

The Baptism of Christ by George Minne. Woodcut on paper, 1899. Museum of Fine Arts, Ghent, Belgium.

First Sunday after Epiphany
Baptism of our Lord

January 10, 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*

Dr. HyeSung Hwang, *Director of Music Ministries*

Ms. Kathleen Schotto, *Seminarian*

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 six of the possible nine Sundays that stretch from January 10 to February 14. 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 Mark’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 four years the clergy have come to parishioners’ homes and done this simple service, inscribing the ancient formula of blessing above the home’s entryway. Given health restrictions with the COVID-19 pandemic this year we will continue our tradition during Epiphany, but with a new twist. This year we will have the blessed chalk and Holy Water, along with a bulletin for the service, ready for you to pick up and take home with you. The entire liturgy takes about five minutes, but provides a longer-lasting reminder of our blessings and the blessing that we share with the world.

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.”

The materials for your take-home Chalking of the Door will be available on the porch of the church starting on January 10 until they run out. Come early to get your materials and please send a photograph of your chalked door to Amber Kaltz, our Communications Coordinator at communications@stmartinsinthefield.org. We can't wait to see everyone's images of their doors.

We 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.



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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HOLY BAPTISM, RITE II - 10:30 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

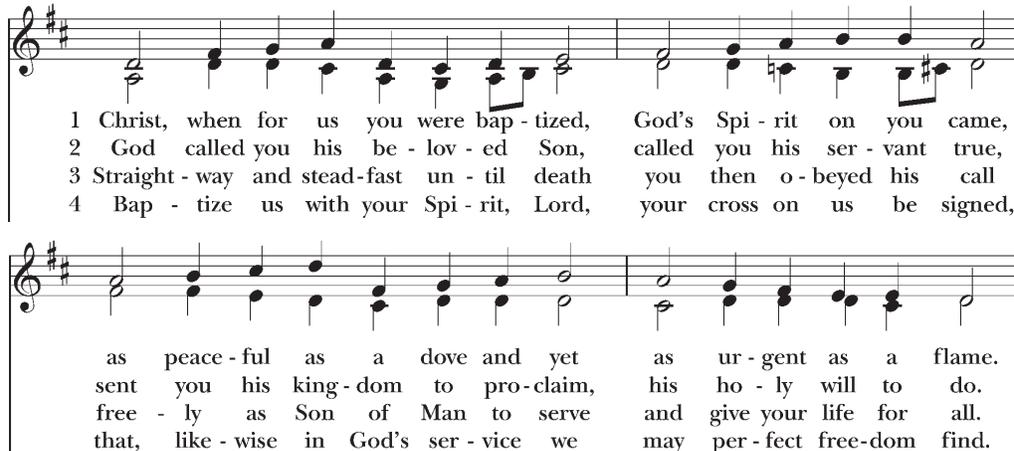
WELCOME

PRELUDE: *Serenity*

James Mansfield

OPENING HYMN: *Christ, when for us you were baptized*

H 121, v. 1 & 4



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight - way and stead-fast un - til death, you then o - beyed his call
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,
as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
There is one Body and one Spirit; **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; **One God and Father of all.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM GENESIS

1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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*Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

²*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

³*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.*

⁴*The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.*

¹⁰*The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King forevermore.*

¹¹*The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

1:4-11

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

SERMON

The Reverend Matthew Hanisian

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

I present Alessandra Nichole Balish, Gavin Michael Balish, and Owen Daniel Roger Balish to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ? *I will, with God's help.*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? *I renounce them.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? *I do.*

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? *I do.*

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? *I do.*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ? **We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you believe in God the Father? ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? ***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? ***I will, with God's help.***

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? ***I will, with God's help.***

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? ***I will, with God's help.***

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? ***I will, with God's help.***

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? ***I will, with God's help.***

Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM of *Alessandra Nichole Balish, Gavin Michael Balish, and Owen Daniel Roger Balish*

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I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIVING

In thanksgiving for the many blessings God has given you, joyfully giveback to God to enable 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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY: *Communion Meditation on "Adoro te devote"*

Gregory Hamilton

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

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.

INVITATION

Bishop Sutton has permitted the Celebrant ONLY, on behalf of the congregation, to consume the consecrated elements of the Eucharist.

The Post-communion Prayer comes from the prayer book for the Armed Forces and speaks to Spiritual Communion whereby the assembled congregation spiritually partakes of the bread and wine while only the celebrant consumes the elements.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

H 616, v. 1 & 4



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Prologue on "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

John G. Barr

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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STEWARDSHIP 2020 UPDATE

As of January 2, 2021

A huge THANK YOU to all who have given to the mission and ministry of St. Martin's in this year's annual stewardship campaign.

The needs of our world are GREATER this year than perhaps at any point in our lifetimes and St. Martin's is required by our faith as disciples of Jesus to respond. If you have already pledged, please consider giving an additional amount this year to help meet these needs.

Giving is simple—[click here](#) to either adjust or amend your pledge, or give an additional amount.

Currently we have about 30 households who have yet to make their gift back to God. The Vestry will be reaching out to confirm that those households will again be supporting the work of the church for the coming year. Knowing the funds available for this year's budget is critical as the Vestry will be making those decisions shortly—hopefully enabling St. Martin's to do MORE in the world to meet the needs of the world.

- 117 households have joyfully given \$594,000.
- Last year 146 households gave a total of \$720,000.
- The Vestry will continue to contact folks in the coming week.
- To meet the needs of our church and the world we need an additional \$169,000.

[Click here to give back to God](#) in thanksgiving for all the blessings you have received. If you are able to give an additional amount, especially in this time of great need, please contact our bookkeeper, [Jory Bender](#).



EPIPHANY TAKE-HOME BLESSINGS

Due to COVID we've modified our tradition of a priest coming to bless and inscribe your entryway to keep this wonderful tradition alive. **Starting on January 10 we will have all the ingredients ready for you to pick up from the front porch of the church** for YOUR OWN *Chalking of the Door*. We will furnish the pre-blessed chalk, real Holy Water, and a simple short service bulletin for you, while supplies last.

Contact Rev. Matthew with questions or for more information: rector@stmartinsinthefield.org and send us your photos of your chalked door to: communications@stmartinsinthefield.org.

BINGE READING MARK IN EPIPHANY

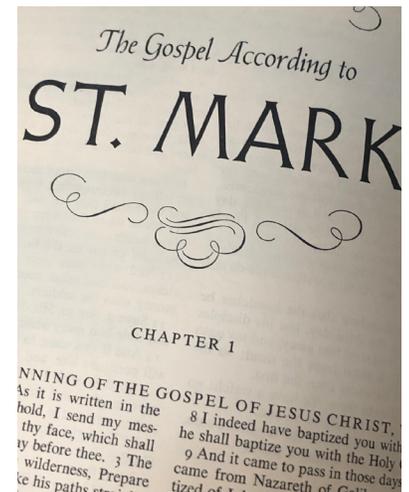
Join our clergy for an out-loud reading of the gospel of Mark during Epiphany.

Sign up for either:

**Sunday,
January 31
at 3:00 p.m.**
OR

**Thursday,
January 28
at 10:00 a.m.**

by [clicking here](#).



The gospels were meant to be read aloud, but when have you read an entire gospel out loud all in one sitting? Our lectionary readings for this year center around Mark's gospel and we will take turns reading the whole gospel together aloud. We anticipate that each reading will take approximately two hours.

For more information, please contact Rev. Matthew Hanisian at rector@stmartinsinthefield.org.

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UPDATES AND REMINDERS



WELCOME OUR NEW BOOKKEEPER

St. Martin's welcomes **Jory Bender** as our new bookkeeper. Jory comes to St. Martin's with a wealth of experience. She is a former award-winning small business owner and has served several of our ministry partners including Lighthouse and Alliance of the Chesapeake.

Along with the rest of the office staff, Jory will be primarily working remotely to start and will be working closely with Sally Burton our new Treasurer as she comes up to speed.

Please reach out to Jory and welcome her via email at treasurer@stmartinsinthefield.org. Welcome Jory!



ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Each week the Flower Guild displays beautiful flowers to *Give Glory to God* and bring focus to the cross during our services. The altar flowers are dedicated to honor loved ones marking special life events such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, baptism, confirmation, memory of a loved one, or a thanksgiving for life's blessings.

If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers, please [click here to sign up online](#). Your sponsorship will be posted in the service bulletin and weekly E-Pistle. The cost for sponsoring altar flowers on a Sunday is \$50. Please add "Flower Guild" in the memo of your payment.



START TIME FOR 10:30 A.M. LIVESTREAMED SUNDAY WORSHIP

Starting this Sunday, we will begin our livestream worship on Sunday morning with a **welcome and Prelude starting at 10:25 a.m.** As when we had in-person worship, the opening hymn begins promptly at our published **service start time, 10:30 a.m.** So, if like to hear the beautiful music and center yourself for worship, please remember to log in five minutes ahead of 10:30 a.m.

For more information or with questions contact Rev. Matthew: rector@stmartinsinthefield.org.

GIFT CARDS TO SUPPORT J2A

Our J2A Youth Group is again selling gift cards for their upcoming pilgrimage this summer. 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 find out how to set up an account and order online please contact Meg Stott, mcstott65@yahoo.com.

Weekly Virtual Events

All are welcome, anytime.

SHEPHERD'S GROUP Thursdays, 4:30 p.m.

Contact Susan Griesmyer, sgriesmyer@verizon.net.

THE BIBLE WORKBENCH Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom for a Zoom invite.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

Register at stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom. For questions contact [The Rev. Nathan Erdman](#).

YOUTH MINISTRY FOR GRADES 6-12 Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

Register online at stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom.

VIRTUAL CHOIR

Add your voice to our virtual choir.
Contact [Dr. HyeSung Hwang](#).

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