THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 23, 2022



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

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.

June J. Luna, Jr.+

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.*

Please continue to take CORONA virus precautions. We encourage all who visit our campus to be fully vaccinated. If not vaccinated, we request you wear a mask while on our campus; or continue to participate in the variety of virtual offerings for worship, education and fellowship. Please note that anyone not abiding by these recommendations is doing so at his or her own risk. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOTICE: St. Martin's is a gun-free campus.

ST. MARTIN'S **JANUARY 23**

Adults

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT

8+ with the Rev. Marty Bastian

8:55-9:25 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

This class is a Clergy-led coffee and discussion following the 8 a.m. service. Each class focuses on one of the lectionary readings for the day.

Theology for Life with Dr. Bill Blocker

Ephesians: The Body of Christ Made for a Purpose 10:15-11 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

This class features a series of Biblical, theological and historical topics that engage the mind and heart in worship of God and living a life of faith.

> Dr. William "Bill" Blocker became the fourth President of Houston's College of Biblical Studies in 2012. Before that he was Vice President of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

Creative Spaces with the Rev. Sharron Cox

Contemplative Life: Discernment and Praver 10:15-11 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

This class looks at life, faith and prayer in different ways, examining contemplative spirituality, contemporary life and more.

Family Life Class

Breakfast Club 10:15-10:45 a.m. | Parish Life Center

This is a slightly shorter class for parents of younger families and that meets after the Family Table service three times a month-twice for class and once for a breakfast social.









Seekers with the Rev. Robert Wareing 10:15-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room



This class is for more senior parishioners for fellowship and lectionary-based Bible study.

For more information about Adult Christian Education, email Lori Rivera at Irivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-I-7 Students

Episcopal Youth Community 10:15-11 a.m. | Student Life Center

Grades 6-12 are welcome to join Student Ministries for coffee, lemonade, donuts and conversation about the Scriptures shared in worship.

For more information about 7-1-7 Students email Student Ministries at students@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Youth Choir

10:15-11 a.m. | Rehearsal in Student Life Center

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St. Martin's Youth Choir is for young people who like to sing. Through the fellowship of music, Youth Choir members enjoy community as they deepen their walk with Christ.

For more information about Youth Choir email Carole Nelson at cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School

10:15-11 a.m. | Children's Life Center

We have engaging lessons, curriculum and content for both preschool and elementary school. Childcare is available during all morning services for infants through four-year-olds as well.



For more information about Children's Ministry email Holli Kight at hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



Choristers

8:30-9 a.m. | Rehearsal in Children's Life Center 9:15 a.m. | Family Table service in Parish Life Center



St. Martin's Choristers, for children in grades 1-5, make joyful and beautiful music while affording them a special place in the worship services at St. Martin's.

For more information about Choristers email Carole Nelson at cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

JANUARY 24-30 Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Jan. 24 9 a.m.-noon | Activity Center, Upper Hall East

Saintly Stitchers fill St. Martin's with pew kneelers and other gifts for worship spaces. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Education for Ministry

Tuesday, Jan. 25 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Welcome Center

EfM is a challenging and affirming four-year study developed and administered by the University of the South's School of Theology. For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay at smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Jan. 26 Noon-3 p.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall East

St. Clare's Guild undertakes a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at Ineilson@ stmartinsepiscopal.org.

OSL Healing Ministry Study Group

Wednesday, Jan. 26 4:30-6 p.m. | via Zoom



CLARE'S

Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as a licensed OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



St. Martin's 20s & 30s Wednesday, Jan. 26 7-9 p.m. | Welcome Center

Join our young adults as they explore the Alpha Film Series during this spring semester. There will be a 20-minute video, discussion, prayer and, of course, dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Jan. 27 7-9 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal Hall

Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation. For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Chad Martin at cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Sterling's Market

Saturday, Jan. 30 | Rain or Shine 9 a.m.-noon | Corner of Woodway and Sage

The mission of the Sterling's Market at St. Martin's Episcopal Church is to glorify God through sharing the Gospel and the bounties of the earth with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors. For more information and to volunteer, contact info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Men of St. Martin's Thursday, Jan. 27 7-8 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

This men's group meets for fellowship, mutual support and Bible study. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions. For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Chad Martin at cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Men

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Jan. 27 8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center

Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.









Tuesday, Jan. 25 – Evening Group 6:30–8 p.m. | via Zoom Thursday, Jan. 27 – Morning Group 9:30–11:30 a.m. | Parish Life Center, Children's Life Center and via Zoom

This friendly and loving group of women meets over the course of the year to target various topics in the Bible to deepen faith. For more information, contact the Rev. Marty Bastian at Igallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org or visit clsbiblestudy.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Christian Life Study

Tuesday, Jan. 25 9-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room

Knit and crochet shawls to be blessed for those in need of prayer. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, Jan. 26 9:15–10:30 a.m. | Children's Life Center or via Zoom

Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for a book study of "Motherhood: Being Grounded in Christ" by Patty Pell. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Blanket Ladies

Wednesday, Jan. 26 10-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room

Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-I-7 Students

Life Groups Wednesday, Jan. 26 6:30–8 p.m. | Student Life Center

Students in grades 6-12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.













Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

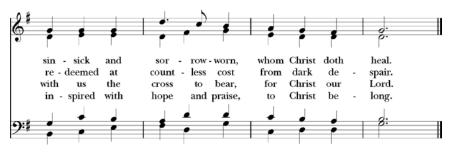
VOLUNTARY "We Thank Thee, O God" Johann Sebastian Bach

The Celebrant greets the People. Following the greeting, all stand.

*HYMN 537"Christ for the World We Sing"



*indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshipers



Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813–1886); Music: Moscow, melody Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); harm. The New Hymnal, 1916 based on Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792–1892).

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**.

GLORIA (said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847); Music: Lauda anima, John Goss (1800-1880).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant:The Lord be with you.People:And with thy spirit.Celebrant:Let us pray. (kneel)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Psalm 19

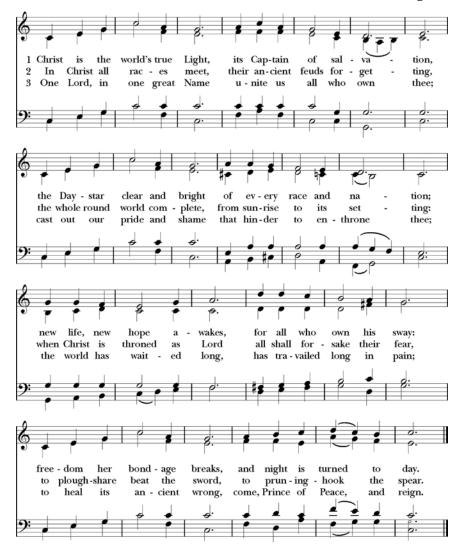
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my

mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Reader:The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 542 (vs. 1-2) "Christ is the World's True Light"



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Deacon:	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
	according to Luke.
People:	Glory be to thee, O Lord.

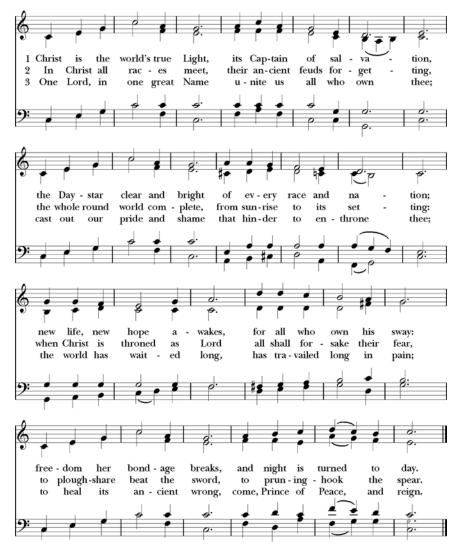
THE GOSPEL.....Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Deacon:	The Gospel of the Lord.
People:	Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 37.

HYMN 542 (vs. 3) "Christ is the World's True Light"



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Please be seated.

THE SERMON"Where to Rest Your Obsessions" The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

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 Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; for all who serve in our armed forces and their families; for persecuted Christians; for victims of terror attacks; for an end to war and conflict; for victims of natural disasters; for first responders; for those suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus; for health care workers; for those in the hospitals,__; for those whom our prayers have been requested,__; for those on our Continuing Prayer List; for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers,__; for the dearly departed,__; and 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**.

THE PEACE (stand)

Celebrant:The peace of the Lord be always with you.People:And with thy spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.



Monday, January 24 6 p.m. | Student Life Center and Online

Learn about the mission and core values of St. Martin's and broaden your understanding of our ministries and your role in the Church during this membership class that will include an instructed Eucharist, a presentation by St. Martin's Rector, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., and a question-andanswer session by Kathy Johnson, Director of Membership.

Reservations are required. To RSVP, contact Kathy Johnson at 713-985-3834 or kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org by 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



CCSC Work Day

Saturday, Jan. 29 | 9 a.m.–noon 3434 Branard, Houston, TX 77027

Organize and distribute food at the Emergency Services location for the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). CCSC assists the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy, and provides a back-to-school and Christmas program for low-income children.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.



Please note the 11:30 a.m. time will accommodate those attending the 69th Annual Parish Meeting.



Come hear **the Very Rev. Ian S. Markham**, **Ph.D.**, Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary and professor of theology and ethics. His latest book, "The New Apologetics," makes the case that science now provides a basis for the Christian sense that the universe is both spiritual and physical.



Sunday, Jan. 30 10:15 a.m. Bagby Parish Hall

Parishioners are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to learn about progress in the preceding year and plans for 2022. Sunday School for adults will not be offered on this Sunday so that all will have the opportunity to attend. *The 11:15 a.m. services in The Church and Parish Life Center will begin at 11:30 a.m. to accommodate the Annual Parish Meeting.* Please join us!

St. Martin's Episcopal Church **Blood** Drive

GIVE BLOOD

Monday, Jan. 31 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

FREE COVID-19 Antibody Test with Donation

Appointments are required to donate during this time. Please go online to schedule at bit.ly/smecblooddrive or contact Victoria Tidwell at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center: 832-602-9350 or vtidwell@giveblood.org

EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR

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(()) Gulf Coast Regional **Blood Center**

St. Martin's International OSL Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

> Next Service Wednesday, Feb. 215 p.m. Parish Life Center or via Zoom bit.ly/oslservice

For more information, contact Lori Rivera at Irivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



STERLING'S CREW

Learn more about a new opportunity to serve and volunteer at St. Martin's!

Whether you enjoy leadership roles or want to serve on a dynamic team, **"Sterling's Crew"** offers opportunities to make new friends in the Parish and community while serving at our new farmers market on Saturdays. Opportunities include everything from greeting visitors to spearheading logistics.

Come learn more about this exciting new ministry by joining us for a FREE dinner at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 2, in Bagby Parish Hall.

Simply sign up at bit.ly/crewdinner2022

At the dinner, you will meet some of our talented vendors and sample their products. Current volunteers will talk about how the market is positively affecting their lives.

People of all ages are invited!

Bring the whole family and invite your friends. You do not have to be a member of St. Martin's to join Sterling's Crew.

> *Sterling's Market is open most Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon at Sage and Woodway.*

St. Martin's COVID-19 Vaccination Day

St. Martin's is partnering with Harris County Public Health to host a COVID-19 vaccination day.

> Friday, February 4 9 a.m.–5 p.m. | Scout Center No registration required

- No photo ID is required at Harris County Public Health vaccine sites.
- We will be administering second Pfizer (ages 5 and up) vaccines and third (booster) doses for the immunocompromised.
- Those who received the first Pfizer dose at St. Martin's on Jan. 14 are welcome. Please bring your vaccination card.
- Those who need the second Pfizer dose are welcome as long as they are due or past due 21 days and must bring their vaccination card.

• You will be observed 15-30 minutes after receiving your dose.





SATURDAY, FEB. 5 | 10 A.M. CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

Bo's Place Outreach Project

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Our Daughters will prepare adorable stuffed puppies, a signature gift for all grieving children at Bo's Place, by tying ribbons around the necks and individually packaging 120 of them for delivery later in February. Visitors are welcome at any meeting to join us for fellowship, reflection and prayer while supporting St. Martin's and our communities.

For more information, please contact Tracee Martin at tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



CONFIRMATION

LEARN • LOVE • LIVE

SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 6-MARCH 6

10:15-11 A.M.

ACTIVITY CENTER, UPPER HALL

Join the Rev. Dr. Chad Martin to learn how the Episcopal Church is like other Christian churches and what makes our Anglican heritage unique. Time will be spent discussing The Book of Common Prayer, the Sacraments, and the Church's history and polity. Adults have the opportunity to be prepared for confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church on Saturday, March 26, with the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas, by attending this confirmation class.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Dania Lainez at 713-985-3845 or dlainez@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Please join us for the Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's

Spring Luncheon with Guest Speaker

Doro Bush Koch



Being

right. Bold & Real

in a Changing World

Join us for an exciting conversation with Doro Bush Koch. Honorary Chair of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, and Founding Partner of BB&R Wellness Consulting, as she returns to her home church for ECW's much anticipated spring luncheon.

> Tuesday, February 8 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall Tickets - \$35 • Table for 10 - \$350

Kindly register at bit.ly/2022ecwspringluncheon

ECW Committee Chairs Laura Levenson, Stacy Cheesman and Megan Holstien

The mission of the Episcopol Church Women of St. Martin's Episcopal Church is to bring women fogether for fellowship, service and outreach while spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.



THE JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY MATALIE JENNER

DAY GROUP

1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Feb. 9 Via Zoom

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 Dania Lainez at dlainez@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Thursday, Feb. 17 · 6-8 p.m. Parish Life Center Kitchen

St. Martin's hosts cooking classes with professional chefs designed for all skill levels, and perfect for those interested in sharpening their culinary skills and sharing in fellowship.

Register for class with Chef Julio Flores bit.ly/stmartinscooking5

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Menu includes: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Lemon Risotto and more

A Very Special Lenten Retreat Icon Writing with Teresa Harrison

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March 7-11 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



St. Martin's will host renowned instructor Teresa Harrison for a five-day course in the ancient technique of icon writing.

Participants will write their own icons using acrylic paint and gold leaf, a medium that resembles the traditional egg tempera.

Registration fee of \$495 includes all art supplies, but students will need to bring a small desk lamp and an apron or smock.

Seating is limited. Register at bit.ly/iconography2021 by Feb. 6.



All are welcome to join us on this wonderful tour!

- Fly Air France (non-stop) from Houston to Paris on July 16.
- Day trip to Normandy with a guided tour of the American Cemetery and Omaha Beach.
- Tour and performance in the Chartres Cathedral, La Madeleine, St. Sulpice and St. Jean de Caen.



Interested in joining us on this exciting trip? Contact Angel Romero at aromero@stmartinsepiscopal.org



WAYS TO GIVE



TEXT: Text SMEC to 73256

ONLINE: stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving

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

BEQUESTS: Contact: Director of Development, Ashley Pratka at apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 346-335-8658

TRANSFER OF ASSETS: Pledging and setting up a recurring gift online helps you and the church budget.

LEARN MORE AT: STMARTINSEPISCOPAL.ORG/GIVING

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM"O Nata Lux"

Morten Lauridsen

O Nata Lux de lumine Jesu redemptor saeculi Dignare Clemens supplicum Laudes preces que sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi Dignatus est pro perditis Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis.

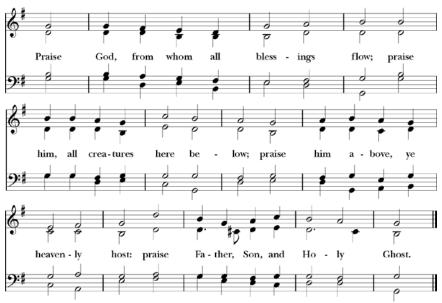
O born light of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deem worthy and accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones, grant us to be made members of your holy body.

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AT THE PRESENTATION

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;People: And of thine own have we given thee.

DOXOLOGYOld 100th



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.

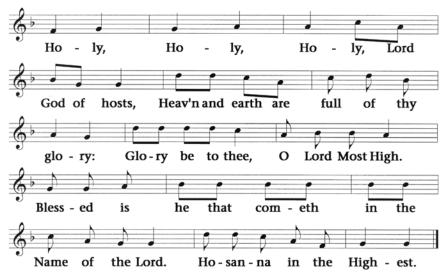
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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 (said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



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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)

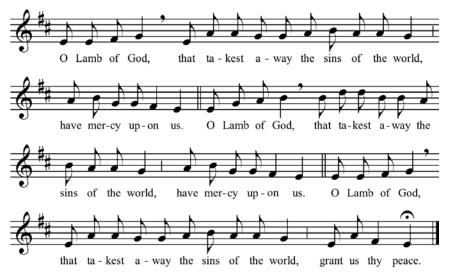
People and Celebrant

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.

(said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



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Then may be said 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)

Distribution of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. At this time, we are offering only the wafer, which is considered full Communion in the Episcopal Church. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a glutenfree wafer.

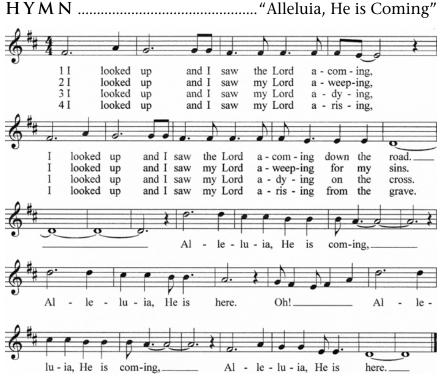
ANTHEM"O Nata Lux"

Thomas Tallis

O Nata Lux de lumine Jesu redemptor saeculi Dignare Clemens supplicum Laudes preces que sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi Dignatus est pro perditis Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis.

O Light of light, by love inclined, Jesu, redeemer of mankind, with loving-kindness deign to hear from suppliant voices praise and prayer. Thou who to raise our souls from hell didst deign in fleshly form to dwell, vouchsafe us, when our race is run, in thy fair Body to be one.

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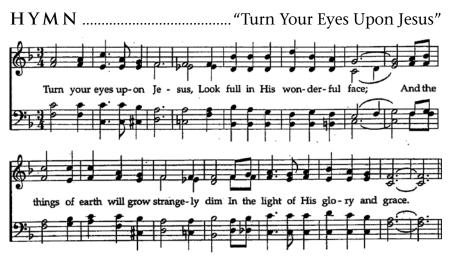


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HYMN"They'll Know We Are Christians"



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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

All stand.

HYMN 632 "O Christ, the Word Incarnate" 0 Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high, 1 2 The Church from dear Mas - ter re - ceived the our word di - vine, 3 0 make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold, 0 Light of our dark Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O sky; still light is lift - ed o'er all the shine. and that earth to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light of old: to as praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip-ture's we page, It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea, this their path to 0 teach thy wan-dering pil - grims by trace, o foot - steps, shines on from age a lan - tern to our to age. guides, O Christ, to mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still thee. till. clouds and dark-ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823–1897), alt.; Music: Munich, melody from Neu-vermehrtes und zu †bung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807–1847).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia. ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Personal prayers are available at the west Side Chapel after this service.

RECOGNITIONS



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FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage by Lindsey Ellen Phillips and Bernard Connor Mannon

In thanksgiving for the 8th birthday of Anneliese and Carsten Huffman by Meredith and Dean Huffman

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Ford Lawrence Stewart by Ford's grandparents

To mark a special occasion with an altar flower dedication, visit bit.ly/ChurchFlowers or contact Barbara Piana at 713-830-4116.

SERMON NOTES

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Individuals are included on the *Continuing Prayers* list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

Shelly Bain Cia Baze Jack Beeson Missy Belote Anne Berry Alli Blackman Cory Blackman Grace Blake John and Dianne Brock III Jane Cabes Higdon Compton, Jr. Beth Costa Gail Davis Mac Davis Sue Davis Tommy W. Davis Louis DelHomme Bobby deSosa Betty DeVerter Chase Dixon Nancy Doss Jim Easterling Stacey Elliott Matt Fryar Brad Gallion Max Goodloe Hollis, McKay and Rand Grace Shea Guinn Gladys Halbouty Walesk Harvey Elizabeth Hill Mollie Hill Jeff Holden Elizabeth Holderfield Wayne Hollis Debra Ibarra Mayfield Robbie Jacobe

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Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks before Easter and All Saints' Day. Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. To put someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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