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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

10:00 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.

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Fellowship and Faith

The Next Big Thing for the Great 50 Days of Easter

Join the clergy and your St. Martin's parish family for several new, exciting and fun ways to stay connected while building both our community and your faith online during the Great 50 Days of Easter.

IMPORTANT ZOOM INFORMATION:

- 1) For security reasons you **MUST RSVP** to these events **BEFORE THE DAY OF** to receive your Zoom login and password. **Don't delay, RSVP TODAY.** Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom
- 2) Learn how to use Zoom and best practices for joining a Zoom event. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom



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ADULT AND INTERGENERATIONAL

The Acts of the Holy Spirit: Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. join Rev. Matthew for a new Bible Study as we read the Book of Acts together. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to sign up and get your Zoom invite to the Bible Study.

Zoom Hymn Sing: Dr. HyeSung Hwang will lead us in a festive and joyful hymn sing as we celebrate the Great 50 Days of Easter. Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. we will raise our voices in song to a different theme: May 14: **Compassion and Forgiveness.** Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to RSVP.

The Bible Workbench: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. join Rev. John as we come together for community as we read and discuss the Holy Scriptures assigned for our Sunday morning worship. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to get your Zoom invite to The Bible Workbench.

Zoom Forum for Vestry Candidates: Please join us at 11:15 a.m. for a meet and greet with the four candidates chosen for the ministry of the Vestry. To read candidate statements and biographies, please see our website stmartinsinthefield.org/about-us/vestry or see the link in the E-pistle. We hold our final Zoom Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 31 at 11:00 a.m.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Sunday School At Home: We'll be holding short online Sunday School Sessions on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Sessions will include a Bible story, sharing time and a prayer. RSVP online at stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom.

Parent's Coffee Chat: Parenting during this time of COVID-19 compassionate distancing can be challenging and rewarding. Sundays at 7:00 p.m. join Rev. Nathan and members of the Children's Ministry team for a time of fellowship and fun. Visit stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom to sign up.

Rite-13 and J2A Game Nights: Miss your friends from Rite-13 and J2A? We invite you for fun and games on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Join the fun and sign up at stmartinsinthefield.org/Parish-Life/Zoom.

YAC/Confirmation: Zoom Edition: Online confirmation sessions will be held Sundays at 11:45 a.m. Interested youth and parents please RSVP online at stmartinsinthefield.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), The Hymnal 1982 (H), and Lift Every Voice and Sing II. All are invited to participate fully in our worship of God this morning.

PRELUDE MUSIC: *Jesus Christus unser Heiland, BWV 626*

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: *This joyful Eastertide*

H 192

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

sprung to life this mor - row.
pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was
wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

Our Hymns during the Great 50 Days of Easter feature the word "Alleluia," to express our gratitude, wonder and joy at God's gift of eternal life through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen. *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

BCP p. 622

- ¹ *In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.*
- ² *Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.*
- ³ *Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.*
- ⁴ *Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.*
- ⁵ *Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.*
- ¹⁵ *My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.*
- ¹⁶ *Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me."*

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF PETER

2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

SERMON

The Reverend Nathan Erdman
 The Reverend Matthew Hanisian

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.

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 III

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In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for The Anglican Church in Kenya; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: St Anne's, Annapolis; St Luke's, Eastport; and St Margaret's, Annapolis. 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; 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.***

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 Clay, Ellie, Susan, Joseph, JD, Ward, Carol, Kevin, Carter, Jenny, Christopher, Mark, Jocelyn, Andrew, Bill, Cole, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Annie. ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to 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. Today we celebrate the gift of motherhood in all its many forms and for all mothers past, present and to come. We also pray for those in our parish family who celebrate their birthday this week especially: Emily, Gemma, Fred, Marcia, Lilah, Clay, Vince, Barbara, and Cynthia. And we pray for Justin and Amber Kaltz, and Chris and Cindy Rott who are celebrating their anniversaries this week.

I ask your prayers for all 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; for those who are recovering from addiction and do not have access to recovery meetings. Pray for those affected by natural disasters, who live in fear, or whose lives have been affected by gun violence and acts of terror, both domestically and abroad; for those serving in our Armed Forces; and for all of our children and grandchildren.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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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

In celebration of the Easter Season, 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.

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.

EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: *Christ is made the sure foundation*

H 518 v. 1, 3, 4
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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *The trumpet shall sound from Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

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The Easter Blessing is an ancient three-fold blessing that highlights our redemption by the death and resurrection of Jesus and God's love for us as God's children—all of which are the hallmarks of our Christian faith and this holiest of days.

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. During the Great 50 Days of Easter ONLY we insert the festive Alleluias into both the Opening Sentence and Dismissal, setting apart these days after Easter as holy.

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.