



Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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

The Rev. Lauren R. Holder, *Rector*
The Rev. Nathan Erdman, *Associate Rector and Chaplain*
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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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A Welcome from the Rector

Thank you for worshipping with St. Martin's in-the-Field on this Palm Sunday! We are an Episcopal Church seeking to serve God in the fullness of a reverent, ancient, and lively tradition. Our set form of common prayer is called a liturgy, and we believe that structure actually sets our hearts and minds free to worship in glorious ways. We are glad you have joined us today; if you are visiting and would like to learn more about St. Martin's, please fill out a visitor card and hand it to one of the clergy after the service. We also welcome you to become a member of our congregation. You are a gift and the church needs you!

Today is Palm Sunday in the Christian Church, the day that begins the most solemn week of our church year. The drama of our service begins with our re-enacting the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in his last week. We will bless palm branches and walk around the church campus shouting: "Hosanna in the highest!" Soon, however, our service will take on a much more somber tone. The other name for this Sunday is "The Sunday of the Passion," when the story of Jesus' last hours has traditionally been told. Members of our congregation will take special roles in that reading; indeed, the entire congregation will take the role of the crowd.

Finally, as we do each Sunday, we will celebrate the Eucharist. All are invited to receive the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, and we hope it will change your life. Today, that Eucharist is the beginning of Holy Week. We invite you to return throughout the week and walk the way of Jesus, through crucifixion and death, to Easter, the day of hope and resurrection.

Thank you for praying with us,



~ The Rev. Lauren R. Holder, Rector



NEW TO ST. MARTIN'S?

Please scan our
QR code and help
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.

*Weather permitting, the people gather outside in front of church steps; in Parish Hall if inclement weather.
Please receive a palm frond from the ushers before the start of the service.*

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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.

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DISMISSAL

You're invited to join us for coffee, donuts 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**. We livestream our 10:00 a.m. service.

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

*The people gather outside at front steps of Heck Hall; in Parish Hall if inclement weather.
Please receive a palm frond from the ushers before the start of the service.*

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter into joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY SCRIPTURE APPOINTED FOR PALM SUNDAY

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day, he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail Him as our King, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

During the procession, all wave palm branches as we sing the processional hymn.

The congregation follows the cross, choir, and clergy in the procession into the church.

HYMN IN PROCESSION: *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord/Hosanna in the highest*

Refrain

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - them be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The procession pauses in silence.

Almighty God, whose dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

As we sing the Sequence Hymn children who wish to attend Children's Chapel 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 return during the Peace.

THE PASSION

Luke 22:14-23:56

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At Jesus' arrival at Golgotha, all stand.

*The congregation reads the parts in **bold** as found in the insert.*

NARRATOR Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray Jesus to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them when no crowd was present.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

Jesus Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.

Narrator They asked him,

Disciples Where do you want us to make preparations for it?

Narrator He said to them,

Jesus Listen: when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.

Narrator So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

Narrator When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

Jesus I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Narrator Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

Narrator Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Narrator And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

Narrator Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

Jesus The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

Narrator And Simon Peter said to Jesus,
Peter Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!
Narrator Jesus said,
Jesus I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.
Narrator Jesus said to them,
Jesus When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?
Narrator They said,
Disciples No, not a thing.
Narrator He said to them,
Jesus But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.
Narrator They said,
Disciples Lord, look, here are two swords.
Narrator He replied,
Jesus It is enough.
Narrator He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,
Jesus Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.
Narrator Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,
Jesus Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.
Narrator Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,
Jesus Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.
Narrator While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,
Jesus Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?
Narrator When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,
Disciples Lord, should we strike with the sword?
Narrator Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,
Jesus No more of this!
Narrator And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,
Jesus Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

Narrator Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant Girl This man also was with him.

Narrator But he denied it, saying,

Peter Woman, I do not know him.

Narrator A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Servant 2 You also are one of them.

Narrator But Peter said,

Peter Man, I am not!

Narrator Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Servant 3 Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

Narrator But Peter said,

Peter Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

Narrator At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Soldiers Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?

Narrator They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

Priests If you are the Messiah, tell us.

Narrator Jesus replied,

Jesus If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

Narrator All of them asked,

Priests Are you, then, the Son of God?

Narrator He said to them,

Jesus You say that I am.

Narrator Then they said,

Priests What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

Narrator Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Priests We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

Narrator Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate Are you the king of the Judeans?

Narrator He answered,

Jesus You say so.

Narrator Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Narrator But they were insistent and said,

Priests He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

Narrator When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Narrator Then they all shouted out together,

Crowd **Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**

Narrator (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Crowd **Crucify, crucify him!**

Narrator A third time he said to them,

Pilate Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Narrator But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

Narrator Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

All Stand.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Narrator And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Priests He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

Narrator The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,
Soldiers If you are the King of the Judeans, save yourself!
Narrator There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Judeans.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,
Criminal 1 Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!
Narrator But the other rebuked him, saying,
Criminal 2 Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.
Narrator Then he said,
Criminal 2 Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Narrator Jesus replied,
Jesus Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.
Narrator It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,
Jesus Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
Narrator Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,
Centurion Certainly this man was innocent.
Narrator And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.
Narrator Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.
It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

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.

In our parish family long term prayers are requested for: Sarah, Amalia, Edmund, Anna May, Joey, Kip, Wilma, Merla, Lisa, Mike, The Carman family, Kevin, Sarah, Kevin, Melanie, Jared, Bill, Jax, Brody, Matt, and Kyle.

CONFSSION 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.**



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/> Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Martin's in our world.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love*

Arlen Clarke

DOXOLOGY

Please stand and sing.

H 143, v. 1

**The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.**

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 our 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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

SANCTUS

All sing.

HS 130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. 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 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

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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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

All sing.

HS 158

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

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 Hymn.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *O sacred head, sore wounded
At the name of Jesus*

H 168

H 435

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 everlasting 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

CLOSING HYMN: *The old rugged cross*

L 38

1. On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross,
2. Oh, that old rug-ged cross so de-spised by the world,
3. In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine,
4. To the old rug-ged cross I will ev-er be true,
1. The em-blem of suf-f'ring and shame;
2. Has a won-drous at-trac-tion for me;
3. A won-drous beau-ty I see;
4. Its shame and re-proach glad-ly bear;
1. And I love that old cross where the dear-est and best
2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo-ry a-bove,
3. For 'twas on that old cross Je-sus suf-fered and died,
4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a-way,
1. For a world of lost sin-ners was slain.
2. To bear it to dark Cal-va-ry.
3. To par-don and sanc-ti-fy me.
4. Where His glo-ry for-ev-er I'll share.
So I'll cher-ish the cross, the old rug-ged cross,
Till my tro-phies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the cross, the old rug-ged cross,
And ex-change it some day for a crown.

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

POSTLUDE: *Ah Holy Jesus*

Johann Crüger arr. Michael R. Keller
Hand bell choir

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

EYC: RESTAURANT NIGHT

Sunday, April 13, 5:30 p.m.

Meet at Squisitos in Severna Park for dinner and Froyo. Bring \$15 and your appetite. *For all youth grades 6th-12th. Friends are welcome.* Newcomers always welcome. Contact Sam Burdette, samburdette@gmail.com or Amy Miller, akriewald19@gmail.com.

WALKIN' LOVES

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. (Kinder Farm Park)

Lace up your shoes and join our new Walkin' Love group for fresh air and fellowship. Meet us for a walk on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. at Kinder Park, off of Kinder Rd, near the small playground. The loop is 2.4 miles, mostly level, and takes about 45 minutes to complete. All ages and fitness levels welcome. Contact: Julie Reiter 443-875-1457.

POPSICLE PLAYGROUND PLAYDATE

Sunday, April 27 following the 10:00 a.m. service

After church we are hosting a popsicle playdate to connect parents of Sunday School age kids. Join us on the playground behind the church. Spend time with other parents, Rev. Lauren and Rev. Nathan while the kids play. For details contact Rev. Nathan, associate@stmartinsinthefield.org.

VBS SIGN UPS ARE READY

July 28-August 1

St. Martin's is offering Vacation Bible School for kids ages four to 12 years old. For \$50 you can register your child for half-day VBS, which would be from 8am to 12pm, or for \$75 we will have a full-day of VBS, from 8am to 3pm. **To register scan the QR code, visit our website www.stmartinsinthefield.com/events/ or contact Tabitha Carman, tabithacarmanrn@gmail.com.**



SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE E-PISTLE



The weekly E-Pistle parish newsletter is the primary method of communication to our parish family. Don't miss this opportunity to keep informed about all of the wonderful ways we are an active and joyful congregation serving Christ in the world. To sign up **scan the QR code, visit our website [stmartinsinthefield.com/parish-life/epistle-2/](http://www.stmartinsinthefield.com/parish-life/epistle-2/)**

HOLY WEEK & EASTER



A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN SEVEN DAYS

APRIL 13 - 20, 2025

Palm Sunday, April 13: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 17: 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18: 12:00 noon Interactive Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with Choir

The Great Vigil of Easter, April 19: 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20: 10:00 a.m. Service

(Childcare and Children's Chapel available)

11:00 a.m. Egg Hunt

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS AND DEDICATIONS

Deadline: Monday, April 14

We are accepting sign-ups now for those who wish to dedicate flowers to give glory to God and bring focus to the cross during our Easter service. Please use the forms in Sunday's bulletin or complete our online form at stmartinsinthefield.com/parish-life/.

WALK THE LABYRINTH

Labyrinth walking is a practice used for spiritual centering, contemplation, and prayer. We will have our labyrinth in Parish Hall following our Maundy Thursday service through Good Friday. *All are invited.*



OVERNIGHT PRAYER VIGIL

All are welcome to remain for prayer and meditation in response to Jesus' plea to his disciples, "Can you not pray with me one hour?" **Sign up today** for one of these hour-long opportunities to stay awake with Jesus from Maundy Thursday, April 17 to Good Friday, April 18. For safety we need at least two adults signed up per hour. **Scan the QR code, or sign up on our website www.stmartinsinthefield.com/events/**



OUTREACH AND MINISTRY

SMES NIGHT AT THE RACES GALA & AUCTION

Saturday, May 3

Don your best Derby hat and get ready for an unforgettable night of fun at our School's largest annual fundraising event, our Gala & Auction on Saturday, May 3, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. at Chartwell Golf & Country Club. Your evening includes cocktails, seated dinner, live and silent auction, and dancing with music by the Dan Haas Band! Purchase your tickets today! Visit <https://stmartinsmd.org/>



SPAN OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL

SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) serves our neighbors by helping them through a critical or emergency situation. St. Martin's supports SPAN's mission this month by asking for donations for SPAN's **April's theme is "Spring Cleaning."**

*Please donate household cleaning items: soaps, laundry detergents, sanitizing wipes and sprays. Sanitary items and baby diapers especially in the larger sizes are also helpful. Of course we're also happy to collect anything else you're willing to share. **Donations can be dropped in the bins marked "SPAN" in the Narthex.** For details about SPAN visit: www.spanhelps.org/support_us.*

NEED GIFT CARDS?

Our J2A Youth Group is selling gift cards in support of their pilgrimage. For every card purchased, they receive a percentage back. These cards make great graduation gifts, but most importantly can be used for everyday purchases. Give a card to yourself to buy your everyday groceries. It's a easy way to support the youth at St. Martin's without costing you extra. To place an order or set up an account contact Amber Kaltz, akaltz@stmartinsinthefield.org.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THESE WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

Children and youth of all ages are welcome to join any time.

Sunday School (K-Grade 5): SMES Art and Science Rooms

Rite-13 (Grade 6-8): SMES History Room

J2A (Grade 9-10): Lower St. Martin's House

YAC (Grade 11-12): St. Martin's House

Contact Rev. Nathan, associate@stmartinsinthefield.org.

FAITH AND FAMILY GROUP - Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

(Parish Hall) - St. Martin's Faith and Family Group is an inclusive community dedicated to nurturing faith and service in our families. Open to all. Join us during Lent for a rector led class on *What is an Episcopalian?* Contact Chris and Liz Lucas, stmartinsparentsgroup@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

During the 10:00 a.m. service children age 4 and older are invited to experience an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word. *See bulletin for details.*

SUNDAY NURSERY - Available for infants and children ages 4 and under on Sundays from 8:45 - 11:30 a.m. Located in Parish Hall, see an usher for directions.

TUESDAY NIGHT GROUP - Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual)

Deepen your understanding of your theological beliefs and how they may impact your everyday life. Readings are based on Christian Theology from a variety of authors. Join us Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Charlie Fitzgerald, charliefitz76@gmail.com, 410-353-4719.

BIBLE CHALLENGE BOOK STUDY - Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

(St. Martin's House) Join us for a 16 week study of the *Acts of the Apostles*. We will be using the LifeChange Study Guide on Acts which can be ordered on Amazon. https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0891091122?ref_=dbs_m_mng_rwt_calw_tpdk_11&storeType=ebooks Contact Cindy Neseth, cincysue1@aol.com.

SHEPHERD GROUP - Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

Join us for a zoom group discussion of the readings for the upcoming Sunday. All adults welcome. For zoom link and details contact Susan Griesmyer, sgriesmyer@verizon.net.

MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY - Thursday, 12:00 noon

(St. Martin's House) Join us for a weekly, midday Bible study and connect with God's word. Meetings are held in the conference room of St. Martins house. Bring a Bible. For information contact Julie Reiter, 443-875-1457, voicesbyjulie@gmail.com.