Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

The Rev. Lauren R. Holder, *Rector*
The Rev. Nathan Erdman, *Associate Rector and Chaplain*
Dr. HyeSung Hwang, *Director of Music Ministries*

Our mission is to gather as a welcoming community of Christ called to love and serve God, our neighbors and each other in joyful presence in the world.

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Mark Your Calendar for Lent

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPER

Tuesday, March 4, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Before Lent, people traditionally eat foods like pancakes made with eggs and butter because these were considered "rich" ingredients that would be restricted during the Lenten season when some Christians abstain from animal products like meat, eggs, and dairy, essentially "using up" these items before the fast begins; this practice is why Shrove Tuesday is sometimes called "Fat Tuesday." While we don't abstain from eggs, butter, and milk... we do honor that tradition with our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper followed by a family-friendly service. We will also burn the palms from last year for our Ash Wednesday ashes. Please bring any palms you have. $10/person, $30/family.

For more information or questions, please contact Rev. Nathan, associate @stmartinsinthefield.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES AND "ASHES TO GO"

Wednesday, March 5

Ashes to Go: Drive up to our campus between 7:00-8:00 a.m. to start your day with prayer and the imposition of ashes.

Ash Wednesday Services: Come and observe a Holy Lent on Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes and the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome to worship with the Middle School Chapel Service at 10:30 a.m. or our Evening Service at 7:00 p.m.

For more information or questions, contact Rev. Lauren, rector@stmartinsinthefield.org.

NEW TO ST. MARTIN'S?

Please scan our QR code and help 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

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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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You are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Narthex following our worship this morning.

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 WORD OF GOD

We ask that you please enter the sanctuary quietly before and during the prelude.

Prelude: *The Well-Tempered Clavier Book 1, Prelude in C Major, BWV 846* Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome

Please stand and sing.

Opening Hymn: *God is Love, let heaven adore him* H 379

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria H S 236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Collect of the Day

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

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse--who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Psalm 1

** Antiphon* *The antiphon is sung first by the Choir, then repeated by all.*

The Choir chants the Psalm. All repeat the Antiphon where indicated.

1 *Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!*

2 *Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.*

3 *They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.* ***Antiphon**

4 *It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.*

5 *Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.*

6 *For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.* ***Antiphon**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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: *Blessed Jesus, at thy word* H 440

The Holy Gospel Luke 6:17-26

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

Sermon The Rev. Lauren R. Holder

Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

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 IV BCP p. 388

In our parish family long term prayers are requested for: Edmund, Anna May, Joey, Kip, Elise, Sara, Wilma, Merla, Lisa, Mike, The Carman family, Kevin, Sarah, Kevin, Melanie, 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; give online via our secure online system by scanning the QR code provided or visit our website at https://stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/give/ Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Martin's in our world.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: *Come, thou fount of every blessing* arr. Jay Althouse

Please stand and sing.

Presentation Hymn: *Take my life, and let it be* H 707, v. 1

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *All sing.* HS 125

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father, **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

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.* HS 155

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

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The Congregation joins in the singing of the Communion Hymn.

Communion Music: *Eternal Life* Olive Dungan

Communion Hymn: *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless* H 343

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

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: *There's a wideness in God's mercy* H 470

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude: *He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought* Arr. Mark Hayes

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