



# ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

*To seek God, and be Christ's body in the world*

March 17, 2018—10:00 (Rite II)

The Second Sunday of Lent

*A Service of Morning Prayer*

*BCP, page 75*

**PRELUDE:**

*Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee*

*Dorothy Wells*

**OPENING HYMN:** The 1982 Hymnal #455 *"O love of God, how strong and true"*

*Dunedin*

**OPENING**

*Officiant:* Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

**CONFESSION**

*Officiant:* Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others on this spiritual journey with us, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

Please kneel and say together:

*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.*

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

**THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER** *(All stand)*

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*All together:* *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

*Officiant:* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come, let us adore him.

**VENITE:** Psalm 95 *(BCP, page 724—all together)*

- 1. Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.*
- 2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*
- 3. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*
- 4. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.*
- 5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.*
- 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the LORD our Maker.*

*7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

*8. Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.*

*9. They put me to the test, though they had seen my works.*

*10. Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."*

*11. So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest."*

## **PSALM 27**

*(Congregation will alternate verses with reader)*

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

*2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.*

3 Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

*4 And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.*

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

*6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.*

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

*8 Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.*

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

*10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.*

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek.

*12 Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.*

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

*14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me.*

15 Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

*16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.*

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

*18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## **THE LESSONS**

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my

house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People: Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may be kept.*

**CANTICLE: The Song of Zechariah** (*BCP, page 92—all together*)

*Luke 1:68-79*

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.*

*He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.*

*You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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**CANTICLE: The Song of Simeon** (*BCP, page 93—all together*)

*Luke 1:68-79*

*Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35**

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the

third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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*People: Thanks be to God.*

## SERMON

*Dennis Bingham*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(Said by all. BCP, page 96. Please stand.)*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**THE PRAYERS** *(The people stand or kneel)*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

*Officiant:* Let us pray. *(All together)*

*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, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Reader:* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People: And grant us your salvation.*

*Reader:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People: Let your people sing with joy.*

*Reader:* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People: For only in you can we live in safety.*

*Reader:* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

*Reader:* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People: Your saving health among all nations.*

*Reader:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

*Reader:* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant:* O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

*People: Amen.*

## PRAYER FOR MISSION

*Officiant:* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and

find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY

*Officiant:* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. (*Psalm 96:8*)

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

*In The Land of the Living*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(*BCP Form V, pgs. 389-391*)

*Reader:* Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Washed clean by the waters of baptism, let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us. Lord Jesus, eternal Word, proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word. In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

*Reader:* For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for *Daniel* our Diocesan Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For all who live and work in this community, and for a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, especially uplift all those who are in need, or who are suffering grief or loss this day, including those in this community, especially Kay, Julie, Dolly, Renee, Kenneth, Rita, Shirley, Mike, John, Kendall, Barbara, Bob, Lee, Myrtie, Afton, Alice, Mark, Eugene, Grant, Tana, and Justin. (*People may add their own petitions.*), and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For this congregation, for those that are present and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People: Lord, have mercy.*

*Reader:* For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People: Lord, have mercy.*

*Reader:* We pray for our friends at Christ Church, Ithaca and their ministries and priest, Fr. John Sosnowski. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Finance Committee and in the Diocese of Guatemala for Iglesia Episcopal San Felipe, (St. Philip's Church), San Felipe de Lara, The Rev. Marben Juarez. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of England, The Most Rev. and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People: Lord, have mercy.*

*Reader:* Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Martin and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*People: To you, O Lord our God.*

*Reader:* We now ask for your own petitions of supplication and thanksgiving either silently or aloud.

*Silence*

*Officiant:* O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING** *(All together)*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

*Officiant:* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

The 1982 Hymnal #448 "O love, how deep, how broad, how high" *Deus tuorum militum*

**DISMISSAL:**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

*Officiant:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *People: Amen.*

**POSTLUDE:**

*With Loving Hearts*

*Bertha Frick*

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**WELCOME**

— Thank you for worshipping with us today! —

**WELCOME**

Dear visitors, be sure to sign our guest book and fill out our welcome card in the church and give it to one of the ushers. We'd love to get to know you better, so please consider joining us for coffee hour after this service.

**May God's love fill you as you begin a new week!**

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**WE PRAY TODAY**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Daniel, our Bishop; for Chris, our Rector; for Donald, our President; for Tom, our Governor and for all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Kay, Julie, Dolly, Renee, Kenneth, Rita, Shirley, Mike, John, Kendall, Barbara, Bob, Lee, Myrtie, Afton, Alice, Mark, Eugene, Grant, Tana, and Justin.

**WE GIVE THANKS**

For all those celebrating birthdays this month.

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE**

Altar greens are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of those who have died.

**SMC CALENDAR****Sunday, March 17**

8:00am Morning Prayer Rite I  
9:00am Choir Rehearsal  
9:30am Sunday School and Nursery  
10:00am Morning Prayer Rite II

**Tuesday, March 19**

3:00pm Global Mission Meeting  
6:30pm Yoga Class

**Wednesday, March 20**

9:30am Makin' Music Make-up Day  
12:15pm Noon Day Prayer  
6:00pm Lenten Dinner Worship @ CCI  
7:00pm AA St. Martin's Church

**Thursday, March 21**

7:00pm Vestry Meeting

**Friday, March 22**

9:30am Makin' Music Make-up Day

**Sunday, March 24**

9:00am Choir Rehearsal  
9:30am Sunday School and Nursery  
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

**SERVING TODAY**

**8:00am—**

**Usher:** Chuck Myers

**Reader/Chalice/Acolyte:** Pam Faber

**10:00am—**

**Usher:** Monty Harris

**Reader/Acolyte:** Steve Parker

**Music:** Emily Watkins and the SMC Choir

**Altar Guild B:** Pattie Booker, Jinger Hartsfield,  
Alisan Henderson, Carisa Gring

**Altar Greens:** Chris Delaney

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Gale & Ryan Muir

**THIS WEEK AT BOLINGBROKE**

**Monday, 3/18—** 10am: OEA Meeting  
8pm: Counterparts Singers

**Friday, 3/22—** 10am: Women's AA

**Saturday, 3/23—** 8am: CBD event

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## UPCOMING MARCH SERVICES INFO

### SUNDAYS

3/24: 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Amanda Eiman and Deb Parker, *guest preacher*

3/31: 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist with The Rev. David Laquintano

### WEDNESDAYS

The mid-week 12:15 PM services on 3/13, 3/20, and 3/27 will be led by St. Martin's laity.

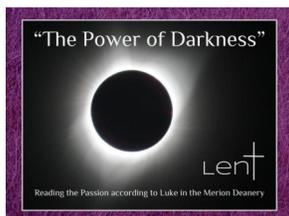


**Donation Opportunity!** Time to go through your closet and thin out your wardrobe. St. John's Episcopal Church in Norristown is in need of clothing, especially blue jeans and men's pants. Perhaps there are some gently used pairs in your closet that might benefit someone in need. There will be a clothes basket on the first floor of St. Martin's marked "Clothing for St John's". There is also demand for sleeping bags and sneakers. Any questions, please see Dennis Bingham. Thank you for your generosity!



### **LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE—Week 2**

Join us for fellowship, worship, and a stew supper starting at 6:00 PM at Christ Church, Ithan on Wednesday, March 20th. This week's topic is the Poor and Homeless with the guest speaker being The Rev. Phil Geliebter.



Transform yourself this Lent! The clergy of the Merion Deanery have produced "The Power of Darkness" - Reading the Passion according to Luke **devotional**. This version of The Passion is segmented with reflection and prayer submitted by Deanery priests. Daily updates can be found at MerionDeanery.wordpress.com, or you can download a PDF by visiting—<http://tinyurl.com/yy97yehw>. Enrich your life and share with others!



**Congratulations to Dennis Bingham!** The Diocesan Standing Committee has approved his reception as a deacon of the Episcopal Church. Dennis is expected to be received during the diaconal ordination service on Saturday, June 8th 2019, at the Philadelphia Cathedral. Save the date!



The next **yoga class** will be on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30 PM in the Gurley Room. Effort is emphasized over achievement and pose modifications are encouraged to strengthen individual balance. Classes conclude by resting in stillness—the perfect opportunity for a prayer of gratitude. Come and enjoy this mind-body-soul experience!