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November 17th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The 26th Sunday After Pentecost

Choral Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. Martin's

We are grateful you are with us in this sacred space.

If you are joining us for the first time or the first time in a long time, please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and leave us your up-to-date contact information on a Welcome Card.

If you are new to St. Martin's, you can find blank name tags on the tables by the back and side doors. If you are in need of more nametags, please write your name on the clipboard next to the binders. Welcome!

Except for some hymns, when hymnal numbers are listed, the entire service follows in this leaflet. Hymnals are available in the racks under the pew in front of you or from an usher.

The Entrance Rite

PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence Price (1887-1953)

Played by Carolyn Green, Recorder.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

OPENING HYMN

H 596 - Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

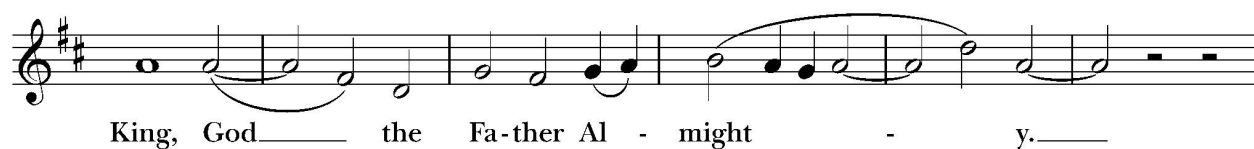
Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

GLORIA

Willan (1880-1968)

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly



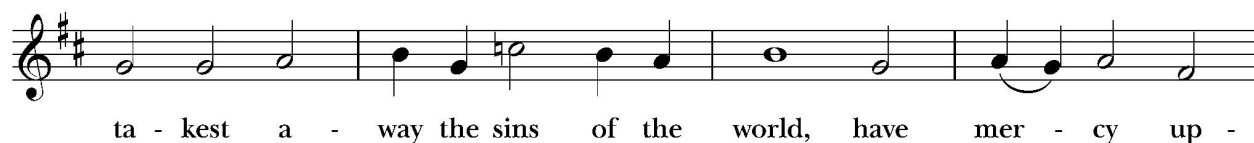
King, God the Fa-ther Al - might - y.



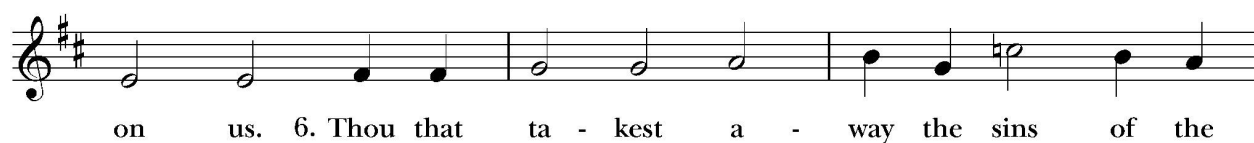
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;



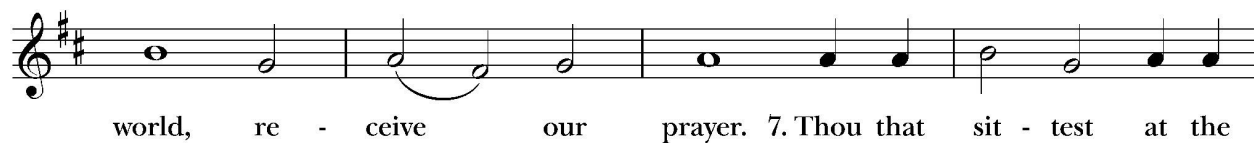
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that



ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



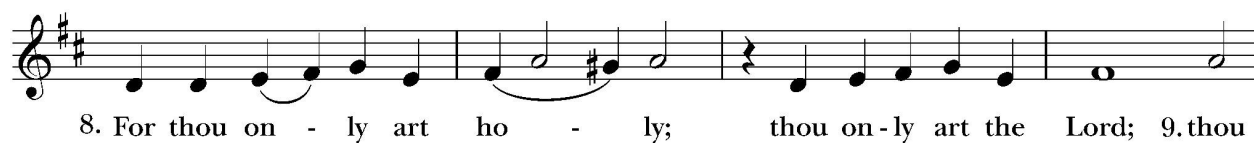
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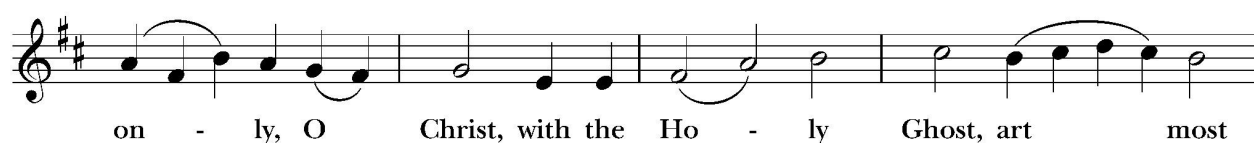
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the



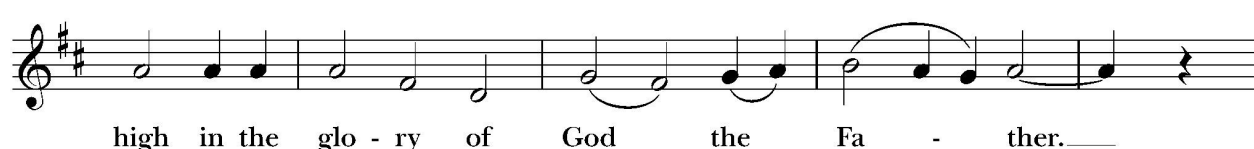
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.



8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou



on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most



high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

The Word of God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET DANIEL

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16

Anglican Chant

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Alleluia V

Refrain: sung once by the Cantor, and once by all, then repeated after the Verse.



V. Be faithful unto death, says the Lord, and I will give you the crown of life.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Laura Palmer

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. 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence is kept.
Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**
Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Laura and Luke, our Priests; Carol, our Deacon; for all bishops and other ministers, and for our Parish Discernment Committee which is leading the search for our new rector.

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation including those on our parish prayer list: Claire; Sharon; Juliana; Charlie; Terry; Ethan; Betsy; Michael; Patti; Bonnie; Yuri; Christopher; Charlie; Rebecca; Pete; Jeanie; Charlie; Carter; Rudy; John; Robin; Melinda Jean; Trude; Tom; Noor; and those we name now...

The congregation may add their own petitions.

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The congregation may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for John Randall, as well as his family and friends; and for those we name now...

The congregation may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Leader O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A LITANY FOR THE NATION

From the Washington National Cathedral

Leader Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

People **Heal us.**

Leader We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

People **Forgive us.**

Leader We thank you for the people who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

People **Inspire us.**

Leader We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

People **Enlighten us.**

Leader We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

People **Renew us.**

Leader Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Leader Let us pray together.

People **Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

People **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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE LIGHT OF ST. MARTIN'S IN ME

Carolyn Green

THE OFFERTORY

We give thanks for all God's blessings.

Please support Christ's ministries as fully as you can with your time, talents, and money.

You may give by:

- *scanning this QR code and selecting Pledge or General Giving as appropriate;*
- *leaving a cash gift or a check (payable to the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields) in the offertory plate;*
- *visiting StMartinEC.org/give/ and click the "GIVE NOW" button;*
- *mailing your check (payable as above) to the office.*

*Thank you for your continued support of Christ's community and ministry at St. Martin's,
and through St. Martin's, to the city, the nation, and around the world.*



The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Steal Away

Traditional African American Spiritual

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

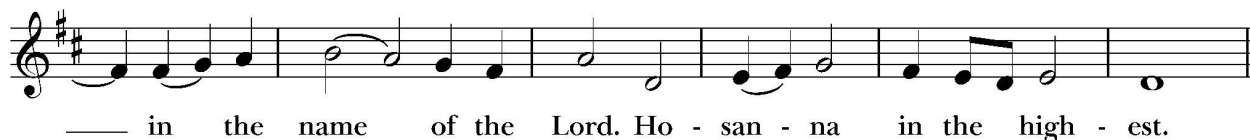
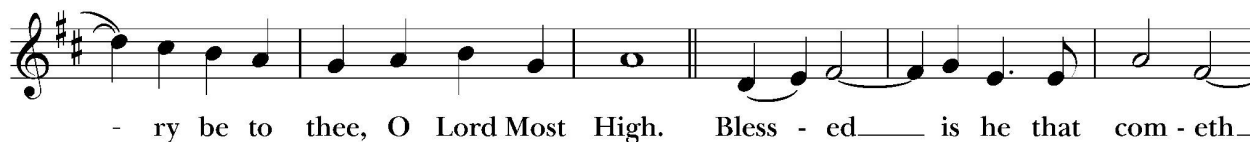
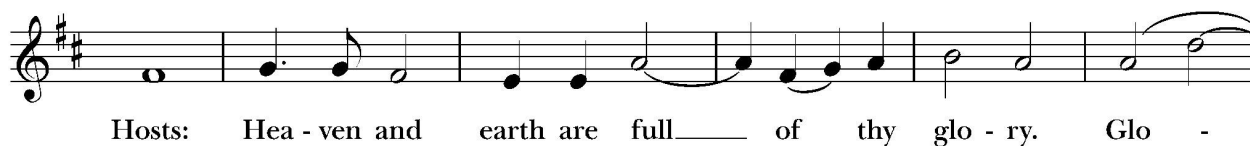
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (*Sung by All*)

Missa Magdalena - Willan (1880-1968)



Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the New Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, return all things to your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary and Martin and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People **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!

AGNUS DEI

Missa Magdalena - Willan (1880-1968)

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God's Love for God's Loving People.

COMMUNION MOTET

My Lord, What a Morning

Traditional African American Spiritual

COMMUNION HYMN

LEVAS 245 - We Have Come Into His House

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

People **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor, and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

H 665 - All My Hope on God is Founded

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Annual Giving Update: Let's Light the Way Home!

Pledges to date: \$361,337

56% of goal met so far!

89 households have pledged including 9 new or returning pledges

Thanks to everyone who joined us on St. Martin's Day! This year's Stewardship Brunch was a big, wonderful celebration, providing the perfect opportunity for bringing old and new friends together. To those who have submitted your 2025 Annual Giving pledge, we thank you for your generosity! We look forward to having everyone on board as we work to fund our plans for 2025. *Let's Light the Way Home!*

Hello ... St. Martin's Calling!

The Stewardship Committee is hosting an Annual Giving Phonathon on Thursday, November 21, from 6:30-8 p.m. to advance the success of our 2025 Annual Giving campaign. Parishioners who haven't submitted their 2025 pledge as of this Thursday can expect a friendly call to answer any possible questions related to our 2025 campaign.

There's One More Week To Sign Up to Host Or Attend An Advent Dinner!

Sunday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Please sign up by next Friday, November 22nd.

St. Martin's has a tradition early in Advent to attend a beautiful Advent Lessons and Carols service (Dec. 8th, 5pm) with candle light and then disperse to one another's homes for a simple supper to celebrate our church family together. These small group meals help us better understand and appreciate who we are as a community as we journey through the reflective season of Advent.

Children, Youth, & Families Advent Dinner

Sunday, Dec. 8th

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols service (*Childcare provided*)

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Cocktail Party for Parents & Guardians (*Childcare provided*)

6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner Party

Like last year, we will be having a special CYF Advent Dinner so families have a chance to get to know each other better. The church is offering childcare during the preceding Lessons and Carols service (5:00 p.m.) and for half an hour afterwards so parents can enjoy adult company with a glass of wine. Then, children and families can gather together for a simple catered dinner in the Parish House, hosted by our former Rector's Warden, Barbara Thomson. If you are able, please consider bringing a dessert to share. Please RSVP by emailing Rev. Luke at lshelles@stmartinec.org.

Greening Advent Wreath Making

Sun., Nov. 24th, 9:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Join St. Martin's Climate Action Team and CYF to craft your own Advent Wreaths on Sunday, November 24, from 9:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Drop in, reflect on Advent rituals, hear about sustainable Christmas practices, and make an Advent wreath over donuts and hot cider. Wreath-making materials will be provided, but, *if you can*, please BYOG (Bring Your Own Greens)* as well any leftover supplies (candle holders, wreath rings, etc.) from previous years' wreath-making.

Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 8th at 5:00 p.m.

Join us in the joyful anticipation of a new church year at our Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 8, at 5:00 p.m. Immerse yourself in the sacred beauty of the season with scripture readings and music sung by the Choir and Section Leaders of St. Martin's. Set against the warm glow of candlelight, this cherished annual service invites reflection, inspires hope, and fosters a sense of community as we prepare for the joy of Christmas. All are welcome.



Advent Lessons & Carols

5 p.m. - December 8th

Join us for a candlelit service of joyful anticipation in scripture and music for the season of Advent sung by the Choir of St. Martin's

All are welcome



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PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the living: Claire; Sharon; Juliana; Charlie; Terry; Ethan; Betsy; Michael; Patti; Bonnie; Yuri; Christopher; Charlie; Rebecca; Pete; Jeanie; Charlie; Carter; Rudy; John; Robin; Melinda Jean; Trude; Tom; Noor

Please pray for the recently deceased: John Randall

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Laura Palmer

Director of Music & Arts: Tyrone Whiting

The Choir of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Section Leaders: Gillian Booth, Marisa Miller, Aaron Scarberry, Michael Miller

Lectors: Helen Marter and Ralph West

Intercessor: Anne Swoyer

Crucifer: Justina Barrett

Chalice Ministers: Victoria Sicks and Anne Swoyer

Ushers: John Howe and Teresa Parris

Altar Guild: Victoria Sicks

Flower Guild: Betsy Masters

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