



*St. Paul in Prison; also called Epistle of St. Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians. Wood engraving.*

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 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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# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**August 25, 10:00 a.m.**

Students are invited to bring their backpacks or book bags to church to receive a blessing during the 10:00 a.m. service. This is a wonderful way to acknowledge the beginning of a new school year and recognize the importance of learning, as well as, a call to bring Christ into our everyday places of study and work. Contact Rev. Nathan, [associate@stmartinsinthefield.org](mailto:associate@stmartinsinthefield.org).

## ST. MARTIN'S FALL KICK OFF

**Sunday, September 8, following the 10:00 a.m. service**

You're invited to join us as we Kick Off the start of the program year. The party starts September 8 following the 10:00 a.m. service where all are welcome for games and a delicious surprise treat. Contact Katrina Schultz, [kschultz@stmartinsinthefield.org](mailto:kschultz@stmartinsinthefield.org).

## REGISTER FOR FALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Excited to join the new Rite 13 group? Moving up to J2A? Don't know what Rite 13 or J2A means but want to get involved? We are happy to help. Classes resume Sunday mornings, 9:00-9:45 a.m. on September 8. **Register today! See below.** For details contact Rev. Nathan, [associate@stmartinsinthefield.org](mailto:associate@stmartinsinthefield.org).



**Sunday School  
Registration  
(PK-Grade 5)**

[stmartinsinthefield.com/  
ministries/childrens-ministries/](http://stmartinsinthefield.com/ministries/childrens-ministries/)



**Youth Ministry  
Registration  
(Grades 6-12)**

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ministries/youth/](http://stmartinsinthefield.com/ministries/youth/)

**Fall program resume dates:** Children's Chapel (Aug. 18); Sunday School, Youth Classes and Parents' Group (Sept. 8); Shepherd Group (Sept. 12); EYC (Sept. 15).

## AUGUST OUTREACH: ANNAPOLIS CIVITAN CLUB #177

The Annapolis Civitan Club #177, established in 1926 as the 177th Civitan Club in the World, serves the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County communities in creating good citizenship. The club has dedicated its efforts to improving the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For details visit: <https://www.facebook.com/annapoliscivitan/>. To donate visit [stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/give/](http://stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/give/) and put ANNAPOLIS CIVITAN CLUB in the memo area. For details contact Kathy Berge, [helpingotherstowin@gmail.com](mailto:helpingotherstowin@gmail.com).

## SUMMER "MEET & EAT"

**Wednesdays through  
August 21 at 6:00 p.m.**

Please join us for fellowship and delicious food.



Suggested donation is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Burgers/Hot Dogs/Chicken and drinks provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. For special dietary needs contact John Theune, [jatheune@gmail.com](mailto:jatheune@gmail.com).

**Heat Advisory:** Please note that if the temperature outside is 90 degrees or more we will eat indoors.

## KEEP YOUR PLEDGE CURRENT

Remember the church doesn't take a summer vacation from funding mission and ministry. Please continue with your regular pledge payments so we can keep up with our commitments. Make life easy, sign up for automatic withdrawal (ACH) and the church will automatically withdraw your pledge from your designated bank account.

**Scan the QR code, or sign up on our website  
[www.stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/](http://www.stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/).**

You can also contact Jory Bender, Director of Finance, [treasurer@stmartinsinthefield.org](mailto:treasurer@stmartinsinthefield.org)



## BIBLE CHALLENGE BOOK STUDY

**Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. (St. Martin's House)**

Come and study the Book of Proverbs with us. Join us whenever you are able over the summer. The study guide can be purchased online: <https://a.co/d/6LxWUiT>. Contact Cindy Neseth, [cincysue1@aol.com](mailto:cincysue1@aol.com).

## SPAN OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUGUST

SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) serves our neighbors by helping them through a critical or emergency situations. St. Martin's supports SPAN's mission this month by asking for donations for SPAN's **August's theme - "Back to School Snacks."**

Donate items that are individually packaged such pretzels, crackers, trail mix, nuts, and popcorn (Skinny Pop is always a hit). Additionally, dried fruits, fruit cups or granola bars. **Donations can be dropped in the bins marked "SPAN" in the Narthex.** For details about SPAN visit: [www.spanhelps.org/support\\_us](http://www.spanhelps.org/support_us).

# 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.

### THE WORD OF GOD

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*One minute of silence.*

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*Should you wish to refrain from physical contact during the Peace,  
simply give those around you the two-fingered "peace sign" as an easy way to communicate your preference.*

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#### BLESSING

#### DISMISSAL

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# 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**.

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

### THE WORD OF GOD

**PRELUDE:** *Prelude in C*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**WELCOME**

*Please stand and sing.*

**OPENING HYMN:** *O day of radiant gladness*

H 48

**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 280

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

BCP p. 232

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

**A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL**

18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.” The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

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

**PSALM 130**

<sup>1</sup> ***Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.***

<sup>2</sup> ***If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?***

<sup>3</sup> ***For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.***

<sup>4</sup> ***I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.***

<sup>5</sup> ***My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.***

<sup>6</sup> ***O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;***

<sup>7</sup> ***With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.***

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

## A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

*Please stand and sing.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** *Bread of heaven, on thee we feed*

H 323

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

6:35, 41-51

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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

## SERMON

The Reverend Nathan Erdman

*One minute of silence.*

## NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM VI

BCP p. 392

*In our parish family long term prayers are requested for: Scott, Olivia, Mike, the Murray family, Ben, Melanie, Jeanne, Philip, Bunny, Sara, Jared, Bill, Jax, Brody, Matt, and Kyle.*

## ST. MARTIN'S TRANSITION PRAYER

**O Lord God, our lives and works are in your hands. With all that we undertake, you are present with us, guiding us on the roads ahead. Now, we find ourselves in a time of transition. In your mercy, give us your holy wisdom and guidance so that we will be transformed to the people you would have us to be. Grant us open minds, listening ears, and loving hearts. Be with Lauren, our Rector-Elect, 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.**

*The Gospel procession into the congregation reminds us that Jesus came among us.*

*All face the Gospel.*

*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.*

## CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

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## 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 HYMN:** God is love, and where true love is

H 577

**DOXOLOGY**

Please stand and sing.

H 388, v. 1

**O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing his power and his love!  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C**

BCP p. 369

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 God thanks and praise.**

**SANCTUS**

All sing.

H S 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.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

BCP p. 364

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

All sing.

H S 154

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**INVITATION**

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*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.*

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

**COMMUNION HYMN: One bread, one body**

L151

One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all, one cup of  
blessing which we bless. And we, though  
many, through-out the earth, We are one  
body in this one Lord.

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or  
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the  
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man,  
2. works, one in the Lord.  
3. grown, gath - ered to one

1. — no more. One  
2. — of all. One  
3. — for all. One

Lord.

**COMMUNION HYMN: Taste and see**

L154

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness  
of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and  
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*Please stand.*

#### 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: God of grace and God of glory**

H 594

#### DISMISSAL

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

*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.*

**POSTLUDE: Fugue in C**

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Special thanks to today's guest organist, James R. Fitzpatrick, who studied composition at Mannes College of Music in NYC and currently serves as conductor of the Heritage Harbour Chorus in Annapolis.*

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