

St. Martin in the Fields

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II on the First Sunday after Christmas

> December 31, 2023 10:00 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 (resuming January 14, 2024)

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

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Monica Mainwaring | Preacher: Vince Vitti
Deacon | The Rev. Victoria Jarvis
Lectors | Jim Reese, Caroline Brown
Intercessor | Kathy Evenson
Organ | Ernest Plunkett

wor - ship Christ,

the

new-born King.

come

and wor - ship,

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

First Reading Isaiah 61:10-62:3

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,

my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,

and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

62:1For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,

and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,

and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name

that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

The Psalm Psalm 147

Responsively by whole verse.

¹Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

²The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.

³He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

⁴He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.

The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

8He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;

⁹He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.

¹⁰He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

¹¹He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

¹²But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.

¹³Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

¹⁴For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.

¹⁵He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁶He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

¹⁷He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

¹⁸He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

¹⁹He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

²⁰He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

²¹He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Second Reading Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

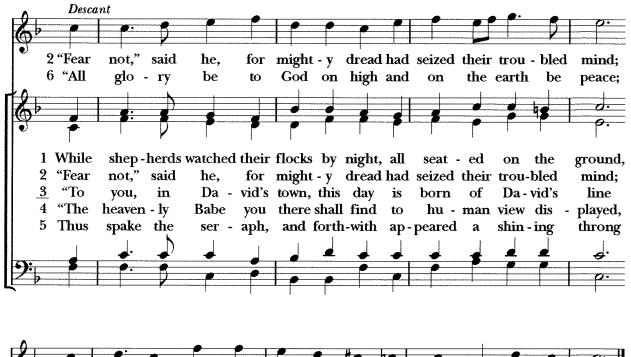
A Reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

⁴⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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





6 "All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease."

The Gospel John 1:1-18

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Vince Vitti

The Nicene Creed

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.

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.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

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.

Silence.

The People may their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Remaining standing or kneeling.

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.

Absolution

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.**

Form III

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Voluntary

Resonet in Laudibus

Richard Purvis

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

The first Nowell (verses 1, 2, and 6)

Hymnal 109

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Novell, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

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

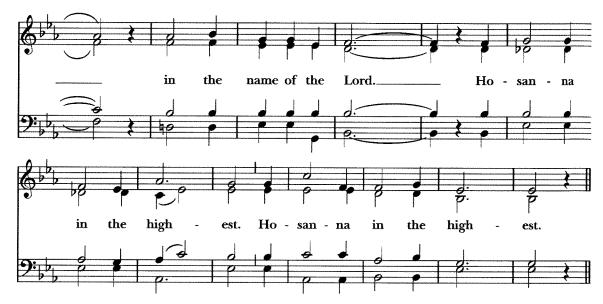
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:





The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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 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**.

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.





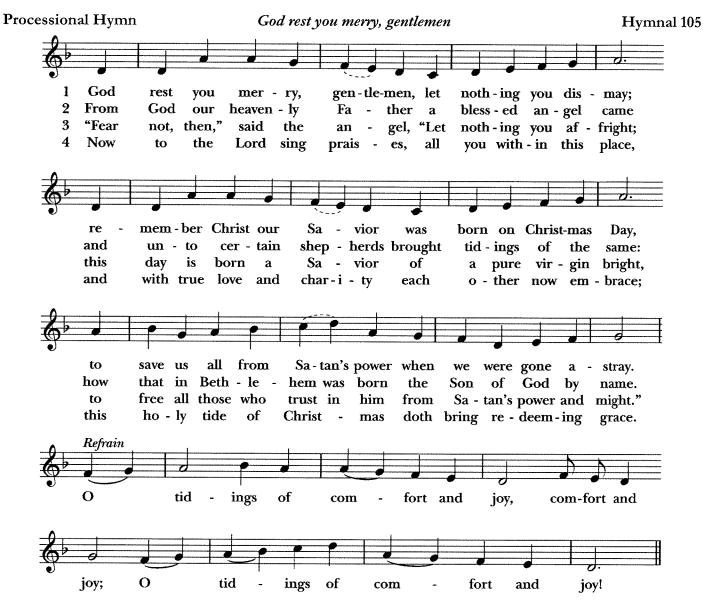
The Post-Communion Prayer

Standing or kneeling.

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.

All stand for the blessing.

The Blessing



Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

God Rest You Merry

Alfred Fedak

Upcoming Events at St. Martin's



A Gathering Of Women is a retreat at the church for all women of St. Martin's. On the cusp of Lent, this is a chance to connect as community, meet new friends, step away from our busy day-to-day, and recharge with many creative and interactive options through the day.

REGISTER FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT:



Kanuga Parish Retreat | May 10 - 12

Looking for the best Mother's Day gift? Bring Mom (and the family) to our Kanuga Parish Retreat on Mother's Day Weekend. See God's gifts in: the mountains, our children playing in the fresh air, communion with other families, music, and worship. Share your own God-given gifts at Kanuga. Come and enjoy.

REGISTER FOR KANUGA:



Vacation Bible School | June 10-14

Vacation Bible School 2024 is June 10 - 14, 2024. Registration is now open for all campers (4 years old - 5th grade), Jr. Counselors (6th - 8th grade), Sr. Counselors (9th - 12th grade), and Adult Leaders & Volunteers.

REGISTER FOR VBS:



REGISTER FOR ASP:



ASP Mission Trip | June 23-29

Join in the church-wide ASP Mission Trip, June 23 - 29, 2024. We'll journey to the Appalachian region of the U.S. and partner with Appalachia Service Project (ASP) for this week of service to others who call Appalachia their home.



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





Pledge for 2024 - "Close the Gap" for 2023

Please send your 2024 pledge card into the church, complete your pledge online, or email our Business Administrator Leslie Rose at linesuments. Thank you also for your 2023 pledges and gifts - you will have received your statements in the mail this week. As we work to "close the gap" between revenue and expenses in 2023, there is a special dropdown in our online giving menu entitled "close the gap." We look forward to seeing the year end well. **Charitable**

Giving Before Year End

As the end of the year approaches, here are a few reminders regarding charitable giving...

- Checks that are mailed must be postmarked by December 31, 2023 to be credited in this calendar year. For a check to be credited in this tax year, it MUST be postmarked by December 31, 2023. The mailing address is Post Office Box 190109 Brookhaven 31119.
- Online gifts are time stamped. Please make sure all online gifts are made by December 31 so that they can be credited in 2023.
- If you plan to give a stock gift, please make the request of your broker by mid-December. We need time to sell the stock before the December 31 deadline.

ONE St. Martin's Service, Baptisms and Feast January 7, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for our January ONE St. Martin's Service and Feast. We will welcome many to the church through baptism. Following the service, all are invited to share a feast in Gable Hall, hosted by Wonder Church families. AMIS (Atlanta Ministry to International Students) leadership and students will be with us to share about this good outreach partner. Nursery care is available from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Youth Group Resumes January 14 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group resumes January 14 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. All middle and high schoolers are welcome to join us in Gable Hall for dinner before splitting into our Oasis and Crossroads groups. We're thrilled to begin a new year together with lots of fun and fellowship in store. All are welcome.

Annual Report & Annual Meeting January 21, 10:00 a.m.

Our Annual Parish Report will be published in mid-January, and the Annual Parish Meeting will take place in Gable Hall on Sunday, January 21, after Wonder Church and before our third service, during the formation hour, 10:00 a.m. Please plan to come and celebrate all of the ways God has been at work in and through St. Martin's throughout 2023.

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Please visit our website at <u>www.stmartins.org</u> for more information about upcoming services and events.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
Sunday
8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m., Wonder Church
11:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II

