



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist
June 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Preacher:
The Rev. Lauren R. Holder

Celebrant:
The Rev. Grace M. Rigby



**St. Martin's
in-the-Field**
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Serving Severna Park since 1955

WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELD

We are so glad you are here! Whether you are searching for a new parish home or joining the church for the first time, we'd love to welcome you to our community. Tell us a little about yourself. Scan the QR code, visit stmartinsinthefield.org/welcome or fill out the connection card found in the pews.



WHAT TO EXPECT THIS MORNING

We invite you to participate fully in our worship service, by both singing joyfully and with spoken responses which appear in **bold**. Our worship services are taken from *The Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), *Enriching Our Worship*, *The Hymnal 1982* (H), *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (L) and *Wonder, Love and Praise* (WLP). We livestream our 10:00 a.m. service.

We encourage parents to involve their children by sitting near the front where little ones can see, singing joyfully with them, leading them in prayer, modeling good listening, and sharing with them the sacrament of Holy Communion. At the same time, we understand that children wiggle; please do not fret when they do. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." We are followers of Christ; we love all, especially the wigglers. If your little one would prefer to play our nursery, it is available for infants and children ages 4 and under from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. It is located in Parish Hall, see an usher for directions.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to receive communion, which is the consecrated bread and wine, with us after the Breaking of the Bread. An usher will indicate when you may proceed to the altar. Stand or kneel at the altar rail and hold out your hand(s) to receive the bread in your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available on the far left of the altar rail. Receive the wine either by drinking from the common cup or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine in the smaller intinction chalice. Cross your arms over your chest if you prefer not to take the wine. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to you.

RECEIVING A BLESSING

If you do not wish to, or are not able to receive communion today for any reason, we encourage you to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing. An usher will indicate when you may proceed to the altar. Stand or kneel at the altar rail and simply cross your arms over your chest. As clergy approaches with the bread, they will know to give you a blessing instead of communion. In this way, everyone can participate in this part of the service.

SEEKING BAPTISM

We welcome all people of any age to be baptized. In baptism, we are made sharers in the new life of the Holy Spirit and the forgiveness of sins. God adopts us, making us members of the church and inheritors of the Kingdom of God (BCP, pp. 298, 858). Please contact a clergy member to learn more.

SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY

We believe God loves each of us, no exceptions. As human beings created in God's image, we should have a place where the love of Jesus is made real, a place where we can experience the celebration of who we are and an acceptance of where we are on life's journey. We aspire to be an inclusive community of faith and a beacon of hope for those seeking spiritual refuge.

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

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: *Reflection On "When The Morning Comes"*

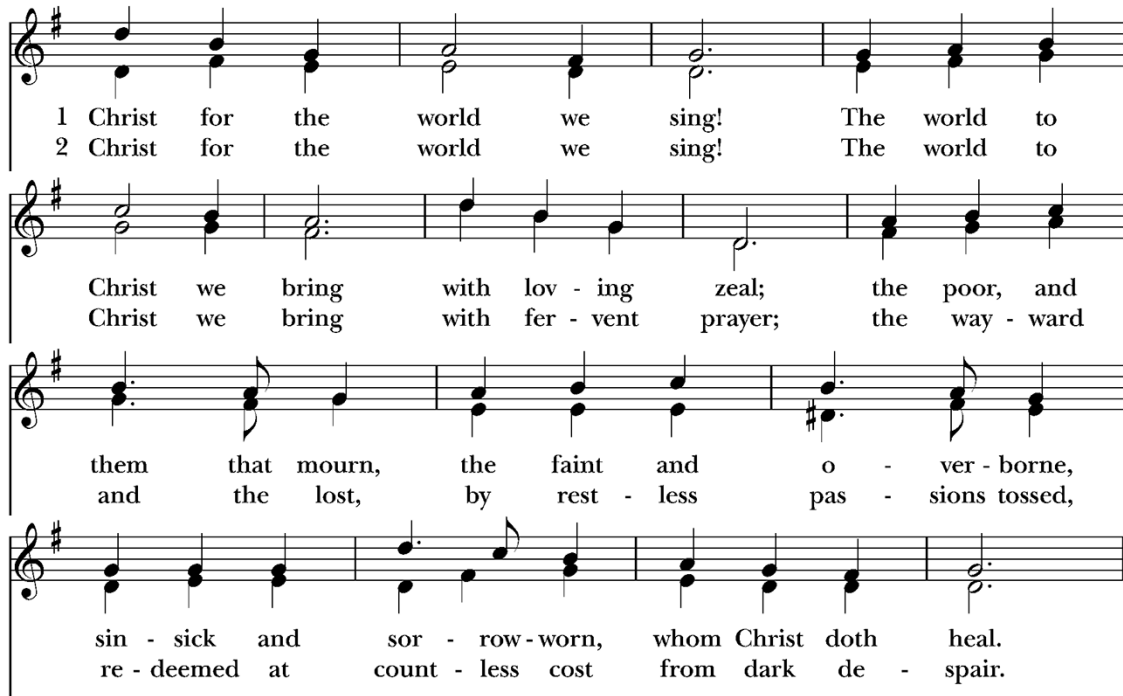
Charles A. Tindley Arr. Bob Burroughs

WELCOME

All stand and sing.

OPENING HYMN: *Christ For The World We Sing!*

H 537, v. 1 & 2



1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.

GLORIA

All sing.

HS 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

PSALM 69: 8-11, 18-20

The Psalm is prayed responsively by whole verse.

- ⁸ Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.
- ⁹ **I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**
- ¹⁰ Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
- ¹¹ **I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**
- ¹⁸ Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.'
- ¹⁹ **"Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**
- ²⁰ Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.

SEQUENCE HYMN: Take Up Your Cross

All stand and sing.

H 675, v. 1 & 2

1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

SERMON

The Rev. Lauren R. Holder

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for ____; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: ____; 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 Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Carrie, our bishop; Lauren and Grace, 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 the Courts; for Wes, 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, for Kathy, our Head of School, and Tracy, our incoming Head of School. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

In our parish family this week, we pray for _____. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

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

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite your petitions, silently or aloud.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

In our parish family prayers are also requested for: Brian, Rosemary, Alec, Cris, Emma, Brett, Katie, Lew, Karen, Suzanne, Greg, Bruce, Joey, Michele, Kerry, Carter, Amalia, Kip, Wilma, Merla, Mike, the Carman family, Kevin, Sarah, Jared, Jax, Brody, and Matt.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 ANTHEM

H 301

**Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All may receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist or a blessing. Stand or kneel at the altar rail to receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available on the far left of the altar rail. Receive the wine either by drinking from the common cup or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine in the smaller intinction chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest.

The Congregation joins in the singing of the Communion Hymns.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

H 660

For the bread which you have broken

H 341

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.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast

har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise
 days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,
 brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might

high as the lis - tening skies; let it re - sound loud as the
 have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our
 led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
 par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
 slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
 get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for

day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

DISMISSAL

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

After the dismissal, you may remain seated for the postlude or exit to the Narthex.

POSTLUDE: Battle Hymn Of The Republic

Arr. Mark Hayes

Join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Narthex following this morning's worship service.