



*The Festival of Esther, 1865. Edward Armitage RA.  
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## **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 29, 2024  
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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

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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Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and **WALK IN LOVE**, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:1-2, NRSV*



## **ST. MARTIN'S 2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: Walk in Love**

To **Walk in Love** calls us to remember that our greatest gift in community is how we align, come together in purpose and mission. When we walk in the same direction, we can do so many things. During this season we talk a lot about money and about our budget. Yes, those things are important. They are the way we fund the mission of St. Martin's in-the-Field, but our real focus is on what our gifts can do for the world. Jesus calls us to heal, visit, feed, accompany, protect, advocate, love our neighbor—sharing our time, talent, and treasure is the way that we make this happen.

Our pledge goal for this year is ambitious. Funding our church and all the associated ministries in 2025 will require a total budget amount of \$900,000. Only about \$50,000 of this total is discretionary, to fund commission ministries at requested levels. Your pledges typically cover about 85-90 percent of our budget.

To achieve our budget goal, we need to receive \$810,000 in pledges for 2025.

Each of us hears this call differently, just as each of us has been blessed by God differently. Our talents and training have been gifts freely given to us in Creation so that we may share them with a world in need. How will you feel God's call to **Walk in Love** in 2025? How will you share your gifts with God's people in the world?

**Take some time to consider your pledge to St. Martin's.  
Pray about it, discuss it with your family,  
so you can discern how God is calling you to share your gifts.**

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Please scan our  
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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.

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*You're invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Narthex following our worship this morning.*

# 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 (L). We invite you to participate fully in our worship service, by both singing joyfully and with spoken responses which appear in **bold italics**. We livestream our 10:00 a.m. service.

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

### THE WORD OF GOD

**PRELUDE:** *Air No. 2*

Herbert Howel arr. Robin Wells

**WELCOME**

*Please stand and sing.*

**OPENING HYMN:** *Lo! What a cloud of witnesses*

H 545

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

BCP p. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

**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 279

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

BCP p. 234

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

**A READING FROM ESTHER**

7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

*The Gloria, short for "gloria in excelsis," is our hymn of thanks and praise to God that focuses on the redemption of the world by Christ's death and resurrection.*

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



## PSALM 124

- <sup>1</sup> *If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;*  
<sup>2</sup> *If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;*  
<sup>3</sup> *Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;*  
<sup>4</sup> *Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;*  
<sup>5</sup> *Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.*  
<sup>6</sup> *Blessed be the Lord! he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.*  
<sup>7</sup> *We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.*  
<sup>8</sup> *Our help is in the Name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.*

## A READING FROM A LETTER TO JAMES

5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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.*

*Please stand and sing.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

H 574, v. 1, 2, 4

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

9:38-50

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

## SERMON

The Reverend Nathan Erdman

*One minute of silence.*

*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.

**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.

## NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE— FORM III

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*In our parish family long term prayers are requested for: Sarah, Olivia, Mike, Ben, Melanie, Sara, Jared, Bill, Jax, Brody, Matt, and Kyle.*

### ST. MARTIN'S TRANSITION PRAYER

**Gracious Lord the giver of all life and blessings, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit we have called Lauren to be our next rector. Be with Lauren, and her family as they prepare to join our parish, and with us as we prepare to welcome them. All this we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF SIN

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.**

*Should you wish to refrain from physical contact during the Peace, simply give those around you the two-fingered "peace sign."*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIVING

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

**You can leave a donation in the plate being passed by the ushers; give online via our secure online system by scanning the QR code provided or visit our website at <https://stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/give/>** If you pledge via electronic means (ACH or online giving) please use the "Pledge Voucher" card, found in the pews, as a physical representation of your gift to St. Martin's. **Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Martin's in our world.**



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**OFFERTORY:** *The Spirit of the Lord*

Philip W. J. Stopford

**DOXOLOGY**

*Please stand and sing.*

H 390, v. 4

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

BCP p. 361

**SANCTUS**

*All sing.*

H S 127

**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.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

BCP p. 364

**Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.**

## INVITATION

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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*The Congregation joins in the singing of the Communion Hymn.*

## COMMUNION HYMN: Sweet hour of prayer

L 178

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from— a  
 2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my— pe -  
 3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so -

1. world of care, And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make  
 2. ti - tion bear To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En -  
 3. la - tion share, Till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I

1. all my wants— and wish - es known. In sea - sons of dis -  
 2. gage the wait - ing soul to bless; And since He bids me  
 3. view my home— and take my flight: This robe of flesh I'll

1. tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief.  
 2. seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace.  
 3. drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize.

1. And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By  
 2. I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And  
 3. And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare -

1. thy re - turn, ——— sweet hour of prayer.  
 2. wait for thee, ——— sweet hour of prayer.  
 3. well, fare - well, ——— sweet hour of prayer!"

## COMMUNION HYMN: Breathe on me, Breath of God

H 508

*Please stand.*

*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.*

### 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

***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

**CLOSING HYMN:** *Where cross the crowded ways of life*

H 609, v. 1, 4, 5

### DISMISSAL

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

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

**POSTLUDE:** *Voluntary in F*

William Hine

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