

St. Martin in the Fields

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II on The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023 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: Rite I, no singing

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: Rite II with choir and congregational singing

5:00 p.m. | Holy Eucharist: Rite II, 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 altar flowers are given by:

Karen Klein, in memory of Belinda Wedgwood, who loved the Lord and His flock.

Nancy Perk, in thanksgiving for her great-nieces, Harper and Betts Gutschenritter, and her great-nephew, Hudson Gutschenritter.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher | The Rev. Colin Brown
Deacon | The Rev. Victoria Jarvis
Verger | Andy Moore
Lectors | Judi Oakley, Bob Comegys
Organist and Choirmaster | Will Gotmer
The St. Martin's Adult Choir

Processional Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal 657



Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Acts 17:22-31

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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



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

- 7 Bless our God, you / peoples; *
 make the voice of his / praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in / life, * and will not allow / our feet to slip. [ANTIPHON]
- 9 For you, O God, have / proved us; * you have tried us just as / silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the / snare; * you laid heavy burdens / upon our backs.
- You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and / water; *
 but you brought us out into a place / of refreshment. [ANTIPHON]
- 12 *I will* enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my / vows, * which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I / was in trouble.
- I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of / rams; *
 I will give you / oxen and goats. [ANTIPHON]
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear / God, * and I will tell you what / he has done for me.
- I called out to him with my / mouth, * and his praise / was on my tongue. [ANTIPHON]
- 16 If I had found evil in my / heart, * the Lord would / not have heard me;
- But in truth God has / heard me; *
 he has attended to the / voice of my prayer.
- Blessed be God, who has not rejected my / prayer, * nor withheld / his love from me. [ANTIPHON]

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



The Gospel

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A moment of silent reflection is observed following the sermon.

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 Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Anthem

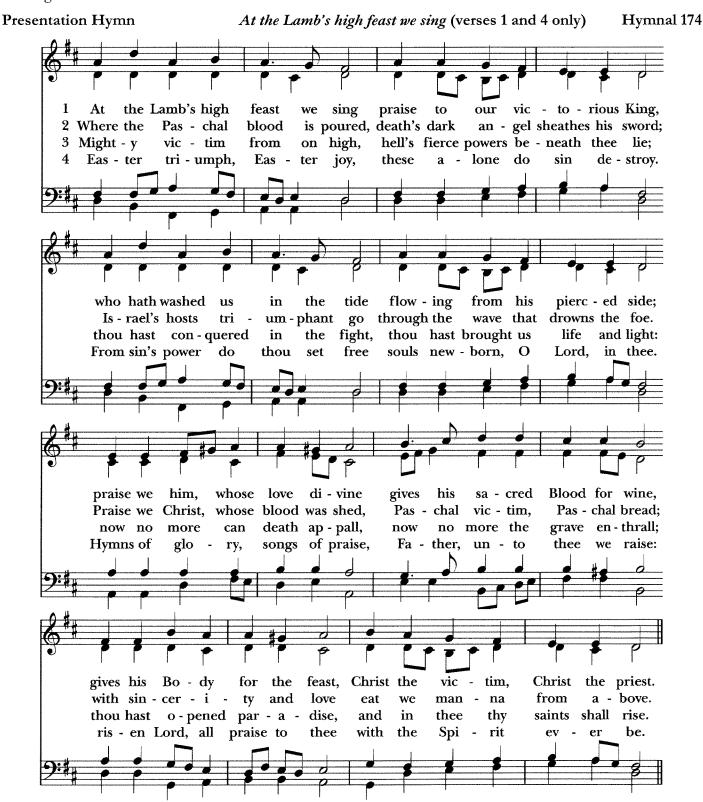
If ye love me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me,
keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you forever,
e'en the spirit of truth.

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.



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.

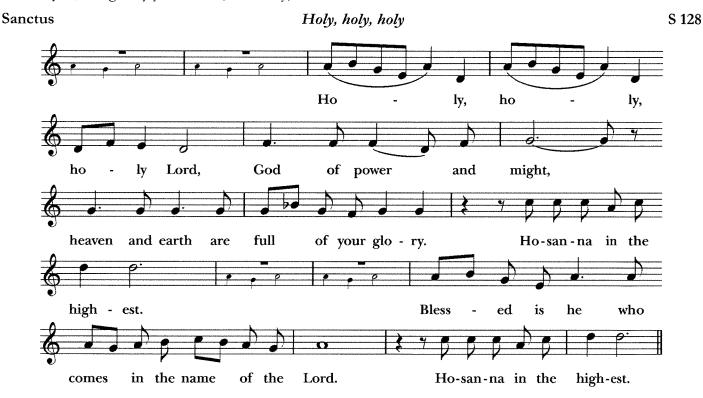
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,



The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember our bishops, Michael and Rob, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

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Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, including ______, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

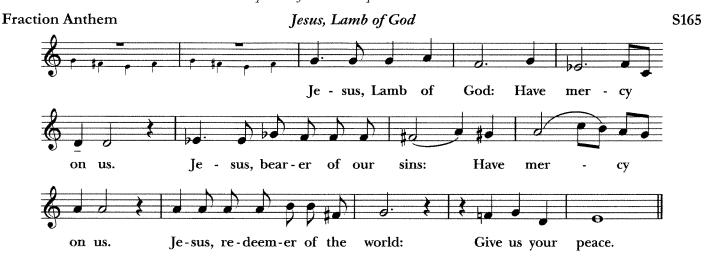
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

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.

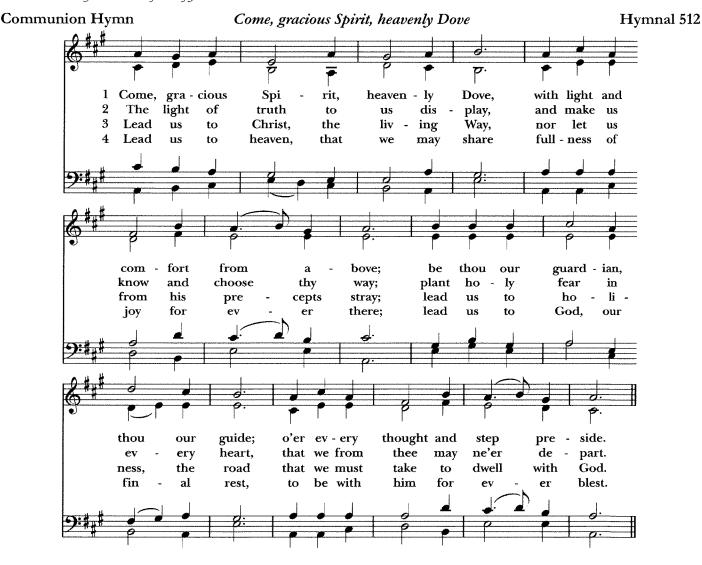
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept



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 hands. All are welcome to receive. 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

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.

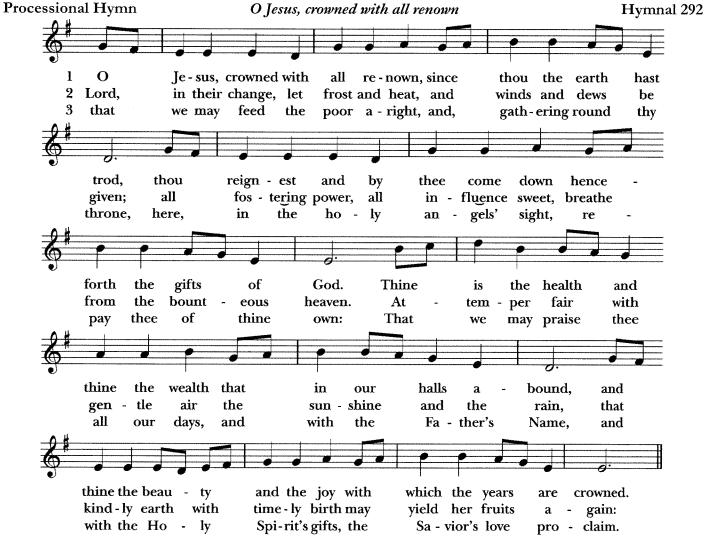
The Post-Communion Prayer

Standing or kneeling.

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 into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary

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Ralph Vaughan Williams