

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

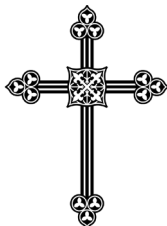
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*January 17, 2021*



## OUR MISSION

*To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.*



**ST. MARTIN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## FROM THE RECTOR

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IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD,  
JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "*Come, follow Me...*" (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

I want to personally invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.



*The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., Rector*

### ***Prayers Before Worship***

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your provision for our church family, especially the resources we need to expand and develop our church campus in order to further the work of Your Gospel in this place. Give us strength and grace as the construction takes place, that it would go as You will, for Your purposes and Your kingdom. Bless and keep safe all those who labor on our behalf. All this we ask through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **How do I register for the next in-person service?**

Registration opens at 9 a.m. on Monday for all in-person services for that week. To register for the Wednesday, Sunday or The Family Table services, visit at [bit.ly/smecworshipsvp](https://bit.ly/smecworshipsvp) or call 713-621-3040.

## **What do I do when I arrive?**

Please check in when you arrive.

- Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. When seated, use the six feet signs in the pews to social distance yourself from the people sitting next to you. Ushers are available to assist if needed.
- Doors to The Church open at 11:20 a.m. for the Wednesday service.
- Doors to The Church open at 9:20 a.m. for the Sunday service.
- Doors to Bagby Parish Hall open at 8:45 a.m. for The Family Table service.
- Doors close 5 minutes before the service starts. We appreciate your understanding and assistance in keeping on schedule.

## **What if my plans changed and I cannot attend?**

Please cancel your reservation to allow others the opportunity to have your seat. The link to cancel can be found in your confirmation email. If the number of people in your reservation changes:

- For The Church, please contact Kathy Johnson at 713-985-3834.
- For The Family Table, please contact Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146.

## **Will childcare be available?**

Currently child care is available for Sunday in-person worship only. *Availability is limited.* For additional information and to register, visit [bit.ly/smecworshipsvp](https://bit.ly/smecworshipsvp) or contact Holli Kight at 713-985-3816 or [hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## **Will I be able to use the Bibles and/or Books of Common Prayer that are in the pew racks?**

No. All materials, including hymnals and Books of Common Prayer, have been removed for your safety. All service information will be the worship bulletin. You are welcome to bring your own Book of Common Prayer or Bible to use.

## **Will valet parking be available?**

While valet parking is unavailable at this time, family members may drop off others under porte cochères.

## **Are services available online?**

Yes, we will continue to live stream our services on YouTube and Facebook.

## **Now that we have reopened for worship, has St. Martin's campus also reopened?**

Essential staff continue to work on campus as needed, but the campus remains closed.

- Café St. Martin's Curbside is available for lunch Monday–Friday. The menu and instructions for ordering and pick-up are available at [stmartinsepiscopal.org/cafe-st-martins](https://stmartinsepiscopal.org/cafe-st-martins). Please contact Chrissy Kana at [cafe@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:cafe@stmartinsepiscopal.org) for further questions.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT **ST. MARTIN'S**

JANUARY 17–23

*St. Martin's campus will be closed Monday, Jan. 18,  
in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.*

## ADULTS

**SUNDAY, JAN. 17**

### **Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay**

*"Big Beliefs for Real Life: Journeying from 'Creation to New Creation'"*

Distributed in the morning via email with links to Facebook and YouTube



This series will take us through big beliefs of faith, using the book *Café Theology* to consider the big story of God and how it affects our smaller stories of faith. We know how to "say our prayers," but we do we know how to hear from God? Wrestle with God? Abide in God? This series will dig deeper into four aspects of prayer

### **Family Life Class with the Rev. Alex Graham III**

*"Alpha for Families"*

Distributed in the morning via email with links to Facebook and YouTube



How do we get talking about big questions of faith within our families? Have you ever thought about why we are here? Why do we pray? What about the Spirit? And how do we discuss these things with our middle schoolers or teens? This fall we're going to be doing the Alpha Course which looks at some of these big faith questions. Each week, we'll have a different topic covered by a different cleric with questions you can discuss within your families. This series will ground in the basics of the Christian faith and open up conversation within your home.

### **Seekers**

Seekers will be joining Basic Bible Study this spring.



**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20**

**St. Martin's 20s & 30s**

*"The Return of the King: A Study of Revelation"*

7:30 p.m. via Zoom (ID: 986 960 5785)



Many people think that the Book of Revelation is hard to understand; it is filled with strange, dazzling imagery that can be confusing to decipher. However, the Book of Revelation is extremely important for us today as it offers the clearest picture of God's ultimate purpose for our world. Join us on Wednesday nights as we explore the teachings of this often misunderstood book.

For more information about Adult Christian Education,  
email Katwana Coleman at [kcoleman@stmartinespiscopal.org](mailto:kcoleman@stmartinespiscopal.org).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**SUNDAY, JAN. 17**

**Children's Sunday School**



Children's Ministry has brand-new lessons, curriculum and content for both preschool and elementary school. We'll be sending out weekly emails with links to virtual Sunday school videos and parent leader guides.



For more information about Children's Ministry,  
email Holli Kight at [hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# 7-1-7 STUDENTS

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20**

## **Life Groups**

Wednesdays through May 5 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Middle School ID: #949 5175 4882

High School ID: #962 9273 1076

Life Groups break out by groups for a time of study and discussion on biblical perspectives that guide our lives today. Our spring schedule is as follows:



- Jan. 13: Like Me series
- Feb. 3: More to the Story series
- March 3: Good for You series
- March 24: Afterlife series
- April 14: Invisible series

For more information about 7-1-7 Students and to receive Zoom passcodes, email Student Ministries at [students@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:students@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# HOLY EUCHARIST

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VOLUNTARY ..... “Choral Song”

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*Kevin Riehle, Choral Director of Adult Choir*

*All stand following the greeting.*

*Begin on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

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

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

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(BCP p. 215)*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with thy spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray. *(kneel)*

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**


*Please be seated.*

# HYMN 7 (vs. 1 and 3)...“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Jan Cornelius LeClair, Brennan Blankenship, Jeff Ragsdale,

Ben LeClair, Annamarie Zmolek and Patrick Perez

St. Martin's Parish Choir



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see;  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788); Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524;  
adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

## THE LESSON ..... 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

**Reader:**           The Word of the Lord.

**People:**           **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

# HYMN 324 (vs. 1) .... "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"



1 Let all mortal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829–1885); Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL .....John 1:43–51

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

# HYMN 324 (vs. 4) .... "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
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*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON ..... "Follow the Leader" *The Rev. Alex D. Graham III*



# THE NICENE CREED (*BCP p. 327*)

*Celebrant and People*

I believe in one God,  
    the Father Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
    the only-begotten Son of God,  
    begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
    God of God, Light of Light,  
    very God of very God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    being of one substance with the Father;  
    by whom all things were made;  
    who for us men and for our salvation  
        came down from heaven,  
    and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the  
        Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man;  
    and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered and was buried;  
    and the third day he rose again according to  
        the Scriptures,  
    and ascended into heaven,  
    and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,  
    and he shall come again, with glory,  
        to judge both the quick and the dead;  
    whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
    who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
    who with the Father and the Son together  
        is worshiped  
    and glorified;  
    who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission  
of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(BCP p. 387,  
Form III) (kneel)*

*Minister and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve thee;  
**That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for our Anglican Communion; for the Archbishop  
of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael;  
for our Bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector; for all bishops,  
priests and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word  
and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the  
nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in thy sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief  
or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.**

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

For Donald, our President, Joe, our President-elect, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor and the Congress and the Courts; for all who serve in our armed forces and their families; we pray for peace throughout the world, and especially in the Middle East; and we pray for the victims of terror attacks; and we remember before you, and pray for the protection of our Christian brothers and sisters who face danger or persecution for their faith; and we pray for victims of all natural disasters. We pray for the safety of all law enforcement agents, firefighters, paramedics and all first responders who provide security and protection to the citizens they serve. We continue to pray for the many people who have contracted the coronavirus; for those in isolation, those who have lost their job or their business, and for all those in our communities involved in ministering to the sick, especially for all health care workers; and we pray for those in the hospitals; and those for whom our prayers have been requested\_\_; and for those on our Continuing Prayer List; and for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers\_\_; and we remember before you the departed especially\_\_; we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind.

I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

*A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly or in the privacy of their hearts.*

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (BCP p. 394)*

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Minister says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Minister and People (BCP p. 331)*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Priest stands and says (BCP p. 332)*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**T H E P E A C E** *(stand)*

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

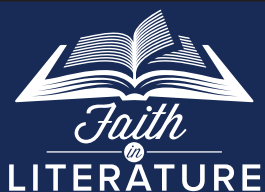
**People:** **And with thy spirit.**

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*Please be seated.*



# EVENING GROUP

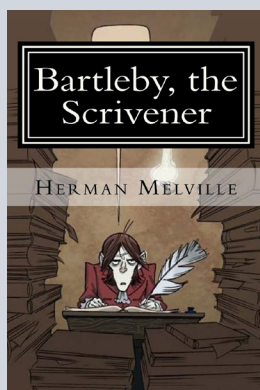
7–8:30 p.m. | Tuesday, Jan. 19

Zoom ID: 939 4938 1075

Passcode: 672036

The Faith in Literature group explores, discusses and makes relevant connections between faith and works of fiction, past and present. While operating within the framework of Christian theology, we seek to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at 713-830-4110  
or [kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org).



# The Moms' Group

*The Moms' Group continues  
virtually this spring with Zoom.*

*All moms of infants through 12th graders are welcome!*

**Spring Plans: Let's "Re-Zoom!"**

Wednesday, Jan. 20 | 9:15–10:15 a.m. | via Zoom

Join the welcoming group for its 2021 kick-off meeting with St. Martin's Vice-Rector, the Rev. Martin J. Bastian, who will lead the devotional. The group is studying Phyllis J. LePeau's *Women of the New Testament*, and this study does NOT require studying in advance, as each chapter stands alone.

All are encouraged to come as they can and as they are.

To receive Zoom links, submit prayer requests or for more information, contact Liz Gallien at 713-830-4139 or [lgallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:lgallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# A Change of Heart

Women are invited to this study group on the mother-in-law/daughter-in-law relationship. If yours is difficult, we can offer hope; if yours is great, we can learn from you.



**Wednesdays, Feb. 10–April 7  
10–11:30 a.m. or 1–2:30 p.m.**

## **Student Life Center**

Classes will be led by Graham Neuhaus and Carla Roberts. Each class is limited to the first 20 who register.

Child care is available for the morning class.

To sign up or for more information, contact Graham Neuhaus at [geneuhaus@aol.com](mailto:geneuhaus@aol.com).

The class book *A Change of Heart* is available for purchase for **\$14.95** in St. Martin's Gift Shoppe. Session one should be completed for the first meeting.



**Friday–Sunday,  
Feb. 19–21**

**Cost: \$150**

**For students in  
9th through 12th grade**

Join us for our first Impact Houston weekend this spring! High schoolers, are you ready for an amazing weekend of service around our city, learning about the root causes of poverty and working with organizations that focus on helping the less fortunate? In addition to serving with partner organizations, expect fun and a few adventures.

**It's going to be a weekend to remember!**

**Register now online: [bit.ly/2020highschoolretreat](https://bit.ly/2020highschoolretreat)**

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at [fritchier@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:fritchier@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3843.



# ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU!

## WE MISS YOU!

## GOD LOVES YOU!

*We may not be able to meet in person right now, but we want to know if you are sick, hospitalized or need to speak with a member of the Clergy. Don't hesitate to call the church.*

### **General Questions**

Contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040.

### **Prayer Requests**

Contact the Prayer Request Line at 713-830-4124 or Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or [censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### **After Hours Emergencies**

Call 713-621-3040 and press 2 to reach the Priest on Call.

### **Death Notifications and Funerals**

Contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or [censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# WAYS TO GIVE



### **TEXT TO GIVE**

Text SMEC to 73256



### **ONLINE**

[stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving](http://stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving)



### **MAIL**

St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
717 Sage Road, Houston, TX 77056



### **ESTATE PLANNING**

Contact: Director of Parish  
Stewardship, Ashley Pratkan:  
[apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org)  
or 346-335-8658



### **TRANSFER OF ASSETS**

Pledging and setting up a recurring gift online helps you and the church budget.

Go online today:

[stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving](http://stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving)

Please contact Accounting Supervisor,  
Debbie Hutchison  
with questions or for assistance:  
[dhutchison@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:dhutchison@stmartinsepiscopal.org)  
or 713-985-3803

# THE *family table*

**THERE ARE NOW TWO WAYS TO ENJOY  
THE FAMILY TABLE SERVICE!**

## **IN PERSON**

9: 15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall  
Limited childcare with advance reservation  
To register, visit [bit.ly/smecworshipsvp](http://bit.ly/smecworshipsvp)

## **ONLINE**

Join us at 8 a.m. on Sundays for The Family Table worship service on YouTube and Facebook. For links to the service, visit St. Martin's website and click on the **“Watch Online”** button at the top of the page.

## **JOIN US VIA ZOOM EVERY SUNDAY**



The Altar, our contemporary worship service for students and adults of all ages, is online every Sunday at 11:15 a.m. followed by a virtual coffee hour. Join us via Zoom!

[bit.ly/thealtarservice](http://bit.ly/thealtarservice)

Meeting ID: 972 3813 2533 | Passcode: 110154

For more information, please contact Beth Ollenburger at  
[bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org).



WEEKDAY  
*Holy Eucharist*  
SERVICE

Wednesdays  
Noon | The Church

Reservations required.  
[bit.ly/smecworshipsvp](https://bit.ly/smecworshipsvp)  
Active Mondays at 9 a.m.

For more information, contact  
Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146  
or [bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org).



ST. MARTIN'S  
*Compline*  
*Service*

Wednesdays  
8 p.m. | via Zoom



Compline Service, also known as Night Prayer or End of Day Prayer, is the final church service of the day. The service finds its roots in the 300s and is still found in the *Book of Common Prayer*, page 127.

[bit.ly/smeccomplineservice](https://bit.ly/smeccomplineservice)  
Meeting ID: 993 5602 0443 | Passcode: 275101

For more information, contact Beth  
Ollenburger at 713-830-4146 or  
[bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... "O Nata Lux"  
Thomas Tallis

*O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, Dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis.*

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deign to accept the praises and prayers of your suppliants. O you who once deigned to be hidden in flesh on behalf of the lost, grant us to be made members of your blessed body.

Source: Cantiones que ab argument sacrae vocantur (London, 1575), No. 8. Music © 1969 Oxford University Press.

## AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY ..... *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(BCP p. 340) (stand)*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with thy spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People:** **It is meet and right so to do.**

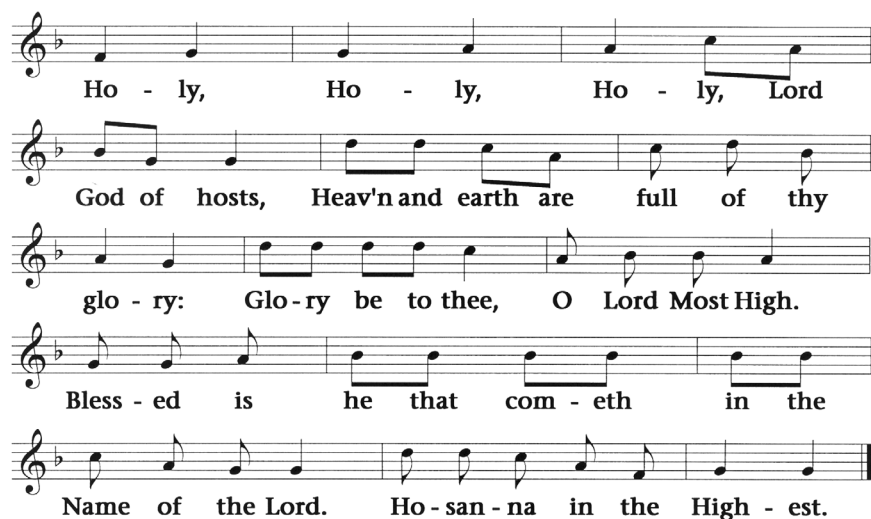
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Celebrant and People*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord  
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy  
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the  
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

*The Celebrant continues (BCP p. 341) (kneel)*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(BCP p. 336)*

*People and Celebrant*

**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*



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## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS *(BCP p. 337)*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*The Celebrant says the Invitation. (BCP p. 338)*

*Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. *(BCP p. 339)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## HYMN 533 (all verses)..... "How Wondrous and Great"

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!  
 2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
 their wor - ship and vows, shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?  
 thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.  
 till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759–1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed*; Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806).

## THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

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

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

# RECOGNITIONS

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## FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Emma Scott Powell  
by her grandparents Carrie and Clay Fisher

In memory of Medora 'Dodie' Wooldridge  
by the John Wooldridge family

In memory of Fritz Wyckoff  
by her family



## BAPTISMS

January 9 Benjamin Matthew Glass  
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## WEDDINGS

January 9 Lindsay Marshall Graham and Christopher Paul Farish



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