

St. Martin in the Fields

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Service of Holy Eucharist

on

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Welcome to St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church. We are so grateful that you are here for worship today. Please know that this church is Christ's church and you are always welcome here. Please feel at home. If you are new among us or simply visiting with us, please make yourself known to the clergy and other parishioners so that we may properly welcome you.

St. Martin's offers three distinct worship services inside the church most Sundays.

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist: no music

9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist: Wonder Church Wonder Church is a wonderfully alternative service geared toward children and their families.

10:00 a.m. | Formation for all ages

11:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist with choir and congregational singing 5:00 p.m. | Holy Eucharist only on the third Sunday of each month

FIRST SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. | Service of Holy Eucharist

On the first Sunday of each month, St. Martin's has one Service of Holy Eucharist, with a meal to follow.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant and Preacher | The Rev. Colin Brown Lector and Intercessor | Michael Beeson

11:00 a.m.

Celebrant and Preacher | The Rev. Colin Brown
Verger | Andy Moore
Lectors | Caroline Brown, Dinah Howell
Intercessor | Tim Peek
Organist and Choirmaster | Keith Nash
The St. Martin's Adult Choir

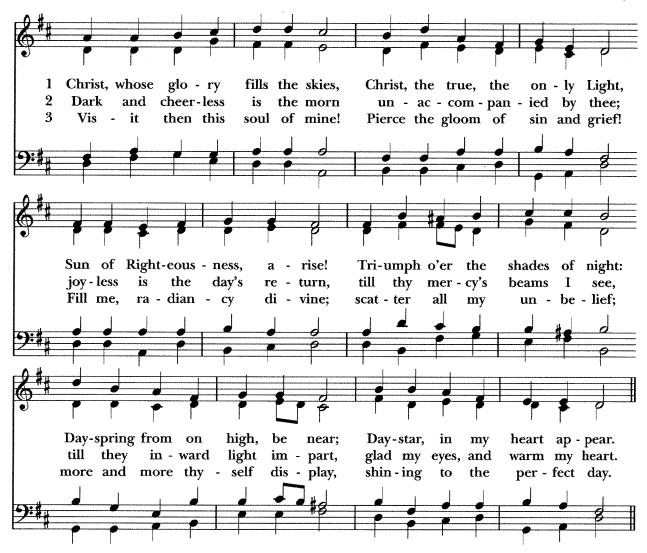
5:00 p.m.

Celebrant and Preacher | The Rev. Brandon Duke

Processional Hymn 11:00 a.m. only

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Hymnal 7



Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.

In unison

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 of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

First Reading Exodus 32:1-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people from the book of the prophet Micah.

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; 8they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Spoken in unison at 8:00 and 5:00

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23





The Antiphon is sung first by the cantor, then repeated by all. The verses are sung by all.

- 1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good, * for his mercy / endures for ever.
- Who can declare the mighty acts of the / LORD * or show / forth all his praise?
- 3 Happy are those who act with / justice * and always / do what is right! [ANTIPHON]
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your / people, * and visit me with / your saving help;
- That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your / people, * that I may glory with / your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our / forebears did; * we have done wrong and / dealt wickedly. [ANTIPHON] 19 Israel made a bull-calf at / Horeb * and worshiped a / molten image; And so they exchanged their / Glory * 20 for the image of an ox / that feeds on grass. They forgot God their / Savior, * 21 who had done great / things in Egypt, 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of / Ham, * and fearful things / at the Red Sea. 23 So he would have destroyed them,

had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the / breach, *

Second Reading Philippians 4:1-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

to turn away his wrath from / consuming them. [ANTIPHON]

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

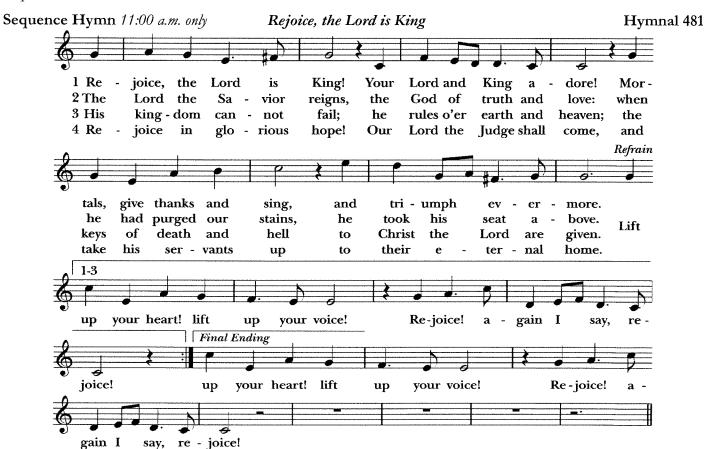
⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.



The Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, 'while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ¹The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ®Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁰Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Colin Brown

A moment of silent reflection is observed following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

All stand

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.

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 Prayers of the People

The people stand or kneel.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Robert our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including _____

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, including _____, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The people stand.

Celebrant

The peace of God be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Form VI

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,

Sweet messenger of rest;

I hate the sins that made thee mourn,

And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

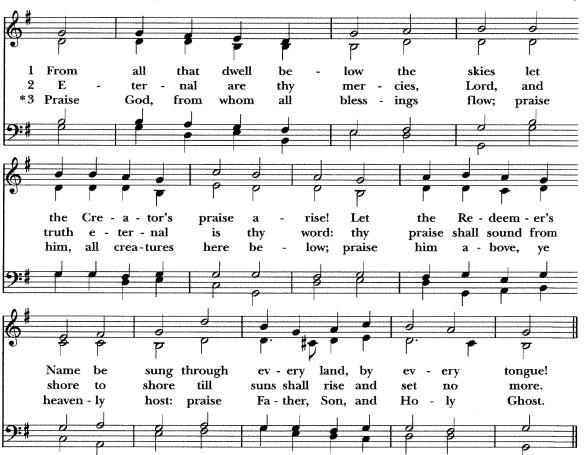
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Thank you for your generosity. Your food offerings in support of the food pantry can be placed in the baskets outside the doors of the church. You may place your monetary offering in the plates as they are passed, mail it to the church, give online at www.stmartins.org/give, or you may text to give by doing the following:

1. Open a new text message. 2. Type 73256. 3. Use our code letters: SMECATL. 4. Put in the amount you would like to give.

Presentation Hymn 11:00 a.m. only From all that dwell below the skies

Hymnal 380



The people stand.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

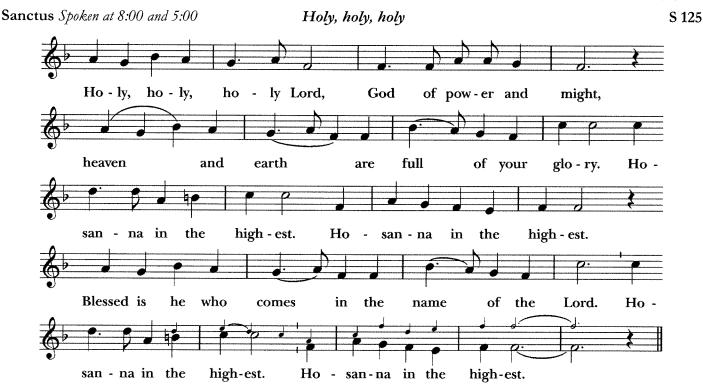
Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer

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

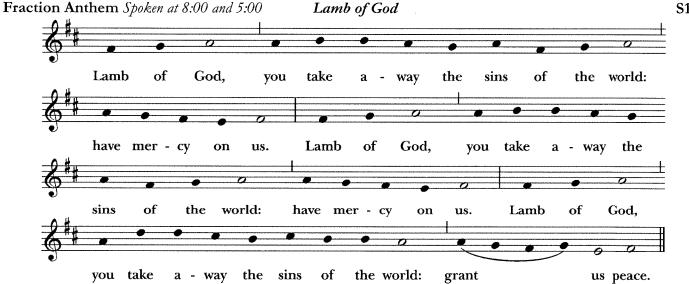
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept



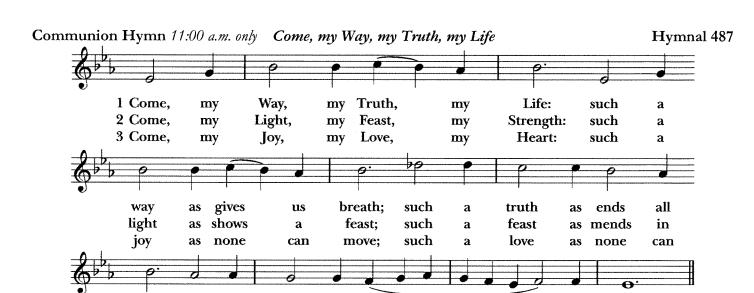
Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please remain in your pew until the usher prompts you to go forward to receive communion or a blessing. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please let the priest know if you desire gluten-free. If you wish to receive Communion in one kind (bread only), please proceed to the rail and extend one hand to receive the host only. If you wish to receive a host that has been dipped into the chalice of wine, please proceed to the rail and extend both hands, and it will be placed into your hand. If you wish to receive only a blessing, please proceed to the rail and cross your arms in front of your chest.

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On Sundays when Eucharistic Visitors are making visits, they will be commissioned as follows:

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Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors 11:00 a.m. only

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Celebrant

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

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People

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

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The Post-Communion Prayer

Standing or kneeling.

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

All stand for the blessing.

The Blessing



*6 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

If You Will Allow God to Guide You

J.S. Bach



In addition to Sunday services listed in the front of the bulletin, you are invited to:

Welcome





Formation For All October 15, 10:00 a.m.

Formation for all continues on October 8. This year, the whole church is engaging in a curriculum centered on the Catechism. Children meet in Lower Pierce, youth meet in Lower Gable, and adults meet in the Parlor.

Youth Group October 22, 5:00 p.m.

All 6th-12th graders are welcome to join us for youth group. We'll eat together in Gable Hall and then meet in our Oasis (6th - 8th grades) and Crossroads (9th - 12th grades) groups. Come ready to learn, eat, and connect.

St. Martin's Fall Festival October 28, 5:00 p.m.

This October, our Fall Fest returns for church families. Come out to St. Martin's to enjoy fall festivities like pumpkin painting, face painting, and games. All children and families are welcome. Feel free to come in your Halloween costume. Email Molly (mhermangallow@stmartins.org) with any questions.

All Saints' Sunday November 5, 2023

On All Saints' Sunday, it is our custom to read aloud the names of members and other loved ones who have died since All Saints' Sunday last year. If you wish for us to remember a loved one during the service on November 5, please send their full name, date of death (month/year), and relationship to you to <u>communications@stmartins.org</u> by the end of today, October 15.

Sing with St. Martin's Festival Choir

The St. Martin's Adult Choir invites you to join them as the choir prepares for All Saints' Day. Any parishioner or community member is welcome to join. Thursday rehearsals are from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on October 19, October 26, and November 2. Sunday morning rehearsal is at 9:00 a.m. with a 10:00 a.m. service on November 5. You must commit to two rehearsals and Sunday morning to participate. Email wgotmer@stmartins.org for more information.

Vestry Nominations Open

Nominations are now open for the Vestry Class of 2024-2027. If you are interested in standing for election or nominating an active, pledging member of the church, email Senior Warden Grant Ford at gford217@gmail.com, leave a written nomination in his workroom mailbox, or speak with any member of the Nominating Committee: Grant Ford, Martha Evans, Gay Jolley, Jed Dennard, John Betz, and Susan Hamilton. Nominations must be submitted prior to the first meeting of the Parish Nominating Committee, scheduled for Oct. 23. They will select a slate of four to seven candidates, and the parish will elect four members from that slate in November.