Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 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

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.
THE PLAN: Regathering for In-Person Worship at St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

Background and Basic Assumptions: God's call to St. Martin's is for us to keep our parish family and community safe by not spreading the COVID-19 virus. We ask you to use best judgment in determining if you should come to church: If you are unwell or have existing health conditions that make you more vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus, DO NOT attend in-person worship. We will continue to follow all state, county and diocese guidelines and restrictions in regards to public health and safety. Accordingly, all who attend in-person worship services will comply fully with the Diocese of Maryland's Covenant for Regathering. St. Martin's will comply with directions from the diocese should the diocese determine we are to suspend in-person worship due to metrics reported by our county and as outlined in the Orange Phase Guidelines. As we move through to other phases, there will be new elements to THE PLAN.

Dates and Formats: We will worship at 8:00 a.m. IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM at 10:30 a.m. The 8:00 a.m. worship will alternate weekly between Rite I and Rite II services of Holy Eucharist.

THE PLAN: 8:00 a.m. In-Person Worship Details

How Many: Up to 80 people are allowed in the sanctuary. For the first few weeks the number of worshipers will be limited.

Masks: Masks MUST be worn at ALL TIMES WHEN INSIDE by anyone over the age of 2. Extra disposable masks will be available. Worship leaders may remove their mask ONLY during their speaking role.

Where to Sit: Seats are marked with green tape. ONLY family members who share the same address may sit close together.

Who Can Come and When: You MUST sign up to attend worship weekly, by FRIDAY. We will use Signup Genius online. Please recognize that if you sign up and do not attend a member of our parish family may not be able to worship with us. ARRIVE BEFORE THE SERVICE STARTS. Ushers will check you off the list of those who signed up as you enter. Plates for giving and hand sanitizer will be present at each of the three sets of glass doors into the sanctuary. Please use both LIBERALLY. Those who have not signed up in advance may be allowed to worship if space is available; ushers will find you a seat after the start of the service.

Service Format: The service will NOT include music and will be a spoken Rite I or Rite II service. This service will NOT be recorded or livestreamed. Bulletins will provide all the words for worship. All books have been removed.

Eucharist: Ushers will direct you when to come forward. Families may come forward and receive Communion together. The Celebrant will stand on the chancel steps wearing mask and gloves and drop the Bread into your hands. Gluten Free wafers will be available. Please consume the Bread only after returning to your seat.

Bathrooms: Only one person will be allowed in the bathrooms at a time. A parent helping his/her young child will be allowed to enter the bathroom together. Hand sanitizing must happen before and after you use the bathroom. Masks must be worn at all times.

Sanitizing and Leaving: Worshipers will wipe down all surfaces around their seat at the conclusion of the service. Sanitizing products will be supplied. Worshipers dispose of their bulletin and sanitizing wipe(s) in the containers located in the Narthex. All worshipers must exit the sanctuary and narthex immediately after wiping down their seating area. Any socializing or conversation must occur outdoors with masks worn per guidelines and requirements from the diocese. Our cleaning company sanitizes the sanctuary mid-week.

THE PLAN: 10:30 a.m. Livestream Worship Details

Service Format: We will continue to both Livestream on Facebook and record our worship. During the Orange Phase of regathering we will not sing, but we will have music. We hope to have additional musicians enrich our worship together over the summer.

Who can Come and When: We will have the smallest number of people in the sanctuary to help enable our worship. Masks will be worn by all, only removed for speaking parts during the worship, as outlined above.

Eucharist: Per Bishop Sutton, we will continue with only the Celebrant consuming the Eucharistic elements on behalf of the entire congregation.

Service Time: We hope that this move to 10:30 a.m. will continue into the program year and beyond. This is from the overwhelming number of responses from education and program leaders who desire a full hour of instruction and/or programming between the two morning services. The current service schedule allows for only 35 minutes max. We will endeavor to keep our worship time to an hour or less.

We are grateful for your help in maintaining these standards to keep our parish family as safe as we can during this pandemic. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and we look forward to actually SEEING you in church soon.
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. 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: Nearer, My God, to Thee

Opening Acclamation

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.

Collect of the Day

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; 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 Book of Isaiah

55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65:9-14

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
10 You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
12 You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.
14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.
A Reading From Paul’s Letter to the Romans
8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

Sermon
Reverend Matthew Hanisian

Musical Reflection: O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 1095
Johann Sebastian Bach
**Nicene Creed**  
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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 II**  
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In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; and, in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for Grace, New Market; St Paul’s, Point of Rocks; Transfiguration, Braddock Heights. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Eugene and Robert our bishops; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for Donald our President, the Congress and Supreme Court of our nation, for Larry our Governor, Steuart, our County Executive and all members of our military and law enforcement communities. Pray for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. This week we lift up to God: Daniel, Anne, Kyle, Lynn, Susan, Mark, Andrew, Cole, Elizabeth, and Katherine. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those whose lives have been affected by the COVID-19 virus and all health care providers, as they tend to those who have been infected. I ask your prayers 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. I ask your prayers 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.

Silence
I ask your thanksgiving for those in our parish family who celebrate their birthday this week especially: Roman, Julia, Kate, Carter, Charlotte, Elaine, Kathy, Rick, Jay, Patricia, Emily, Hunter, Megan, Rex, John, Samuel, Henry, Emma, Marty, Mariah, and Mia. I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating their wedding anniversary: Matthew Hanisian and Katie Glover, Robert and Katherine Goode and Lee and Sylvia Marston.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

**Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

_Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen._

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](http://stmartinsinthefield.com/giving)._
THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: Fairest Lord Jesus, v. 1 & 4

Dan R. Edwards
Hand Bell Choir

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: 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 Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

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And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, **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**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE: Festive Toccata**  
Matthew McConnell

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*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.

*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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