



Parable of The Wedding Feast, anonymous writer. Icon; tempera on wood panel, circa 2006. Private collection.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2020

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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St. Martin's Announcements and Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual Meet and Greet with our New Seminarian Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 p.m.

All are warmly invited to a virtual meet and greet with Kathleen Schotto who has begun her time serving at St. Martin's as our new Seminarian. As we don't currently have things like coffee hour, or in-person events, this format is an ideal way for you to get to know Kathleen a bit better, see and talk with other members of our community and welcome Kathleen to St. Martin's. RSVP to receive your Zoom invitation online at smartinsinthefield.com/parish-life/events/.

First Fruits Farm Trip | Saturday, October 24

Come and be a part of this amazing afternoon of service in the fields. All are welcome. We will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. and caravan to First Fruits Farm (FFF) where we'll serve from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Dress appropriately for weather and mud—you will get dirty (no sandals or flip-flops). Bring a sack lunch and drink with you. FFF requires an online waiver from each individual prior to our arrival. Sign up and complete the waiver online, visit smartinsinthefield.com/parish-life/events/ and click the link under First Fruits Farm Trip. For more information about this mission opportunity contact *Larry Sells*, larry.sells@verizon.net.

Event will go rain or shine. In the event of rain there are inside the barn activities. Only if the forecast is for heavy rain the day of our event, will they cancel.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Shepherd's Group | Thursdays, 4:30 p.m.

Lectionary Bible reflection meetings are open to all. Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Meetings are held virtually on Zoom. For meeting ID or for more details contact *Susan Griesmyer*, sgriesmyer@verizon.net.

Thursday Compline | Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for live services of Compline via Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., beginning, September 17. Following the service we will have a brief period of fellowship and a time to check-in with one another—helping us both grow our faith and stay connected with our parish family. Visit smartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to sign up and get your Zoom invite.

The Bible Workbench | Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

The Bible is full of stories. The Bible Workbench curriculum offers us a way to engage these stories, connect them with our daily lives and the world around us, and to explore the resonances these stories stir in our inmost depths. Come and join us when you can; no preparation is expected. So come and grow your faith in community with others on the same journey. To receive the Zoom meeting information. Visit smartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to get your Zoom invite.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

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.

Hurricane Disaster Relief Effort

When she came through, Hurricane Laura completely devastated the Lake Charles area of Louisiana. St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal church suffered significant wind and water damage to the church and several in their congregation lost everything. Our Outreach Commission has been in touch with the rector, Rev. Seth Donald, and is offering support in the form of gift cards and cash. Please give generously to this hurricane relief effort today. The Outreach commission has already allocated funds from their budget for gift cards and the collection today will be sent directly to St. Michael and All Angels to use where there is the most need. To give today, please visit smartinsinthefield.com/giving. Contact our disaster relief coordinator *Dan Sturgeon*, drsturgeon@gmail.com, or Outreach Commissioner *Larry Sells*, larry.sells@verizon.net, with any questions or for more information.

Sunday School | Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

A new, enhanced virtual Christian Formation experience for children Pre-K through Grade 5. Children will experience a bible story each week with at-home activities they can complete with their friends from church, and developmentally appropriate prayer and worship. We'll also watch fun videos. Each month, all registered families will receive activity kits containing all the supplies and materials needed for each session, including resources for families. Don't delay, register today! If you have any questions please contact The Rev. Nathan Erdman, associate@smartinsinthefield.org. RSVP online at smartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom.

Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12 | Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

Our youth ministry programs will return online this fall! We'll continue to provide youth meaningful ways to engage their faith in community and have some fun along the way. We want to be sure to have updated contact information for returning youth families, and to welcome our newest 6th graders. RSVP online at smartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom.

Virtual Choir

If you are interested in adding your voice to our virtual choir RSVP at smartinsinthefield.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), and The Hymnal 1982 (H).

All are invited to participate fully in our worship of God today.

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

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE: *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

John Darwall
Hand bell Choir

OPENING HYMN: *Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise*

H 345, v. 1 & 3



1 Sa - vior, a - gain to thy dear Name we raise
*2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life;
4 thy peace in life, the balm of ev - ery pain;

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day:
peace to thy Church from er - ror and from strife;
thy peace in death, the hope to rise a - gain;

guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
from harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

that in this house have called up - on thy Name.
for dark and light are both a - like to thee.
peace in each heart, thy Spi - rit from a - bove:
call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

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.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. ***Christ, have mercy.*** Lord, have mercy.

The Collect for Purity
entreats
almighty God
to prepare
our hearts for
worship. This
prayer dates
back to the
10th century
and has
appeared in
almost every
Anglican
Prayer Book
in the world
since Thomas
Cranmer's
original
translation
in the 1549
Prayer Book.

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

PSALM 23

BCP p. 612

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

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

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

⁴Though 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.

⁵You 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.

⁶Surely 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 PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

SERMON

The Reverend Matthew Hanisian

MUSICAL REFLECTION: *Ach Gott und Herr*

Johann Sebastian Bach

NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

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

BCP p. 387

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: St. Thomas', Hancock; St. James' Chapel, Hagerstown; St. George's, Mount Savage. 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; Kathleen our seminarian, 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.***

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.

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 Karen and the Jones family; Merle, Samantha, Chris, David, Charlie, Dan, Marge, Lois, Matt, the Eveleth family, Laura, Kyle, Lynn, Mark, Andrew, Cole, and Katherine. ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to Marge Jones, 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; especially for those in our parish family who celebrate their birthday this week: Grace, Sandi, Joey, Tara, Elsa, Kelly, Donna, Karen, Adrienne, Julie, Milos, Emily, Bill, and Gary. And we pray for Tom and Cathy Kidd; and Matthew and Alexandra Haines who celebrate their anniversary this week.

We continue to pray for those affected by the COVID-19 virus and all health care providers, as they tend to those who have been infected; for those affected by natural disasters; for those whose lives have been forever altered by racial violence and for those who have seen their neighborhood host terrifying violence and astonishing destruction; for those who live in fear, remembering especially our Black brothers and sisters who have for decades cried out against injustice and not been heard by those with the power to make change; and for all those serving in our military and law enforcement communities.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP p. 360

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.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIVING

In celebration of Pentecost, a Season of the Spirit, 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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: *The King of love my shepherd is*

H 645, v. 1 & 3



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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.

The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface as appointed.

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

The Offertory Hymn is to be sung by the livestream congregation during the setting of the Table for Holy Eucharist.

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.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

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

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.***

INVITATION

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

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

*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.*

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
 do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
 bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe
 the man of God's own choos - ing; dost ask who that may be?
 his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,
 through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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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