FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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February 7, 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

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, J. +

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 Sunday in-person services for that week. To register for The Church or The Family Table services, visit at bit.ly/smecworshiprsvp or call 713-621-3040. *It is not necessary to register for Wednesday in-person services.*

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/smecworshiprsvp or contact Holli Kight at 713-985-3816 or 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 Payer 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. Please contact Chrissy Kana at
 cafe@stmartinsepiscopal.org for further questions.
- St. Martin's Gift Shoppe is open 9 a.m.–noon Sundays and 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday–Thursday. Private appointments are available by contacting giftshoppe@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3840.

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

FEBRUARY 7–13

ADULTS

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

"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.

Seekers Seekers will be joining Basic Bible Study this spring.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

Wednesday Night Bible Study

"Redeeming Men and Women: From Eden to Eternity" 7 p.m. via Facebook and YouTube



This three-week series will look at the biblical story of men and women where texts have been misused and misunderstood and what light the Cross sheds on this complicated story.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

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@stmartinsespicopal.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

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.

7-1-7 STUDENTS

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

BIG Sunday

"Big Stories" 5–7 p.m. via Zoom



All students in grades 6–12 are welcome. Come hear the motivating testimony of how one woman responded to God's call to do something to combat sex trafficking, and in the process birthed a Biblical social justice ministry at her church and beyond. Speaker Shelley Eastland will talk about her experience in serving and

partnering with Rescue America to lead a local phone bank ministry, how it has evolved, what this ministry looks like today, and how a simple phone call can change someone's life.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

Life Groups

Wednesdays through May 5 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom and in person Middle School ID: #949 5175 4882 High School ID: #962 9273 1076 Student Life Center, Main Hall

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:



- Feb. 3: Do Something 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.

HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY "Prelude"

Charles Stanford Dr. David Henning, Director of Music and Parish Organist

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. 216)

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

The Celebrant says the Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Please be seated.

HYMN 423 (vs. 1 and 4)....."Immortal, Invisible" Annamarie Zmolek, Brennan Blankenship, Patrick Perez, Joel Willliams, Jan Cornelius LeClair, and Ben LeClair St. Martin's Parish Choir



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.; Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

THE LESSON Isaiah 40:21–31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

All stand.



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Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90; Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678–1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

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

THE GOSPEL...... Mark 1:29–39

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

HYMN 680 (vs. 5-6)...... "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

0 God, our help in 1 a - ges past, our hope for years to come, 2 der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt un se cure; 3 Be fore the hills in or-der stood. or earth re ceived her frame. thou-sand a - ges in thy sight are like eve - ning gone; 4 A an 5 Time, roll-ing stream, bears all like an ev - er our years а way; storm-y blast, and our shel - ter from the our e nal home: thine arm a - lone, and our de-fense suf fi - cient is is sure. ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to the 3 from end-less years same. 4 short the watch that ends the night be as fore the ris ing sun. 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

> 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON"Your Wings or His?" 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; 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**.

THE PEACE (stand)

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

Easter Flowers

Remember a loved one by ordering lilies to decorate The Church and Bagby Parish Hall at Easter. All requests received by 5 p.m. Friday, March 5, will be included in the worship booklet available at all Easter services. Any names submitted after the deadline will be printed in worship booklets in weeks following Easter. Make your flower dedication online at bit.ly/easteraltarflowers

For more information, contact Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146 or bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org.







Monday, Feb. 8 6 p.m. | via Zoom

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 a virtual instructed Eucharist, a presentation by St. Martin's Rector, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., and a question-andanswer session by Kathy Johnson, Lay Minister of Membership at St. Martin's.

Reservations are required. To RSVP, contact Kathy Johnson at 713-985-3834 or kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org by 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7.



Women are invited to this study group on the mother-in-law/daughter-inlaw 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. Via Zoom

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

To sign up or for more information, contact Graham Neuhaus at 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.





DAY GROUP

12:30–2 p.m. | Wednesday, Feb. 10 Zoom ID: 972 7924 7164 | Passcode: 801112

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.



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Holy Eucharist and imposition of Asnes

Wednesday, Feb. 17 8 a.m. (spoken service only), noon, 3:30 and 6 p.m. The Church and Online via YouTube and Facebook

Reservations required for in-person services. bit.ly/SeatReservatons Registration opens at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The first day of Lent is a special day of Holy Obligation.



The Church Noon: In person and on line via YouTube and Facebook.

5:30 p.m.: In person only (Recorded service from noon will be available online.)

Reservations are not required.

For more information, contact Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146 or bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON ADULT LENTEN SERIES





Thursday, Feb. 18 4–5 p.m. The Rev. Alex D. Graham III

Bagby Parish Hall and via Zoom Webinar Reservations are required for Zoom Webinar only. Register at bit.ly/LentenThursdays

Each week, one of our clergy will share their relationship with Jesus and where they've learned from surprising sources, from TV shows to movies to philosophers or writers. Come along and hear about how Jesus has worked through the unexpected!

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT LENTEN SERIES





WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24 *"Feeding on Christ"* The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. and The Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay

5–6:30 p.m., Boxed Dinners, Bagby Parish Hall* 6:30–7:30 p.m., Program, Bagby Parish Hall and Online

Reservations are required for the in-person meal and study. Reserve your spot beginning at 9 a.m. the Wednesday prior. Boxed meals are \$10. Register and pay at **bit.ly/feb24wedlenten**

Food is one of life's fundamentals. Scripture has a lot to say about food, both in terms of our relationship with it, our use of it and how it reflects something of our relationship with our Lord. This Lent series will reflect on the place of physical nourishment in our lives as disciples.

*Holy Eucharist is offered in The Church at 5:30 p.m. without reservations.

• SUNDAY • AT ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH A DAY OF SERVICE SUNDAY, FEB. 21

2021

OUTREACH

ALL EVENTS ARE HELD 10 A.M.–NOON (Masks are required. If it rains, St. Martin's will hold only drop-off activities.)

The Church and Bagby Parish Hall

Pick up paper lunch sacks to color and decorate for Kids' Meals.

East Parking Lot

Help us as we create give-away bags for Undies for Everyone and Senior Goodie bags for Senior Rides.

Student Life Center Porte Cochere

Drop off your donations of beans and rice for Christian Community Service Center, lunchtime snacks for Kids' Meals and cards of encouragement and birthday cards for World Mission Amistad and Faith in Practice.

Movie: Blind Eyes Open

Tuesday, February 23 | 11 a.m. | Hope and Healing Center Auditorium

Watch the Anti-Human Trafficking movie, Blind Eyes Open.

This movie is also available on Amazon Prime. Beginning on Thursday, Feb. 25, Parishioners will also be able to check out the movie on DVD to watch at home.

To register, visit **bit.ly/outreach-eyesopen** for both in-person viewing and DVD check out.

Discussion: Blind Eyes Open

Wednesday, March 3 | 11:30 a.m. | Via Zoom

Those who have watched *Blind Eyes Open* are invited to discuss the movie and anti-human trafficking efforts underway in Houston and how St. Martin's is involved.



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



EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.



Middle School Mission Trip June 13–16 Cost: \$400 Deadline: Sunday, Feb. 28

Register online: bit.ly/middleschoolmissiontrip2021 Apply for scholarship: bit.ly/MSMissionTripScholarship

Summer 2021 will be an exciting one for middle school students as we return to Waco to work with our friends at Mission Waco. This will be a great time of fellowship, fun and helping fellow Texans in need. All students who entered 6th grade in fall of 2020 through students graduating 8th grade in May 2021 are welcome to participate in this mission.

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For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3843.



Café St. Martin's Curbside is open!

Place your order the day before.

Visit the menu here: stmartinsepiscopal.org/cafe-st-martins Pickups will be between 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday by driving through the porte-cochére in front of Bagby Parish Hall. Please do not come inside.

> Debit and credit cards accepted. No cash payments. Meals are \$6. Drinks are \$1.

Questions? Contact Chrissy Kana at cafe@stmartinsepiscopal.org or call 713-985-3806.

THE ENABLING PARENT OF THE ADDICTED CHILD

Wednesday, Feb. 10 Noon – 1 p.m. CST FREE WEBINAR

SPEAKER: Crystal Collier, Ph.D, LPC-S

Former Hope and Healing Center & Institute Murphy-Petersen Behavioral Health Fellow, Author of The NeuroWhereAbouts Guide

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register online today at: hopeandhealingcenter.org

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.

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.

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Contact: Director of Parish Stewardship, Ashley Pratka: 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

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

THE OFFERTORY

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" **Refrain**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. **Refrain**

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, adapted from Psalm 91, © 1979, New Dawn Music, UBP.

AT THE PRESENTATION



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



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 glutenfree 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 135 (vs. 1 and 4)....."Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"



Words: Sts. 1–3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807–1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984); Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622–1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750).

THE DISMISSAL

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

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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:

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Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the months 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 Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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In thanksgiving for the baptism of Maxwell Wesley Stout by Greer and John Stout

In memory of my mother and father, Mary Catharine "Sis" Vander Nailen and Ralph Edward "Van" Vander Naillen, Jr.

by Catey and Steve Cumley

In memory of Ricardo "Ricky" Sepulveda by Linda, David and Alejandro Morgan



BAPTISMS

Jan. 30 William Perry Dupre Sallie June Hester



W E D D I N G S

Jan. 30 Caroline Elizabeth Turner Engerrand and William Michael Kost



S Y M P A T H Y

Jan. 21 Janie Evans

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