



# The Cloak

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from Saint Martin's Church

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## Greeting



This Memorial Day Weekend,  
we honor the men and women who have died in the service of  
our country from the St. Martin's community.

### WWI

Thomas B. Hallman, Thomas R. Reath, Lewis G. Smith

### WWII

Lewis C. Clark, David D. Conly, George L. J. Foster, David M.  
Haughton, George R. Howell, III, James D. Jacoby, Edgar D.  
Morris, Jr., Peter VanPelt, John Warren, Christine B. Weston

### VIETNAM

Thomas A. Nalle, Jr.

*Have a blessed and safe holiday weekend!*



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## Easter Season Question



In the Gospel Jesus says that we are all one in  
God. In John 17:1-11 the Lord says, "And now  
I am no longer in the world, but they are in the  
world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father,  
protect them in your name that you have given  
me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

During the Easter Season we are focusing on Christ and His  
Revelation. This is the last week before Pentecost so think  
back to Easter and any events, big or small, since April 16. Can  
you identify one time where by standing together with other

# This Week at St. Martin's

## Sunday

The Rev. Dennis  
Lloyd, *Guest  
Celebrant*

Rite I Worship  
8 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal  
9 a.m.

Rite II Worship  
with music  
10 a.m.

## Wednesday

Mid-day Prayer  
Service  
12:10 a.m.

Bible Study  
7 p.m.

caring people, an obstacle was overcome? We are Trinitarian so even God is three in one. We are created to all have roles within the community.

**Revelation Question for May 28:** What new thing about God in the person of Jesus did you learn over this Easter season? What is something new you discovered about yourself as a person of faith? A blessing has multiple meanings including to praise but it also means to strengthen. With this definition in mind, how were you blessed and who were you a blessing to in recent days? Remember, *"I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength."* Philippians 4:13

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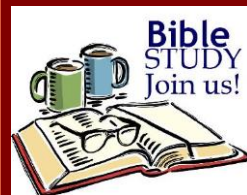
## Sunday School Reminder

Please note that there will be no Sunday School class this Sunday, May 28th.



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## Bible Study



The Wednesday night Bible Study group wrapped up the Book of Job on May 17. Not that there is not a great deal more to ponder. One big take-away is that no matter how difficult things got, Job and God stayed in relationship. Others talked about God, but Job kept talking TO God even when Job did not understand at all. Something there for all of us.

**After Memorial Day the Bible Study resumes on May 31.** The big question is, what book do we want to start next? This group makes their own decisions each time one book of the bible is finished. We welcome everyone's suggestions. Here are a few of the ones already on the table: First Samuel, Psalms, Ephesians, or Acts. If there is a book you wish to delve into more deeply, in conversation with others, please share your request with Deb Parker ([stmartinsradnor@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinsradnor@gmail.com)) or let us know if there is one from the list above that is a preference. Stay posted for the study plan. Mark your calendar for Wednesdays at 7pm and join us in the Rector's office for reading, reflection, really good conversation!

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## Spring Outreach



We delivered five (5) complete sets of "spring cleaning" supplies to ECS today. They were extremely grateful for our generosity and said that all of these sets would be put to use by mothers transitioning into their own homes. What a wonderful way to assist families beginning households of their own. Thank you to everyone who contributed either with items or financially. If you would still like to participate, additional financial donations would be greatly appreciated. We are hoping to raise \$100 in support of the purchases that we made to complete the sets. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Faber.

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## Save the Date!

St. Martin's

# Church Picnic

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>  
11:15 a.m.

**Bolingbroke Mansion**

**Games, activities, food, and fun!**

Sign-up is available in the Gurley Room.

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## Upcoming Events



### Guest Celebrant

**THIS** Sunday, 5/28, 8 & 10am - The Rev. Dennis Lloyd

### Memorial Day

Monday, 5/29. The office is closed.

### Church Picnic

Sunday, 6/4, in Bolingbroke after the 10 a.m. service.

### Mass on the Grass Outdoor Service

# Read and Ponder this Week's Scriptures



The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

## The Collect

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## The Old Testament

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## The Response

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens;

YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

## The Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

## The Gospel

John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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We invite your input into The Cloak. If you would like to contribute your voice to "From the Congregation," or if you would like to share a prayer, an idea, an essay, a photo, or something else, please let us know!

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