



The Flight Into Egypt, by Vittore Carpaccio c. 1515. Oil on panel; National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2022

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

The Reverend Kathleen Schotto, Deacon and Seminarian

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 Holy Season of Epiphany: Light, Magi, Revelation

The Episcopal Church says the following about the Season of Epiphany:

"A season of four to nine weeks, from the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6), through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The length of the season varies according to the date of Easter. The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ. We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showings of his divinity recorded in the gospels of the Epiphany season. (see: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/epiphany-season>)

This year we have eight of the possible nine Sundays that stretch from January 9 to March 2. Each day of Epiphanytide we gain several minutes of daylight—literally there is more light in our lives. During our worship services we will hear gospel stories primarily from Luke's gospel. Almost all of the gospel passages focus on the ways that Jesus revealed to his disciples and the world that he was the Christ, the light of the world.

The tradition of inscribing one's door with a blessing started in medieval times in central Europe. Today, the custom is practiced by millions of Christians around the world today and is rooted in the visitation of the “wise men from the East” to the infant Jesus and his parents and the blessing they bestowed.

For the past five years, the clergy have come to parishioners' homes and done this simple service, inscribing the ancient formula of blessing above the home's entryway. **This year we will once again resume this tradition at St. Martin's--however you will need to sign up online. See the announcement in the bulletins, in the E-Pistle and on our website to sign up and have Rev. Matthew or Rev. Nathan come and bless your entryway. Time slots are limited, so I urge you to sign up today.**

As one canon of the Church of England wrote so eloquently, “It is, moreover, a constant reminder that Christ is incarnate in the love and care we show each other in our ordinary lives together, and also our relationship with friends and strangers who cross the threshold of our homes in the course of the year.”

I invite you into this holy time of revelation, light, and blessing. The days will now become brighter, longer, as we look for the many ways the Light of the World, Jesus, is being revealed to us afresh this year.

In the name of Jesus who is the light of the world,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew". A small black asterisk is placed at the end of the signature.

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, congregational responses are in **bold italics**.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

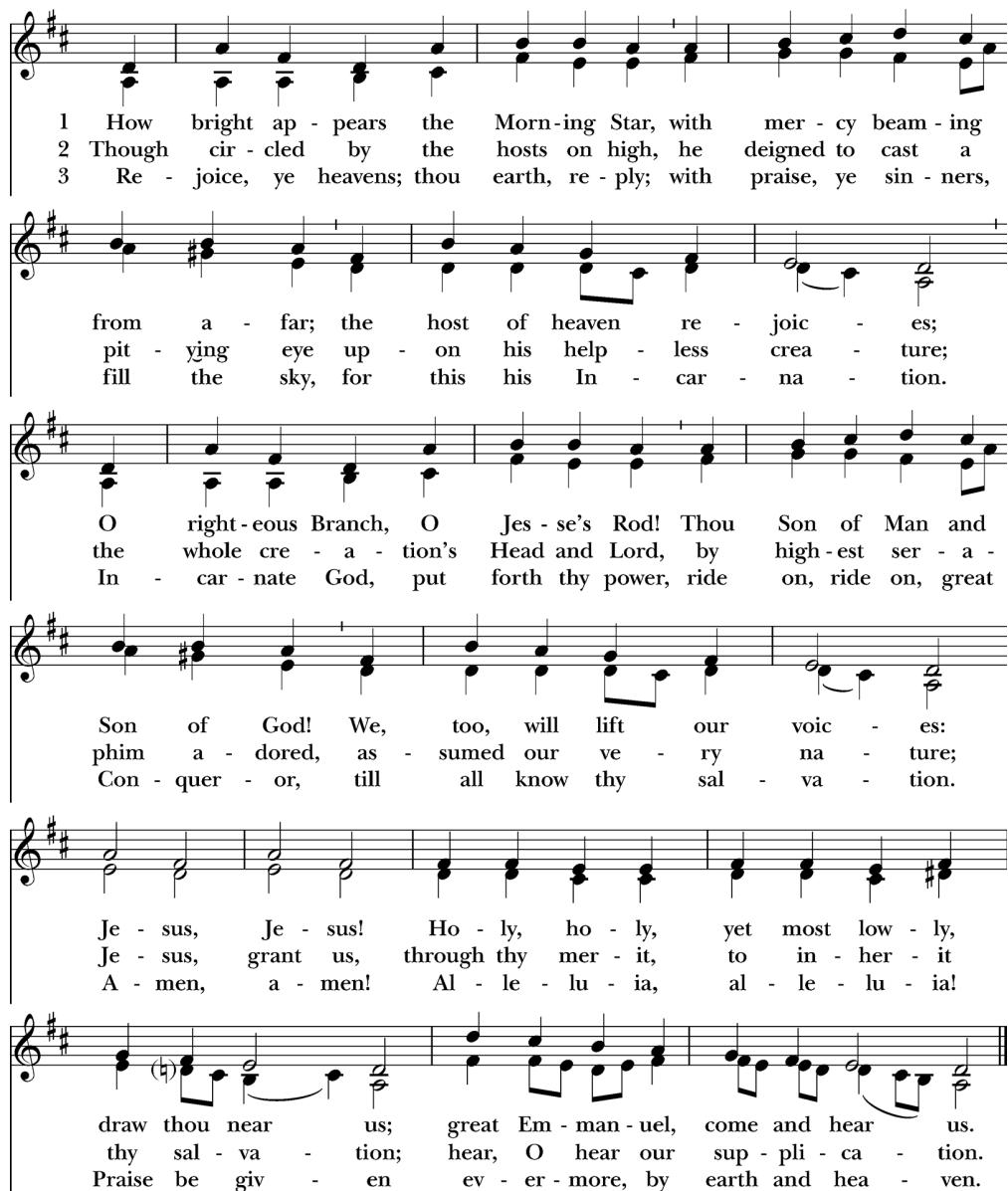
WELCOME

PRELUDE: Noël Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin arr. Patricia Lou Harris

OPENING HYMN: How bright appears the Morning Star

H 497



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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

31:7-14

For thus says the Lord : Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord , your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord , O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord , over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord .

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

PSALM 84:1-8

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- ¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.*
- ²The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.*
- ³Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you.*
- ⁴Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.*
- ⁵Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.*
- ⁶They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.*
- ⁷Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.*
- ⁸Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your Anointed.*

A READING FROM EPHESIANS

1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

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

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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

SERMON

The Reverend Matthew Hanisian

One minute of silence.

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 Province of Congo; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: All Saints', Sunderland; Christ Church, Port Republic; Middleham and St. Peter's, Lusby. 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 and Robert, our bishops; for Matthew, Nathan, and John our clergy; Kathleen our seminarian and deacon; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

For Joseph, our President; the Congress and Supreme Court of the United States; for Larry, our governor; 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 Charlie, our Interim Head of School. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

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.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble - this week we pray for Jasper, Clark, the Markey family, David Luke, Tim, Mildred and family, Peg, Alison, and Donald as well as those in our parish family in need of our continued, long-term prayers as listed in our bulletin. ***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; especially for those in our parish family who celebrate their birthday this week: Cecilia, James, William, Lois, Jim, Patti, Robin, Jack, Wilma and Lisa. And we pray for Alex and Dawn Major who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

We continue to pray for those affected by the COVID-19 virus and all health care providers, as they tend to those who have been infected; for those affected by natural disasters; we give thanks for all those who celebrate birthdays and wedding anniversaries and for the many blessings of our lives.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESS AND ABSOLUTION

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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

Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Martin's in our world.

For those worshiping online, you may text [Give2STM to 73256](#) to give via text messaging, or you may choose to give online via our secure online system by clicking here:

<https://stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/give/>

In our parish family long term prayers are requested for:

George, Eileen, Stephen, Alison, Dwayne, Jeff, Barbara, Jim, Matt, Tina, Chris, Lois, Kyle, Katherine and Kenny.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: *How lovely is thy dwelling-place*

H 517

The congregation sings the Offertory Hymn while the Offering is collected.

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal-lows find a
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou-sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hearts are set up on the pil - grim's quest.
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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.**

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:

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."

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.

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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

ALL are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Martin's.

Please come forward to the standing station in the middle of the center aisle, following the instructions of the ushers.

Tape marks on the main aisle indicate 6' of social distance.

In the Anglican Tradition, consuming either the Bread or Wine is the same as consuming both elements.

Families may come forward together as a group.

Gluten-Free wafers are available, please let your need be known to the Celebrant.

THE CONGREGATION JOINS IN THE SINGING OF THE COMMUNION HYMNS

COMMUNION HYMN: We three kings of Orient are

H 128

1 We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we travel far,
2 Born a King on Beth-le-hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank-in-cense to offer have I: in-cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a
5 Glo-rious now be-hold him a-rise, King and

1 gifts we tra-verse a-far, field and foun-tain,
2 bring to crown him a-gain, King for ev-er,
3 owns a De-i-ty nigh; prayer and prais-ing,
4 life of gath-er-ing gloom; sor-rowing, sigh-ing,
5 God and Sac-ri-fice; heaven sings al-le-

1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O——— star of won - der, star of night,
 star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,
 still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

COMMUNION HYMN: *On this day earth shall ring*

H 92

*On this day earth shall ring
 with the song children sing to the Lord, Christ our King,
 born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.
 Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o, Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*His the doom, ours the mirth;
 when he came down to earth, Bethlehem saw his birth;
 ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him.
 Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o, Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*God's bright star, o'er his head,
 Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed,
 lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him.
 Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o, Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*On this day angels sing;
 with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King,
 born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.
 Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o, Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!*

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

CLOSING HYMN: *Angels, from the realms of glory*

H 93

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scand - ing,

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: come and wor - ship,
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star: shall ap - pear:
 in his tem - ple

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Postlude on "Gloria"*

Jason D. Payne

The congregation is invited to sit and listen to the postlude, remaining in the sanctuary until the online broadcast concludes.

The members of our Choir are fully vaccinated and per the diocesan guidelines can sing while maintaining social distancing guidelines.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

EPIPHANY BAPTISMS

Sunday, January 9, 10:30 a.m.

Join us, as we do all in our power to support the persons baptized in living out their new life in Christ, and in renewing our Baptismal Covenant. If you or a member of your household would like to be baptized, please contact Rev. Matthew, rector@stmartinsinthefield.org or

Rev. Nathan, associate@stmartinsinthefield.org for details.



CHALKING OF THE DOORS DURING EPIPHANY

During the first two weeks of Epiphany, the clergy will come to your home and perform a simple service of blessing with you and your household as we celebrate the spread of news of Christ's birth in the world. Online signups will be available starting in January.



NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHAPEL TO RESUME - JANUARY 9

January 9 we welcome back our Nursery and Children's Chapel. Our nursery will be available from 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Sundays for infants and children ages 3 and under. Children's Chapel happens during the 10:30 a.m. service, from before the reading of the Gospel to the Peace. Children from 3 years old to 2nd grade, are invited to experience an age appropriate Liturgy of the Word led by Children's Chapel adult leaders. **Adult volunteers needed.** Contact Rev. Nathan, associate@stmartinsinthefield.org for details and learn how you can help.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MUSTANG

Applications for 2022-23 admission to our Episcopal School and financial aid are being accepted until January 31. Private tours are available during the school day by booking online. For details contact Kira Dickson, Director of Admissions, kdickson@stmartinsmd.org.

ONGOING PROGRAMMING

EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY)

All events are from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

January 9 - Gospel According to the Simpson's: Share Rev. Nathan's love for two things: The Gospel and the Simpsons! We'll watch and discuss "churchy" episodes of the Simpson's. Simpson's themed food included!

January 23 - Board Game Bonanza: Bring your favorite board and card games and a competitive spirit. We'll provide snacks, drinks and a few more games to try out.

February 6 - Kid Klassics Night: We're bringing back the classics of childhood! Saturday morning cartoons, sugary cereal, freeze tag, duck-duck-goose and more!

PARENTS' GROUP

Sundays, 9:15 a.m. (Parish Hall) Resumes January 9

We meet every Sunday for fellowship, conversation, education, and hands-on projects that benefit St. Martin's and our community. Contact Rev. Matthew, rector@stmartinsinthefield.org.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE WORKBENCH

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. (via Zoom) Resumes January 9

Explore the Scripture readings from our Sunday Eucharists and discuss how these spiritual themes shape our lives as Christians. Sign up at stmartinsinthefield.com/events/.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sundays, 9:15 a.m. Resumes January 9

Sunday School (K-Grade 5): The back picnic tables, with the church or parish hall being utilized as a rain location.

Rite-13 (Grade 6-7): SMES Middle School Classrooms

J2A (Grade 8-9): Lower Heck Hall

Confirmation Class/YAC (Grade 10-11): SMES Middle School Classrooms

Senior YAC (Grade 12): SMES Teacher Workroom.

If you haven't already, be sure to register online at: <https://stmartinsinthefield.com/ministries/>.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL - BIBLE CHALLENGE

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. (St. Martin's House)

A 12 week study on the Book of Daniel. To order the Book of Daniel study guide online visit <http://lamplightersusa.org>. Contact Cindy Neseth, cincysue1@aol.com.

SHEPHERD GROUP *Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. (via Zoom)*

Group discussion of the readings for the upcoming Sunday. All adults welcome. For zoom link and details contact Susan Griesmyer, sgriesmyer@verizon.net.



ONE OF OUR MOST VITAL MINISTRIES

We give great and hearty thanks for the leadership and dedication Larry Sells has given as Outreach commissioner the last three years. Larry has been dedicated in ensuring that St. Martin's Outreach efforts spread far and wide despite the restrictions the pandemic has presented. We now invite you to look into your heart and discern if this could be your calling to help coordinate one of our most important and vital ministries at St. Martin's. To hear more about this role or to volunteer to be a part of this wonderful team that does some truly amazing ministry, please contact Rev. Matthew, rector@stmartinsinthefield.org.



SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood. **If you think you or someone you know is suffering seek support today.** Online resources provided on St. Martin's website, <https://stmartinsinthefield.com/parish-life/mental-health/>. For immediate assistance call our office at (410) 647-6248 any time and follow the prompts for pastoral emergency.



GIFT CARDS TO SUPPORT J2A

Our J2A Youth Group is selling gift cards for their pilgrimage. Even though we are not selling at church, you can still buy gift cards, which make wonderful gifts for the holidays. To place an order or to set up an account and order online contact Meg Stott, mcstott65@yahoo.com.

JANUARY OUTREACH: ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN MISSION

In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed. Second collection funds go to assist Orphan Grain Train in transporting most needed items to those in most desperate need.



ACOLYTES ARE BACK!

The crosses, candles, and more are returning to Sunday mornings! All youth in Grades 6th through 12th are most invited to serve God in worship and be a part of the Sunday morning action. Our next **acolyte training is Sunday, January 9 at 11:30 a.m.** in the church sanctuary. Sign up today! Rev. Nathan, associate@stmartinsinthefield.org



WE REACHED OUR 5K SERVICE TO SERVICE GOAL

During one of the toughest periods our community faced, the Covid pandemic, **we surpassed our goal of giving 5,000 hours of service to our community.** What an achievement. A huge thank you to our parish family for the many ways we give back to our community. While our goal has been met that doesn't mean we are done. There is always work that continues to need to be done using our hands, hearts, and selves through our ministries. How will you help us serve our world in Jesus' name this new year?