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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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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YOU ARE INVITED TO THESE UPCOMING ST. MARTIN'S EVENTS

LIVING OUT A LIFE IN CHRIST

Sunday, May 19, 10:00 a.m.

Join us as we do all in our power to support the persons baptized in living out their life in Christ and in renewing our Baptismal Covenant. Following the 10:00 a.m. service there will be a reception for the newly baptized. For those seeking to be baptized, please contact Rev. Josh, rector@stmartinsinthe field.org. Our next Baptism date will be Sunday, November 3, 2024 (All Saints' Day).



ANNUAL MEETING

June 2, 9:00 a.m. (Parish Hall)

Save the date for our annual meeting. We will discuss the past year and the coming future for St. Martin's. Join us at 9:00 a.m. for both the meeting and continental breakfast. For details contact the church office, parishadmin@stmartinsinthe field.org.

YOUTH SUNDAY AND TEACHER APPRECIATION

June 2, during the 10:00 a.m. service

During our annual Youth Sunday service, youth will participate in all aspects of Sunday worship, including senior sermons. We will also celebrate the ministry of our many teachers and mentors who have kept our youth and children's ministries thriving. For details contact the church office, parishadmin@stmartinsinthe field.org.

CELEBRATING ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL'S 8TH GRADE GRADUATES

Tuesday, June 4 at 5:00 p.m.

Please join us in celebrating St. Martin's Episcopal School's 8th grade graduates on Tuesday, June 4 at 5:00 p.m. For details contact our school 410-647-4014.

JOIN US FOR THESE WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. (Arrival time 8:45-9:00 a.m.)

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

Rite-13 (Grade 6-8): Lower Heck Hall

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

Confirmation Class/YAC (Grade 10-11): St. Martin's House

Register online stmartinsinthe field.com/parish-life/ or contact Rev. Nathan, associate@stmartinsinthe field.org.

PARENTS' GROUP - Sundays, 9:00 a.m. (Parish Hall)

Each week we explore different aspects of faith-based parenting and join in fellowship. This group is geared for parents/guardians of school-aged children, but is open to all who wish to attend. For a schedule of events **visit** www.stmartinsinthe field.com/events/. Contact Chris and Liz Lucas, stmartinsparentsgroup@gmail.com.

BIBLE CHALLENGE BOOK STUDY

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

You are invited to study the book of Ecclesiastes. The study guide can be purchased through Lamplighters International: <https://lamplightersusa.org/product/ecclesiastes/>. Contact Cindy Neseth, cincysue1@aol.com.

INTERIM RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. (St. Martin's House, upper level)

Join Rev. Josh for a weekly drop-in Bible study. Bring your Bible (or borrow one from the Church office) and a brown bag lunch as we study the Gospel of Mark. Contact Rev. Josh, rector@stmartinsinthe field.org.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel happens during the 10:00 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. Contact Rev. Nathan, associate@stmartinsinthe field.org for details.

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.

SUNDAY NURSERY - Available Sundays from 8:45 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. for infants and children ages 3 and under. Located in Parish Hall, see an usher for directions.



NEW TO ST. MARTIN'S?

Please scan our QR code and help us welcome you to our community.

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

*Our worship services are taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP);
all are invited to participate fully in our worship of God this morning.*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I - 8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIVING

Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Martin's in our world.
You can leave a donation in the plate, or text **Give2STM to 73256** to give via text messaging, or
give online via our secure online system at <https://stmartinsinthe field.com/giving/give/>

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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FRACTION

INVITATION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

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BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

THIS SUNDAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY:
Susan Griesmyer in memory of Nancy Griesmyer and Amy Tate in memory of Barry Tate.

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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.

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

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: Trumpet Voluntary

Robert Lind

WELCOME

Please stand and sing.

OPENING HYMN: See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

H 215

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 278

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 226

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

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

PSALM 1

The choir chants the psalm. Congregation is invited to sing the antiphon.



¹ **Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

² **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.**

³ **They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. *Antiphon**

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ **Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**

⁶ **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed. *Antiphon**

The Gloria, short for "gloria in excelsis," is our spoken hymn of thanks and praise to God that focuses on the redemption of the world by Christ's death and resurrection, especially appropriate for the Great 50 Days of Easter.

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

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

As we sing the Sequence Hymn all children are invited to gather in the back of the church with the Children's Chapel adult leaders. Children's Chapel is located in the music room. The children will rejoin their parents during the Peace.

SEQUENCE HYMN: Alleluia

All stand and sing three times.

WLP 848

Congregation
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

17:6-19

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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

SERMON

The Reverend Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs

One minute of silence.

NICENE CREED

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE— FORM III

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In our parish family long term prayers are requested for: Kate, Jeanne, Philip, Bunny, Sara, Gloria, Jared, Clyde, George, Geoffrey, Joe, Bill, Jax, Sumner, Sarah, Candy, 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 our search committee and vestry as they work to call a faithful pastor, who will care for us and equip us for our ministries. All this we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP p. 360

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" as an easy way to communicate your preference.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIVING

The Offertory is when we make a sacred gift to God as part of our worship.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter. C. Lutkin

DOXOLOGY

Please stand and sing.

H 205, v. 5

**To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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SANCTUS

All sing.

H S 125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are 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

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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FRACTION ANTHEM

H S 167

The choir sings the fraction anthem. The congregation is invited to sing the antiphon.

***Antiphon *The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. *Antiphon
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. *Antiphon**

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THE CONGREGATION JOINS IN THE SINGING OF THE COMMUNION HYMNS

COMMUNION HYMNS: *O Lord Most High, eternal King*

H 221

A hymn of glory let us sing

H 218

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.**

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Hail the day that sees him rise*

H 214

EASTER DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE: *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

Douglas E. Wagner

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

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 Dismissal during the Great 50 Days of Easter changes to include the festive shouts of "Alleluia." This is the only time during the church year we insert these extra couplings of joy, setting the Great 50 Days of Easter apart as a time of festivity and great joy.

CLERGY, STAFF AND VESTRY

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Vestry Class of 2025: Kris Chappell, Claudia Kirkup, and Jeannine Theoret

Vestry Class of 2024: Judy Bonanno, Brian Clevon, Clay Patty and Laura Sheely



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