



## WORSHIP AT ST. MARTIN'S

### Worship Services Schedule:

- Weekly Sunday services start at 9:30 AM.
- Evening services are held at 6:30 PM when scheduled.
- Sunday school is available during this service.
- Refreshments or Second Table meet in the Fellowship hall after the service.
- Adult Sunday Discussion Group meets after Second Table.

**Baptism, Wedding, and Funeral:** We are pleased to open the doors of St. Martin's for all those who wish to be baptized here, married here or hold a funeral here. Within the traditions of the Book of Common Prayer and with the consultation of the Vicar, we encourage people to contact us once they are interested in getting more information.

Please contact the Vicar at [bkeroberts@msn.com](mailto:bkeroberts@msn.com) or contact the church office at [StMartinOfToursOmaha@gmail.com](mailto:StMartinOfToursOmaha@gmail.com) or call (402) 733-8815.

### About the Worship Leaders in the Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Church, there are four orders (or types) of ministers:

- lay people
- bishops
- priests
- deacons.

**Lay people**, ordained to ministry through their baptism (yes, if you've been baptized, you're a minister!), share vocally in the responses throughout the service, read the lessons and the prayers, lead the music, help distribute communion, and at times offer prayers for healing with the laying on of hands (an ancient Christian practice).

**The Bishop**, when present, celebrates the Eucharist, baptizes, confirms and represents the church universal.

**Priests** serve as celebrant in the Eucharist and Baptism, preach the Word and bring a special focus in the liturgy to the priesthood of all believers.

**Deacons** read the Gospel, set the table and dismiss the people into the world. All priests in the Episcopal Church are also ordained deacons.



## Why Do We Worship?

- In worship, we celebrate together what God has done and is doing to create and renew the world.
- In worship, we reset our compasses toward that which is truly ultimate amidst a culture cluttered with distractions. In a stressed and harried world, we enter sacred time, when we are refreshed in the company of God and one another.
- In worship God nourishes us through Word and Sacrament and strengthens us for service.

We gather together on the first day of the week to tell the story of Jesus, share a meal, pray and sing.

- The Eucharist is a feast in which God offers us a foretaste of heaven.
- Jesus described God's reign (or kingdom) as a great banquet, around which people from every tribe and nation are reconciled in love and peace.
- The Eucharist points toward God's ultimate vision for human community and helps us live into that vision in our time and place.

## What We Do Together in Worship

- Worship begins with a time for centering ourselves, quieting down and opening our hearts to God's presence.
- In the Episcopal Church, we tend to stand to sing, pray or hear the Gospel and sit to listen.
- Sometimes we also kneel to pray or confess our sins in recognition of our dependence upon God.
- We say together the Lord's Prayer, which Jesus taught to his followers.
- All the baptized who seek to follow Jesus are welcome to partake in communion at St. Martin's; God is the host at this table.
- At the end of the closing hymn, a leader sends us forth into the world, charging us to bear the peace and love of Christ to all whom we meet. We respond, "Thanks be to God!"