



ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

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

September 8, 2019

9:30 a.m. (Rite II)

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE:

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Matt McConnell

OPENING HYMN: LEVAS #145

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

George C. Stebbins

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY *(said in unison)*

Celebrant: Let us pray. *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.*

GLORY TO GOD: The 1982 Hymnal #S-280 *(front section)*

Robert Powell

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 sin 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

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *People: Amen.*

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

THE RESPONSE: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

(The congregation will alternate verses with the reader)

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: LEVAS #144 (vs 1-2) "Where He Leads Me"

John S. Norris

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

REPRISE HYMN: LEVAS #144 (vs 3-4) *"Where He Leads Me"*

John S. Norris

SERMON

The Rev. Chris Bishop

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(said in unison)*

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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.

Please stand or kneel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Kay, Julie, Dolly, Renee, Rita, Shirley, Mike, Kendall, Barbara, Bob, Lee, Grant, Tana, Justin, Lisa, Martha, Doris, and Wesley *(people may add their own petitions)*;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Paul, Althalia, and Alfred;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader: Gracious God, bless the growing covenant relationship between Christ Church and St. Martin's. Deepen the ties that bind us and open our hearts to what you yearn for us. Guide us in our search for a shared Rector. Empower us in love as we grow our mission together, so we can move forward into a future that is exciting and full of hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Let us put our whole trust in the leading of the Holy Spirit of God.

Reader: In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Union of Black Episcopalians. In the Diocese of Guatemala, we pray for Iglesia Episcopal San Antonio (St. Anthony's Church) Sejà, Rio Dulce, The Rev. Marben Juarez. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, The Most Rev. Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, Archbishop of the Province of Sudan and Bishop of Khartoum.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us now confess our sins before God and one another, beginning with a moment of silent reflection.

CONFESSIOIN *(said by all)*

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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

Celebrant: 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. *People: Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

"Petite Chaconne"

Gregory Hamilton

PRESENTATION HYMN:

The 1982 Hymnal #380 (vs 3) *"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow"*

Old 100th

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship 2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Those who are able, please stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and

for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Martin and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

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 MEDITATION: ***“Many and Great”*** *Anthony Giamanco*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(said by all)*

Almighty Father, we thank you for sustaining us in your blessed creation, for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. Take our hands and work through them. Take our lips and speak through them. Take our minds and think through them. Take our hearts and set them on fire with love for you. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant: Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind. And may the love and blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: LEVAS #136 ***“I have decided to follow Jesus”*** *Indian Folk Melody*

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *Postlude on “Assam”* *Mark Hayes/Arr. Douglas E. Wagner*

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 9:30 AM 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, Rita, Shirley, Mike, Kendall, Barbara, Bob, Lee, Grant, Tana, Justin, Lisa, Martha, Doris, and Wesley.

WE GIVE THANKS

Best wishes to all those celebrating birthdays this month, especially *Kellen Penny* and *Kimberly McNally*.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of those who have died, especially Paul Pettit, Althalia and Alfred Jamison.



The **Upper Room** community conversations will resume on Wednesday, September 11th, at 6:00 PM upstairs at the Gryphon Café, 105 W. Lancaster Ave, Wayne. The bi-monthly schedule remains the same for meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Join us for a special hour of spirited discussions on thought-provoking topics!



TAKE NOTE: Service times will change on Sunday, September 15th. We will return to having two services -

8:00 Rite I (Quiet) and
10:00 AM Rite II (with Music)



Join in the fun at
St. Martin's Fall Picnic!
Sunday, September 15th
11:15 AM following the 10:00 AM service
Bolingbroke Mansion



St. Martin's **Sunday School** program year starts on Sunday, September 22nd at 9:30 AM. For 2019/2020, we will start an entirely new timeline consisting of readings from the Old Testament. Plans include singing, dancing, and the acting out of scripture passages. Older children will meet in the large Sunday School room while those under 3 years of age will be with Megan in the smaller room/nursery. We look forward to praying, learning and growing in faith!

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SMC CALENDAR

Sunday, September 8

9:15am VBS: Care of Creation
9:30am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, September 11

12:15pm Holy Eucharist
6:00pm Upper Room @ Gryphon Cafe
7:00pm AA St. Martin's Church
7:00pm Bible Study @ SMC

Sunday, September 15

Kick-Off/Transition Sunday
8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:00am Holy Eucharist
11:15am Church Picnic

SERVING TODAY

9:30am—

Usher: Monty Harris

Reader/Chalice/Acolyte: Walt Albert

Music: Emily Watkins

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

Altar Flowers: Chris Delaney

Iced Tea Hour Hosts: Gale & Ryan Muir

THIS WEEK AT BOLINGBROKE

Monday, 9/9— 10am: OEA Meeting
 8pm: Counterparts Singers
Friday, 9/13— 10am: AA Meeting

DIOCESAN NEWS



COMING SOON: The Diocese has planned a Ladies' Tea Party on Saturday, September 21, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM at St. David's Church (763 Valley Forge Rd, Wayne, PA). The cost is \$10 and benefits the Diocese's female veterans moral injury project. Deb Parker plans to attend, so check with her if you'd like to join in on the fun! For more details or to purchase tickets, please go to—<https://www.diopa.org/events/tea>