St Martin’s Church Fifth Sunday after Trinity 20th July 2025

COLLECT:

Almighty God, send down upon your church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READING: Colossians Chapter 1 Verses 15 – 28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations, but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke Chapter 10 Verses 38 to the end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ All: Praise to you O Lord

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, ‘Lord do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord All: Praise to you O Christ.

POST COMMUNION:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.