

St. Martin in the Fields

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Service of Holy Eucharist

on

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 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.

The columbarium flowers are given by Julie Weimer to the glory of God and in loving memory of George Weimer.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

8:00 a.m.

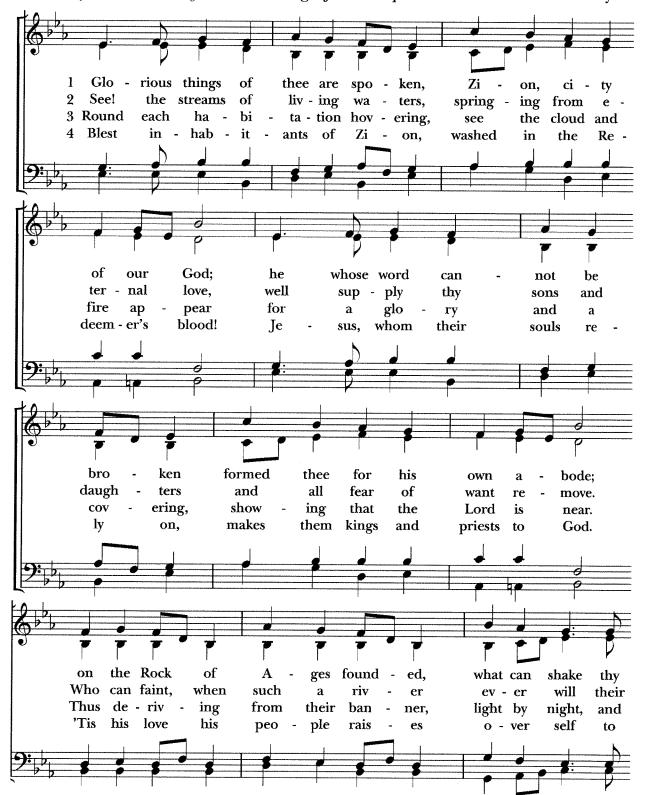
Celebrant and Preacher | The Rev. Monica Mainwaring Lector and Intercessor | Randy Hughes

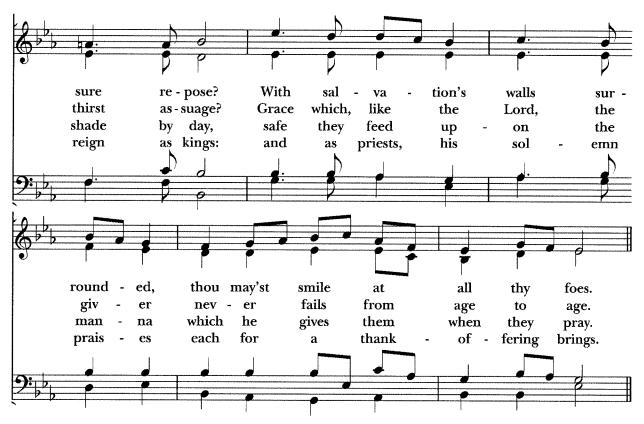
11:00 a.m.

Celebrant: The Rev. Colin Brown | Preacher: The Rev. Monica Mainwaring
Deacon | The Rev. Victoria Jarvis
Verger | Leigh Ford
Lectors | Janet Shepherd, Bob Comegys
Intercessor | Maryann Lozano
Organist and Choirmaster | Will Gotmer
The St. Martin's Summer Pickup Choir

Processional Hymn 11:00 a.m. only Glorious things of thee are spoken

Hymnal 522





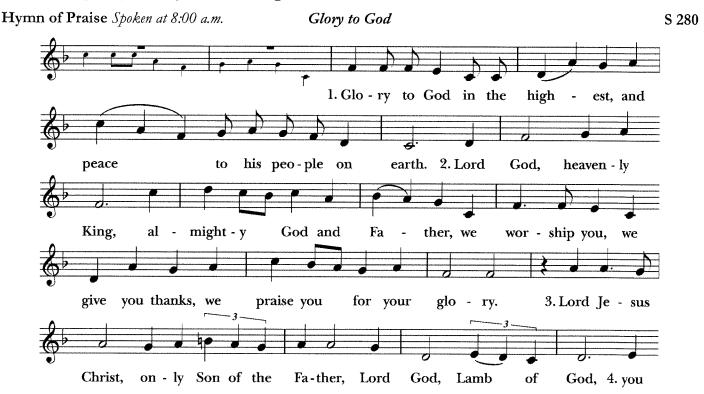
Opening Acclamation

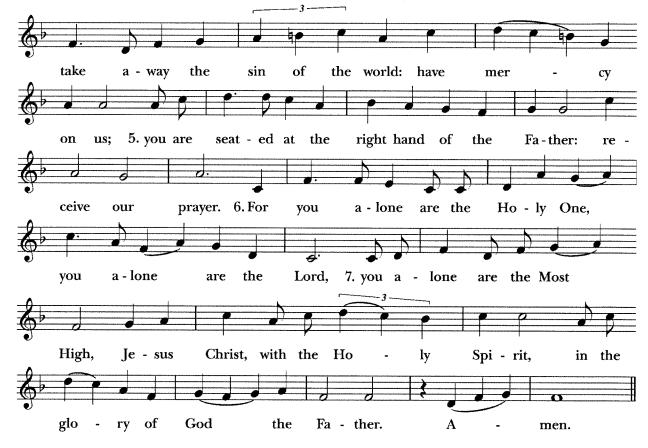
Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

First Reading Exodus 1:8-2:10

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

⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." ¹⁷But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

²⁻¹Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

5The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. 6When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. 7Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" 8Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

The Psalm Psalm 124

Responsively by whole verse

¹If the LORD had not been on our side, *

let Israel now say;

²If the LORD had not been on our side, * when enemies rose up against us,

³Then would they have swallowed us up alive * in their fierce anger toward us;

⁴Then would the waters have overwhelmed us * and the torrent gone over us;

⁵Then would the raging waters * have gone right over us.

⁶Blessed be the LORD! *

he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

⁸Our help is in the Name of the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

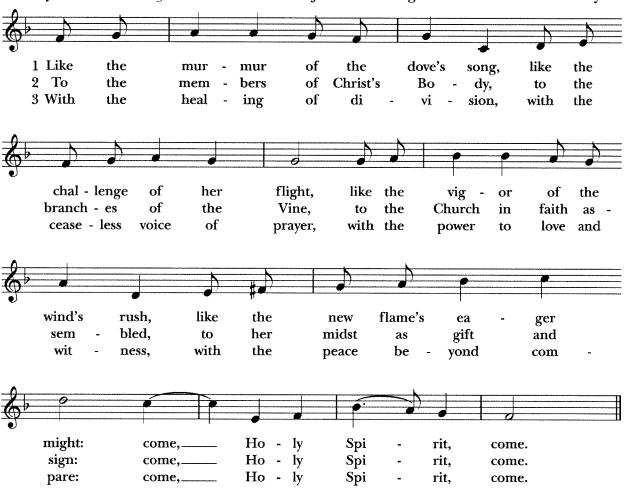
Second Reading Romans 12:1-8

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

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
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Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

The Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Monica Mainwaring

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.

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.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Holy God, unite us in your truth, help us to live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Remind us that the earth is your own creation, and guide us to use its resources in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, including _____; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, including ______, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence.

The People may their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Remaining standing or kneeling. Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
Thy perfect love close in my breast
That I thee love and never rest;
And make me love thee of all thinge best,
And wounde my heart in thy love free,
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

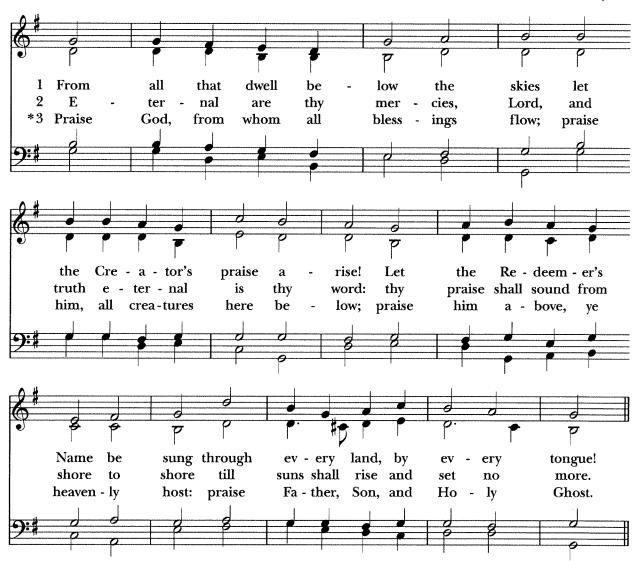
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Thank you for your generosity. Your food offerings in support of the food pantry can be placed in the baskets outside the doors of the church. You may place your monetary offering in the plates as they are passed, mail it to the church, give online 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 Holy Communion

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.

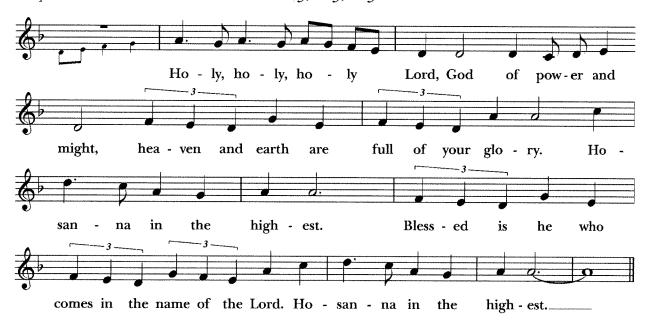
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus Spoken at 8:00 Holy, holy, holy

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The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

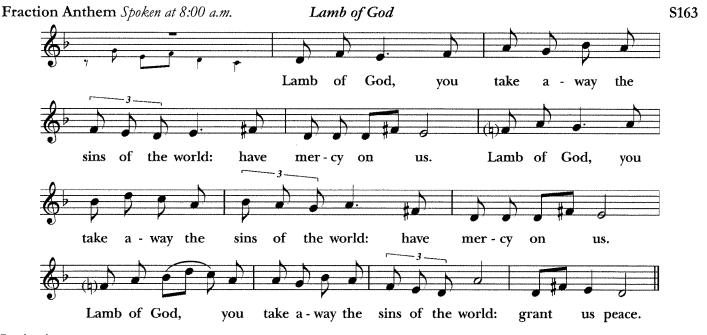
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

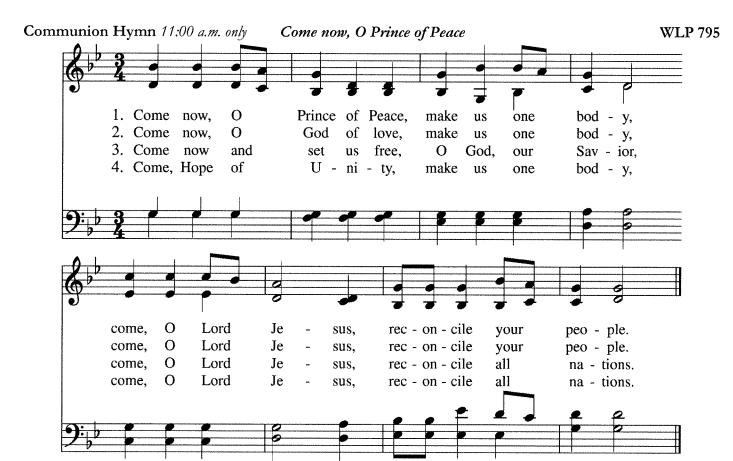
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept



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.





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

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

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.

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

The Post-Communion Prayer

Standing or kneeling.

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

All stand for the blessing.

The Blessing



Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.



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

Welcome





Scan for the Connection Card

Formation For All

August 27, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Formation for children, youth, and adults continues on August 27 at 10:00 a.m. This year, the whole church is engaging in a curriculum centered on our Outline of Faith, commonly called the Catechism. Children meet downstairs in Lower Pierce, youth meet in Lower Gable, and adults meet in the Parlor.

Training for Lectors and Intercessors

August 27, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We have invited parishioner Darlene Price Swanson to facilitate a training for all existing and prospective lectors and intercessors. This valuable training is required for those who wish to serve as lectors and intercessors at St. Martin's. Email Deacon Victoria (deacon@stmartins.org) to sign-up.

Youth Group

August 27, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Youth in grades 6th - 12th are welcome to St. Martin's for evening youth group! We gather for a meal together before meeting in our separate middle (Oasis) and high school (Crossroads) groups for moments of learning, fun, and fellowship. We end the evening together with Compline. All youth are welcome to join us on Sunday evening we begin in Gable Hall.

An Evening with Dr. Catherine Meeks August 29, 6:30 p.m.

St. Martin's and OLA's Sister Thea Bowman Racial Justice Ministry will co-host an evening with Dr. Catherine Meeks, Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing. She will discuss her latest book, The Night is Long, But Light Comes in the Morning. Dr. Meeks is a much sought-after teacher and workshop leader who brings four decades of experience to the work of transforming the dismantling of racial work in Atlanta, All are welcome. Bring a friend.

There will be a light reception at 6:30 p.m. with the program starting at 7:00 p.m. The Cathedral Bookstore will be on hand with copies of Dr. Meek's book.

ONE St. Martin's Service and Feast September 3, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for our September ONE St. Martin's service and feast. All are welcome! The church staff will host this month's feast and our rector will share a slideshow and reflect on her eight-week sabbatical. The youth (6th - 12th graders) will go to SkyZone ATL after the ONE St. Martin's feast. All are welcome to join!

Register for Dr. Meeks



Recycling at St. Martin's

At St. Martin's all recyclable materials can be disposed of in the BLUE receptacles on campus. All non-recyclable materials should go in the Black bins. If you aren't sure, just check the signage on the face of these containers. Materials that can be recycled include: Paper, Plastics (1-7) Aluminum Cans, Cardboard boxes, Paper towel/Tissue rolls and Rinsed Frozen Food Containers. Thank you for joining St. Martin's Green Team in this effort.