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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 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.

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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.

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: 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.

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), and The Hymnal 1982 (H).

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: Three verses from the *Te Deum*

Anonymous

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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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.

The Collect for Purity entreats almighty God to prepare our hearts for worship. This prayer dates back to the 10th century and has appeared in almost every Anglican Prayer Book in the world since Thomas Cranmer's original translation in the 1549 Prayer Book.

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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, "As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

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

PSALM 119:33-40

BCP p. 766

³³**Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.**

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵**Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.**

³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷**Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.**

³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you.**

³⁹**Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgments are good.**

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.**

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

SERMON

Reverend Matthew Hanisian

MUSICAL REFLECTION: *Ach Gott, erhöre mein Seufzen und Wehklage*

Johann Gottfried Walther

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.

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.

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 Southern Africa; and, in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for Trinity, Elkridge; All Hallows', Davidsonville; All Saints', Sunderland. 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: the Shegogue and Major families, Chris, Dan, Marge, Lois, Matt, the Eveleth family, Laura, Anne, Kyle, Lynn, Susan, Mark, Andrew, Cole, 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, especially Nancy Griesmyer. 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

Tomorrow as we celebrate all those who work and labor, we pray for the 31 million Americans who are currently unemployed and the millions more who are underemployed. We pray that they may find gainful employment that sustains them and their families, while we give thanks for all the work you have given us to do in our daily lives as we serve our community and the world in Jesus' name.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for those in our parish family who celebrate their birthday this week especially: Susan, Judyth, Alexa, Heather, Lesley, Holly, Jennifer, Jenny, Lisa, Nate, Kevin, Justine, Quinn and Mary Marta. I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating their wedding anniversary: Robert and Chris Savoy and Matthew and Kristina Astle.

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.

The Celebrant adds a Concluding Collect.

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Forgive our sins as we forgive*

H 674, v. 1 & 4

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
 un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on - wrongs and
 truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owe to us, how great our debt to you.
 God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

The Offertory Hymn is to be sung by the livestream congregation during the setting of the Table for Holy Eucharist.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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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.**

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."

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.

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: Voluntary in F

William Hine

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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