



## Palm Sunday

The Holy Eucharist  
March 29, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Preacher:  
The Passion According to Matthew

Celebrant:  
The Rev. Lauren R. Holder



**St. Martin's  
in-the-Field**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## A Welcome from the Rector

Thank you for worshiping with St. Martin's-in-the-Field on this Palm Sunday. We are an Episcopal church seeking to serve God in a tradition that is reverent, ancient, and full of life. Our worship follows a set pattern of common prayer—what we call liturgy—and we trust that this shared rhythm opens us more fully to God's presence among us.

We are so glad you are here. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about St. Martin's, we invite you to fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate or share it with a member of the clergy after the service. We would also be honored to welcome you more deeply into the life of this community. You are a gift, and the Church needs you.

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week—the most solemn and sacred week of the Christian year. Our liturgy begins with the joyful re-telling of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We will bless palm branches and process together, crying out, "Hosanna in the highest!" Yet even as we begin in joy, the mood soon turns. This day is also known as the Sunday of the Passion, when we hear the story of Jesus' suffering and death. Members of our congregation will take on special roles in that reading, and all of us will join as the voice of the crowd.

As we do each Sunday, we will celebrate the Eucharist. All are invited to receive the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, trusting that God meets us where we are with grace. This meal also marks the beginning of our journey through Holy Week, and we invite you to return in the days ahead as we walk the way of Jesus—through the cross and the grave, and toward the hope of Easter.

Thank you for praying with us,

*Lauren R. Holder +*

~ The Rev. Lauren R. Holder, *Rector*



### **NEW TO ST. MARTIN'S?**

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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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#### 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.*

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*Join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Narthex following this morning's worship service.*

# 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

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

#### 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 chant a call and response.  
The congregation follows the cross, choir, and clergy in the procession into the church.*

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

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 - thems 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.

*Hymn is repeated until the procession ends.*

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.**

## 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.*

*Please stand and sing.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended*

H 158

### THE PASSION

Matthew 26:14- 27:66

*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**.*

- Narrator: Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,
- Judas: What will you give me if I betray him to you?
- Narrator: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,
- Disciple: Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?
- Narrator: Jesus said,
- Jesus: Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'
- Narrator: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,
- Jesus: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.
- Narrator: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,
- Disciple: Surely not I, Lord?
- Narrator: Jesus answered,
- Jesus: The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.
- Narrator: Judas, who betrayed him, said,
- Judas: Surely not I, Rabbi?
- Narrator: Jesus replied,
- Jesus: You have said so.
- Narrator: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,
- Jesus: Take, eat; this is my body.
- Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,
- Jesus: Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.
- Narrator: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,
- Jesus: You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.
- Narrator: Peter said to him,
- Peter: Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.
- Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

Narrator: Peter said to him,

Peter: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Narrator: And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with the disciples to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: Sit here while I go over there and pray.

Narrator: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

Narrator: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus: My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.

Narrator: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus: So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator: Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

Jesus: My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

Narrator: Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

Narrator: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

Narrator: At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas: Greetings, Rabbi!

Narrator: and Judas kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Friend, do what you are here to do.

Narrator: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?

Narrator: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

Narrator: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

Witness: This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'

Narrator: The high priest stood up and said,

High Priest: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Narrator: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

High Priest: I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Narrator: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest: He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

Narrator: They answered,

Priest 1: He deserves death.

Narrator: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Priest 2: Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

Narrator: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

Servant 1: You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

Narrator: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

Peter: I do not know what you are talking about.

Narrator: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Servant 2: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

Narrator: Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter: I do not know the man.

Narrator: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Bystanders: Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

Narrator: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: I do not know the man!

Narrator: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

Judas: I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

Narrator: But they said,

Priest 1: What is that to us? See to it yourself.

Narrator: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Priest 2: It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.

Narrator: After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.' Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Judeans?

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: You say so.

Narrator: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Narrator: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Narrator: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's Wife: Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Narrator: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Narrator: And they said,

All: **Barabbas.**

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Narrator: All of them said,

All: **Let him be crucified!**

Narrator: Then he asked,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

All: **Let him be crucified!**

Narrator: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

Narrator: Then the people as a whole answered,

All: **His blood be on us and on our children!**

Narrator: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Judeans!

Narrator: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

*(All Stand.)*

Narrator: And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Judeans.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Bystanders: You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Narrator: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,  
ALL: **He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'**

Narrator: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?  
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Narrator: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystanders: This man is calling for Elijah.

Narrator: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Bystanders: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Narrator: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

(SILENCE)

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

Narrator: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Priest 1: Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first.

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

Narrator: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

## NICENE CREED

**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 our parish family prayers are requested for: Stephen, Alex, John, Rosemary, Alec, Mary, Eileen, Susan, Cris, Barbara, George, Jim, Kiera, Mike, Marie, Emma, Brett, Katie, Lew, Karen, Suzanne, Greg, Bruce, David, Joey, Michele, Kerry, Carter, Amalia, Kip, Wilma, Merla, Mike, the Carman family, Kevin, Sarah, Jared, Bill, Jax, Brody, Matt, and Kyle.*

## CONFESSION 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 or give online by scanning the QR code or via our website at <https://stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/> Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Martin's-in-the-Field.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *3 Motets Op. 2, No. 1. Ave Verum Corpus*

Edward Elgar

*All stand and sing.*

**PRESENTATION HYMN:** *Eternal Lord Of Love*

H 149, v. 1

**Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church  
Walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,  
Led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
Moved by your love and toward your presence bent:  
Far off yet here—the goal of all desire.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give God 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

### 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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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

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

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.*

H S 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 Hymns.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** *Now Let Us All With One Accord*

H 146

*At The Name Of Jesus*

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

**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

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. And may 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:** *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*

H 168

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

**POSTLUDE:** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Mark Hayes arr. Marvin Gaspard

*Join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Narthex following this morning's worship service.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER



A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN SEVEN DAYS  
MARCH 29 - APRIL 5, 2026

### Maundy Thursday, April 2

7:00 p.m. Proper Liturgy for Maundy Thursday and Stripping of the Altar.

### Good Friday, April 3

12:00 noon Interactive Stations of the Cross  
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with Choir

### Holy Saturday, April 4

1:30 p.m. Service

### Great Vigil of Easter, April 4

8:00 p.m. Baptism and First Eucharist of Easter

### Easter Day, April 5

9:00 a.m. Youth Prep for Egg Hunt  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. Egg Hunt

### OVERNIGHT PRAYER VIGIL

You are invited 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 2 to Good Friday, April 3. For safety we need at least two adults signed up per hour. Scan the QR code, or sign up on our website [www.stmartinsinthe.org/events/](http://www.stmartinsinthe.org/events/)



### 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.*



### TRANSPORTATION TO OUR EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

Would you like to attend our beautiful candlelit Easter Vigil service but are uncomfortable driving at night? We can help. St. Martin's volunteers are offering to drive parishioners to and from the 8:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter service. To request a ride please contact Lori Skalitzki, parishadmin@stmartinsinthe.org.

### BINGO NIGHT AT LIGHT HOUSE SHELTER

Friday, April 3, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Share a meal and enjoy a few games of Bingo with our neighbors from The Light House Homeless Prevention Center. Volunteers (ages 11+) are needed to help make this outreach opportunity successful.

Sign up today! Scan the QR code, visit our website [www.stmartinsinthe.org/events/](http://www.stmartinsinthe.org/events/) or contact Eileen Hartzell, ehartzell@parallelriskadvisors.com.



### SMES GALA & AUCTION: COME SAIL AWAY!

Saturday, April 18

Please join us at the gala! This is the one school event you do not want to miss! Gather your friends and family and put a table together, or purchase individual tickets for a night of excitement, friendship, and fun, benefiting the students and teachers of St. Martin's Episcopal School! Early-Bird Pricing ends on Thursday, March 12. Enjoy an evening full of adventure. Purchase your tickets today! Visit <https://stmartinsmd.org/>

### ST. MARTIN'S CHILI COOK OFF WITH SPECIAL GUEST JUDGE: BISHOP CARRIE!

Sunday, April 26, 11:30 a.m. (Parish Hall)

Do you have a mean (or nice) chili recipe? Or would you rather eat than cook? Now is your chance for both. Any chef can enter and any attendee can come and taste and vote for the best. \$5 per person, \$20 per family, \$1 per vote. St. Martin's Chili Cook-Off fundraiser helps fund the upcoming J2A Youth Pilgrimage. This year we are thrilled to **welcome special guest judge: Bishop Carrie!** Prizes awarded in different categories for the tastiest chili. Chili sign up coming soon. For details scan the QR code, visit our website [www.stmartinsinthe.org/events/](http://www.stmartinsinthe.org/events/)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

## ST. MARTIN'S CHRISTMAS MART RETURNS

**Saturday, November 14, 2026**

Mark your calendars: the Christmas Mart is back in town! This is more than just a craft fair. It's a festive tradition, a celebration of local talent, and a joyful gathering that brings our whole community together. **How do we make it happen? With YOU!** We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our Christmas Mart Committee. Lots of prep needs to be done to make the Mart successful and fun for everyone. And we'd love for you to be part of it! Interested? Talk to: Amy Theune, amy.theune5@gmail.com, 410-353-7664; Kate Cleven, katecleven29@gmail.com, 410-703-7130.

## GIFT CARDS ARE GREAT GRADUATION GIFTS

Order through our J2A gift card program and help our youth raise funds for their upcoming pilgrimage. Gift cards make great graduation gifts, and can be used for everyday purchases, like groceries or gas. It's a easy way to support the youth at St. Martin's without costing you extra. To place an order and for details contact Amber Kaltz, [akaltz@stmartinsinthefield.org](mailto:akaltz@stmartinsinthefield.org).

## SPAN OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS MONTH

SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) serves our neighbors by helping them through a critical or emergency situation. SPAN is currently in need of: **Paper Towels, Pull Ups 4-5T, Diapers 6+, Canned Potato, Canned Yams, Meal Helpers, Side Dishes, Parmesan Cheese, Condiments, and Cooking Oil.** 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).

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR VBS 2026

Get ready for an unforgettable week of fun as St. Martin's-in-the-Field hosts Cokesbury's "Snowball Mountain Challenge" VBS the week of July 27-31!

Registration is now open. Sign up today by scanning the QR code or visiting our website: [www.stmartinsinthefield.com/events/](http://www.stmartinsinthefield.com/events/)

Our VBS is powered by the gifts of volunteers. We'd love to have you join the team. Contact Tabitha Carman, [tabitha.carmanrn@gmail.com](mailto:tabitha.carmanrn@gmail.com).



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

**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. Details in Sunday's bulletin.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION** - *Sundays, 9:00 a.m.*

Children and youth are welcome to join any time.

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

**Rite-13 (Grade 6-8):** Lower St. Martin's House

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

Youth grades 11 and up meet alternating Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. For details, please contact Rev. Grace, [grigby@stmartinsinthefield.org](mailto:grigby@stmartinsinthefield.org).

**FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP** - *Sundays, 9:00 a.m. (Parish Hall)* - Adult Formation is a time of both faith and fellowship at St. Martin's. Our engaging and conversational classes are taught by clergy and parishioners alike. Come build community and grow closer to God with us! Contact Rev. Lauren, [lholder@stmartinsinthefield.org](mailto:lholder@stmartinsinthefield.org).

**FROM PROPHET TO KING BOOK STUDY** - *Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. (St. Martin's House)* Are you watching *House of David* on Amazon Prime and want to know more? Join us as we explore Samuel 1 and 2 which take us from the birth of the prophet Samuel through the reign of King David. Join us starting Tuesday, November 11. We will be using the book "1 & 2 Samuel" which can be ordered on Amazon. Contact Cindy Neseth, [cincysue1@aol.com](mailto:cincysue1@aol.com).

**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.

**WALKIN' LOVES** - *Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:00 a.m.*

**(Kinder Farm Park)** Lace up your shoes and join our Walkin' Loves group for fresh air and fellowship. Meet us 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, [voicesbyjulie@gmail.com](mailto:voicesbyjulie@gmail.com).

**STUDY ON BOOK OF JOB** - *Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)*

All parishioners are invited for the EfM version of theological studies on *Book of Job* to be followed by "JB", the Pulitzer Prize play by Archibald MacLeish. Join us Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For details and Zoom link, contact Charlie Fitzgerald, [charliefitz76@gmail.com](mailto:charliefitz76@gmail.com).

**MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY** - *Thursdays, 12:00 noon*

**(St. Martin's House)** Join us for this weekly Bible study and connect with God's word. Meetings are held in the conference room of St. Martin's house. Bring a Bible. Contact Julie Reiter, [voicesbyjulie@gmail.com](mailto:voicesbyjulie@gmail.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](mailto:sgriesmyer@verizon.net).

Thank you to our readers for re-enacting the story of Jesus' last hours as we begin the most solemn week of our church year.

## PASSION READERS

<b>Bystanders</b> .....	Choir	<b>Peter</b> .....	Susan Shingledecker
<b>Centurion &amp; Soldiers</b> .....	John Theune	<b>Pilate</b> .....	Anand Gnanadesikan
<b>Disciple</b> .....	Susan Griesmyer	<b>Pilate's Wife</b> .....	Susan Askren
<b>High Priest</b> .....	Clay Patty	<b>Priest 1</b> .....	Kate Clevon
<b>Jesus</b> .....	Wamahdri Williams	<b>Priest 2</b> .....	Lucy Rae Holder
<b>Judas</b> .....	Guy Merritt	<b>Servant 1</b> .....	Susan Gibbons
<b>Narrator #1</b> .....	Connor Skalitzky	<b>Servant 2</b> .....	Lisa Grieco
<b>Narrator #2</b> .....	Elaine Bachmann	<b>Witness</b> .....	Stella MacNaughton

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELD

*Join us and celebrate the 40 days of Easter!*

**April 18:** St. Martin's Episcopal School Come Sail Away Gala & Auction

**April 19-May 31:** Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) for grades 6-12, 5:30 p.m. Meets May 3, 17 & 31

**April 26:** Bishop's Visit at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services

10:00 a.m. Confirmations

11:30 a.m. Chili Cook Off with special guest judge: Bishop Carrie

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