our J2A Youth Group is selling gift cards for their pilgrimage. Even though we are not selling at church, you can still buy gift cards, which make wonderful gifts for the holidays. To place an order or to set up an account and order online contact Meg Stott, [mcstott65@yahoo.com](mailto:mcstott65@yahoo.com).