



Sheepfold, Langstrothdale; anonymous photographer; located just above Strans Wood, looking south towards Boucher Gill. Langstrothdale, North Yorkshire, England.

Fourth Sunday after Easter

May 3, 2020

10:00 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*

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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Fellowship and Faith

The Next Big Thing for the Great 50 Days of Easter

Join the clergy and your St. Martin's parish family for several new, exciting and fun ways to stay connected while building both our community and your faith online during the Great 50 Days of Easter.

IMPORTANT ZOOM INFORMATION:

- 1) For security reasons you **MUST RSVP to these events BEFORE THE DAY OF** to receive your Zoom login and password. **Don't delay, RSVP TODAY.** Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom
- 2) Learn how to use Zoom and best practices for joining a Zoom event. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom



To RSVP to these events please visit **STMARTINSINTHEFIELD.ORG/PARISH LIFE/ZOOM**

**** YOU ONLY NEED TO RSVP ONE TIME ****

ADULT AND INTERGENERATIONAL

The Acts of the Holy Spirit: Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. join Rev. Matthew for a new Bible Study as we read the Book of Acts together. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to sign up and get your Zoom invite to the Bible Study.

Zoom Hymn Sing: Dr. HyeSung Hwang will lead us in a festive and joyful hymn sing as we celebrate the Great 50 Days of Easter. Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. we will raise our voices in song to a different theme: May 7: **Love**; May 14: **Compassion and Forgiveness**. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to RSVP.

The Bible Workbench: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. join Rev. John as we come together for community as we read and discuss the Holy Scriptures assigned for our Sunday morning worship. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to get your Zoom invite to The Bible Workbench.

Zoom Coffee Hour: Sunday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m. join your St. Martin's parish family for a time to check in, after we worship together. This informal gathering will last approximately 30 minutes and be hosted by the clergy. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to RSVP.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Sunday School At Home: We'll be holding short online Sunday School Sessions on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Sessions will include a Bible story, sharing time and a prayer. RSVP online at stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom.

Parent's Coffee Chat: Parenting during this time of COVID-19 compassionate distancing can be challenging and rewarding. Sundays at 7:00 p.m. join Rev. Nathan and members of the Children's Ministry team for a time of fellowship and fun. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to sign up.

Rite-13 and J2A Game Nights: Miss your friends from Rite-13 and J2A? We invite you for fun and games on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Join the fun and sign up at stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom.

YAC/Confirmation: Zoom Edition: Online confirmation sessions will be held Sundays at 11:45 a.m. Interested youth and parents please RSVP online at stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom.

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

Our worship services are taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), The Hymnal 1982 (H), and Lift Every Voice and Sing II. All are invited to participate fully in our worship of God this morning.

PRELUDE MUSIC: *Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag*

Johnna Sebastian Bach

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

H 199, v. 1, 2, 4

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Our Hymns during the Great 50 Days of Easter feature the word "Alleluia," to express our gratitude, wonder and joy at God's gift of eternal life through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

PSALM 23

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¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³ He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF PETER

2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

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

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

One minute of silence.

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM III

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In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for The Anglican Church in Japan; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Epiphany, Odenton; St Alban's, Glen Burnie; and St Andrew's, Pasadena. 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, our Bishop; Robert, our Assisting Bishop; for Matthew, Nathan, and John our clergy; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

For Donald, our President; the Congress and Supreme Court of the United States; for Larry, our governor; and 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 Jamey, our 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 Clay, Ellie, Susan, Joseph, JD, Ward, Carol, Kevin, Carter, Jenny, Christopher, Mark, Jocelyn, Andrew, Bill, Cole, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Annie. **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to Sharon Parkison, Inez Saley and all 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; we also pray for all those in our parish family who celebrate their birthday this week especially: Charlotte, Grant, Larry, Charles, Dale, Kasey, Bob, A.J., Joseph, Paige, Melissa, Veronica and Anna. And we pray for Elaine & Jeff Dickerson, Dean & Maria Fiery, Carl & Kay Luckhardt and Scott & Anne Fava who are celebrating their anniversaries this week.

I ask your prayers for all those whose lives have been affected by the COVID-19 virus and all health care providers, as they tend to those who have been infected; for those who are recovering from addiction and do not have access to recovery meetings. Pray for those affected by natural disasters, who live in fear, or whose lives have been affected by gun violence and acts of terror, both domestically and abroad; for those serving in our Armed Forces; and for all of our children and grandchildren.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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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

In celebration of the Easter Season, please give generously to the mission and ministry of St. Martin's as we continue to serve our neighborhood, community and the world in the name of the risen Christ.

Please click the link in the livestream video to give, or visit stmartinsinthefield.com/giving.

LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Easter Blessing is an ancient three-fold blessing that highlights our redemption by the death and resurrection of Jesus and God's love for us as God's children—all of which are the hallmarks of our Christian faith and this holiest of days.

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
 2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
 3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
 4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
 5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
 2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering
 3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors
 4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten
 5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
 2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
 3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?
 4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.
 5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

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. During the Great 50 Days of Easter ONLY we insert the festive Alleluias into both the Opening Sentence and Dismissal, setting apart these days after Easter as holy.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Christ the Lord is risen again*

Lyndell Leatherman

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