



ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

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

March 24, 2019

10:00 a.m. (Rite II)

The Third Sunday of Lent

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE:

Were You There?

Nigel Williams

OPENING HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #574 *"Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"*

St. Petersburg

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME and OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. *People:* *His mercy endures for ever.*

THE DECALOGUE *(All kneel who are able)*

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

People: *Amen, Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

The people remain kneeling

Celebrant: Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who follow Him. "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." (*Luke 9:23, 24*) So all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors, and intend to live a new life following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

CONFESSION *(said by all)*

St. Augustine

People: *O Lord, The house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it that you may enter in. It is ruinous, O repair it! It displeases your sight. I confess it, I know. But who shall cleanse it, to whom shall I cry but to you? Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and spare your servant from strange sins. Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed are you unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ, our merciful High Priest. Amen.

People: Thank you, Father, for forgiveness. We come to your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the Righteous. Amen.

TRISAGION: The 1982 Hymnal #S-102 (to be sung 3 times) *“Holy God” Alexander Archangelsky*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

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

THE RESPONSE: 63:1-8 (The congregation will alternate verses with the reader)

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #685 (vs 1-2) "Rock of ages, cleft for me" *Toplady*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

REPRISE HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #685 (vs 3) "Rock of ages, cleft for me" *Toplady*

Please be seated.

SERMON

Deb Parker, *Christian Formation*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Kenyan Rite

Reader: May the Bishops and the leaders of our churches, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Diocesan Bishop, and Chris, our Rector, have wisdom and speak with one voice.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May the leaders of our country, especially Donald our president and Tom our governor, rule with righteousness.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May justice be our shield and defender.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May the country have peace and the people be blessed.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May the flocks and the herds prosper and the fish abound in our lakes.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May the fields be fertile and the harvest plentiful.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May we and our enemies turn towards peace.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May the love of the Father touch the lonely, the bereaved and the suffering including: 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)* We also pray for those who have died.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May we pray for our friends at Christ Church, Ithaca and their ministries and priest, Fr. John Sosnowski. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, may we pray for The Anglican Studies Program at the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia. In the Diocese of Guatemala, may we pray for Catedral Iglesia Episcopal Santiago Apostol (Cathedral Church of St. James), Guatemala City, The Rt. Rev. Bishop Armando Guerra. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, may we pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, The Most Rev. Paul Kwong, Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Jung Hui and Bishop of Hong Kong.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May the path of the world be swept of all dangers.

People: The Lord of Mercy is with us.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect. People: Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. *People: And also with you.*

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

A New Commandment

PRESENTATION HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #324 (vs 1) *“Let all mortal flesh keep silence”* Picardy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Scottish Episcopal Liturgy 1982

Eucharistic Prayer III

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.

Celebrant: Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be, and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment. Dawn and evening celebrate your glory till time shall be no more. In Christ your Son the life of heaven and earth were joined, sealing the promise of a new creation, given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit, we who bear your threefold likeness look for the City of Peace in whose light we are transfigured and the earth transformed. As children of your redeeming purpose who await the coming of your

Son, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

SANCTUS: The 1982 Hymnal #S-129 (front section) "Holy, holy, holy, Lord" Robert Powell

Those who are able, please stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father. In Jesus you showed us yourself. Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one. Obedient, even to accepting death, He opened the gate of glory and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks again, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of St. Martin, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM:

The 1982 Hymnal #S-164 (front section) "Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei" Deutsche Messe

INVITATION

Celebrant: 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.

THE COMMUNION

All those who hunger for God are welcome to come forward for the bread and the wine, or a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC:

Savior, When in Dust to You

J. William Greene

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (said by all)

God our Father, you fill the hungry with good things and send the self-satisfied away empty. In this Eucharist you have filled us with the word and the bread of life of your Son Jesus Christ. Make us hunger now for his coming in the hearts and the homes of all. Fill us with his spirit of service and self-forgetting love, that through us, he may become nearer to people. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

THE CELEBRANT PRAYS THE SOLEMN COLLECT OVER THE PEOPLE. People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #344 "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing" Sicilian Mariners

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE:

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Anna Laura Page

WELCOME

— Thank you for worshipping with us today! —

WELCOME

Please be sure to fill out our welcome card in the pew, put it in the collection plate, and introduce yourself to Chris, our Rector, or any member of the congregation. We'd love to know you! Kindly sign our guest book and join us for coffee hour after the 10am service.

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

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Time

Location

April 14th—Palm Sunday	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist	St. Martin's Church
	10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	St. Martin's Church
April 18th—Maundy Thursday	6:00 PM Soup Supper	Christ Church
	7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
April 19th—Good Friday	11:00 AM Stations of the Cross	St. Martin's Church
	12:00 PM The Lord's Passion	St. Martin's Church
	7:00 PM The Lord's Passion	Christ Church
April 20th—Holy Saturday	5:00 PM Holy Eucharist	St. Martin's Church
April 21st—EASTER	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist	St. Martin's Church
	10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	St. Martin's Church
	11:15 AM Egg Hunt & Coffee Hour	St. Martin's Church

STOCKING THE FOOD CUPBOARD

We would like to support the Cabrini Food Cupboard. When you come to next Wednesday's Lenten Program, please bring an item from the following lists:

FOOD -

Cup O'Noodles, Mac & Cheese Cups, Fruit Cups, Ramen Noodles, Spaghetti O's or Ravioli, Pop Tarts, Granola or Fruit Bars, Cheese or Peanut Butter Crackers, Crackers, Hormel Heat n' Serve Meals, Milk or Juice Boxes, and Hot Chocolate

TOILETRIES -

Sanitary Pads, Tampons, Deodorant, Bar Soap, Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

Thanks for your generosity!

2019 Lenten Dinners & Worship
THE WAY OF LOVE: BEING CHANGE AGENTS FOR GOD

WEEK	DATE/TIME/LOCATION	THEMES	
		GENERAL	CULINARY
3	March 27th, 6:00pm Bolingbroke	Food Scarcity Daisy Rodriguez & Associate	Pot Luck
4	April 3rd, 6:00pm Christ Church, Ithan	LGBTQ Community Joanne Glusman	PA Dutch
5	April 10th, 6:00pm Bolingbroke	Refugee Assistance David Broida	Family Heritage

SMC CALENDAR

Sunday, March 24

9:00am Choir Rehearsal
 9:30am Sunday School and Nursery
 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II
 The Rev. Amanda Eiman, *Celebrant*
 Deb Parker, *Guest Preacher*

Tuesday, March 26

9:30am Makin' Music

Wednesday, March 27

9:30am Makin' Music
 6:00pm Lenten Dinner Worship @ SMC
 6:00pm Upper Room @ The Gryphon Cafe
 7:00pm AA St. Martin's Church

Friday, March 29

9:30am Makin' Music

Sunday, March 31

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

SERVING TODAY

10:00am—

Usher: Brian Penny

Reader/Chalice/Acolyte: Walt Albert

Music: Emily Watkins and the SMC Choir

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

Altar Greens: Cowan's Flowers

Coffee Hour Hosts: Jan & Bob Andersen

THIS WEEK AT BOLINGBROKE

Monday, 3/25— 10am: OEA Meeting
8pm: Counterparts Singers

Wednesday, 3/27— 6pm: Lenten Dinner & Service

Friday, 3/29— 10am: Women's AA

UPCOMING SERVICES INFO

SUNDAYS

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

Holy Eucharist with The Rev. David Laquintano

4/7: 8:00 & 10:00 AM

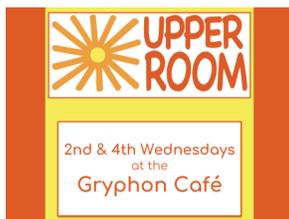
Holy Eucharist with The Rev. David Laquintano in
 Bolingbroke

4/14: Palm Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Chris Bishop and
 The Rev. David Laquintano, *Guest Preacher*

WEDNESDAYS

The mid-week 12:15 PM services have been
 suspended during Lent. They will resume after Easter
 on Wednesday, April 24th.



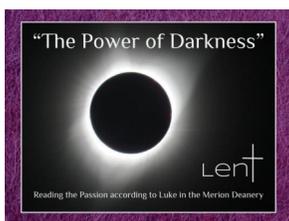
The next **Upper Room** gathering is on Wednesday, March 27th at 6:00 PM upstairs at the Gryphon Café, 105 W. Lancaster Ave, Wayne. This week's question for discussion: "Is there power in forgiveness?" Stop in on any 2nd or 4th Wednesday for some interesting conversation and fellowship.



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 is 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!



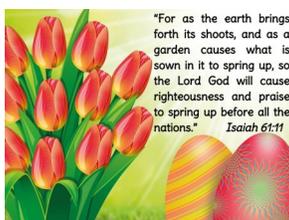
The SWIC photo and video exhibit by Vincent Dixon remains open at St. David's in Wayne through Sunday, March 31st.



Have you checked the **Merion Deanery Devotional** lately? "The Power of Darkness" contains readings from the Passion according to Luke along 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/vy97yehw>. Point, click, and enhance your Lenten experience!



The next **yoga class** will be on Tuesday, April 2nd 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!



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Dedicating altar flowers in the name of a loved one for Easter is a simple process. Please call the main office for details—610-688-4830. Names must be received by Monday, 4/15. Thank you in advance for helping to beautify our church for Easter!

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