

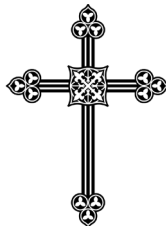
LAST SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY

February 14, 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

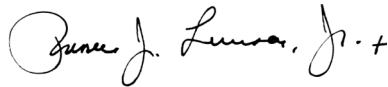
FROM THE RECTOR

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

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/smecworshippersv 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 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. 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 14–20

ADULTS

SUNDAY, FEB. 14

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.

Seekers

Seekers will be joining Basic Bible Study this spring.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

St. Martin's 20s & 30s



St. Martin's 20s & 30s will not meet this week in observance of Ash Wednesday. We will resume Feb. 24 with the series “The Return to the King: A Study of Revelation.”

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

Thursday Afternoon Adult Lenten Series

“Life’s Unexpected Teachers”

4 p.m. in Bagby Parish Hall and via Zoom Webinar



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!

This week: The Rev. Alex D. Graham III

For more information about Adult Christian Education,
email Katwana Coleman at kcoleman@stmartinseiscopal.org.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

SUNDAY, FEB. 14

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@stmartinseiscopal.org.

7-1-7 STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

Life Groups for Middle and High School

Life Groups will not meet this week in observance of Ash Wednesday. We will resume on Feb. 24. 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 “Sonata in B-flat”

Felix Mendelssohn

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. 217)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(kneel)*

The Celebrant says the Collect

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

HYMN 7 (vs. 1 and 3)...“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”
*Annamarie Zmolek, Brennan Blankenship, Patrick Perez,
 Joel Williams, Jan Cornelius LeClair and Ben LeClair
 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 Psalm 50:1–6

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory. Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm. He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of his people. “Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.” Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 663 (vs. 1-2) "The Lord My God My Shepherd Is"

1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how
 2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and
 3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the
 4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -
 5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for

1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by
 2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for
 3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for
 4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and
 5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy

1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.
 2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.
 3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.
 4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.
 5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of Psalm 23; Music: *Crimond*, melody Jesse Seymour Irvine (1836-1887); harm. *Hymnal* 1982.

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL..... Mark 9:2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

HYMN 663 (vs. 4-5) "The Lord My God My Shepherd Is"

1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how
 2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and
 3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the
 4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON "One Thing You Can Do"
 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.**

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

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

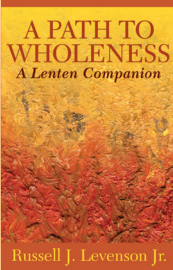
People: **And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

NEW BOOK BY THE REV. DR. RUSSELL J. LEVENSON JR.

A portion of proceeds goes to support Outreach Ministries at St. Martin's



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A Path to Wholeness *A Lenten Companion*

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—*The Rev. Christopher A. Beeley, PhD, Director of the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies, Jack and Barbara Bovender Professor of Theology, Anglican Studies, and Ministry, Duke University Divinity School*

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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.

Café

ST. MARTIN'S



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-cochère 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.



Faith
in
LITERATURE

EVENING GROUP

7–8:30 p.m. | Tuesday, Feb. 16

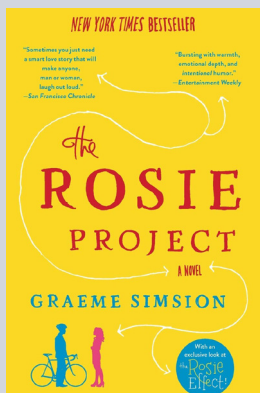
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The Faith in Literature group explores, discusses and makes relevant connections between faith and works of fiction, past and present. While operating within the framework of Christian theology, we seek to ascertain in our reading how all good literature,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



A S H

W E D N E S D A Y



Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

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/smecworshipsvp

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

W E D N E S D A Y

Holy Eucharist

SERVICES DURING LENT

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,
excluding Ash Wednesday.

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.



A DAY OF SERVICE SUNDAY, FEB. 21

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, lunch-time 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.

GIVE BLOOD .ORG

St. Martin's Episcopal Church Blood Drive

Monday, Feb. 22
Tuesday, Feb. 23

9 a.m.–3 p.m.
717 Sage Road
Bagby Parish Hall

**FREE Covid-19 Antibody
Test with Donation**



Artemio, blood recipient

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



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donation story



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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.

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



June 20–27 | Cost \$800

The High School Mission Trip is full!

Get on the wait list here: bit.ly/HSMissionTripWaitList

Our high school students will return to West Palm Beach, Florida, to continue work with our mission partner, Hearts of Palm. We welcome students who will have completed 8th grade as of June 2021 through seniors who will graduate in spring 2021.

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



HELP! I NEED TO DOWNSIZE – WHAT DO I DO?

Thursday, Feb. 18
Noon–1 p.m. CST

FREE WEBINAR
FROM THE COMMUNITY BIOETHICS
AND AGING CENTER

SPEAKER:
Sharon Staley

Sharon Staley Interiors, Former American Society of
Interior Designers Texas Gulf Coast Chapter President

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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.

WAYS TO GIVE



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Text SMEC to 73256



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stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving



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ESTATE PLANNING

Contact: Director of Parish Stewardship, Ashley Pratka:
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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM*Mass in G, "Gloria"*
Franz Schubert

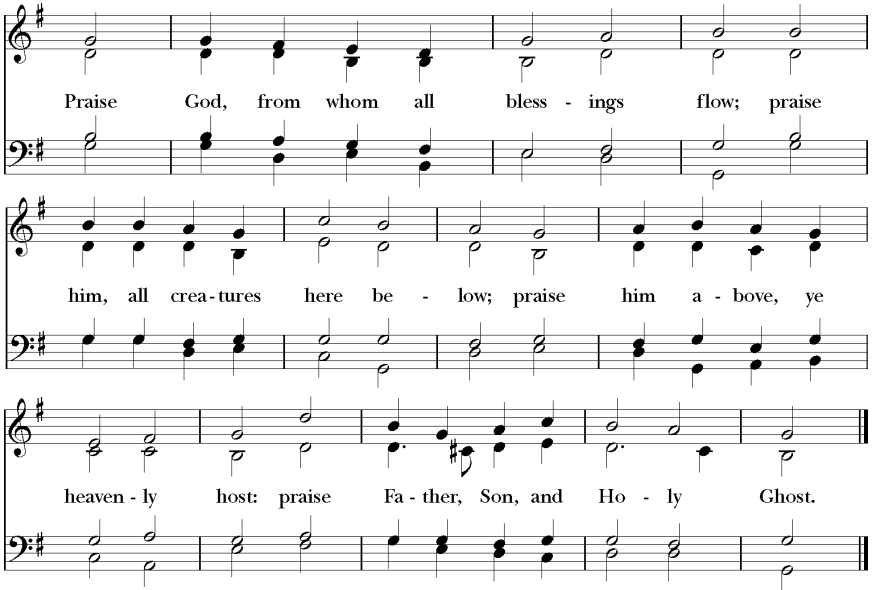
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, Miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, cum sancto spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris, Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth, peace to men of good will. We praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee, we glorify thee. We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, Lord God, heavenly king, Father almighty, Lord the only-begotten son, Jesus Christ, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, thou only are the most high, with the Holy Ghost in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseumes 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.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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 493 (vs. 1, 3 and 6)...“O for a Thousand Tongues”

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
 be now and ever given
 by saints below and saints above,
 the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.; Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784–1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792–1872).

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:

Bobbie Adams	Mollie Hill	Benice Nwabueze
Michael Adams	Jeff Holden	Judy and Jay O'Connor
Harvey Altmann	Elizabeth Holderfield	Jim Paddock
Shelly Bain	Britt Huckaby	Randal Parrott
Jack Beeson	Ben Hunter	Rebecca Parsons
Alli Blackman	Debra Ibarra Mayfield	Erin Pedigo
Michele Bouchard	Wanda Jacobs	Troy Phillips
John and Dianne Brock III	Brittney Jacobson	Jimmy Prentice
Brock Burns	Shirlee Jamail	Ophelia Pujol
Jane Cabes	Joyce Janak	Caroline Rawl
Elaine Chandler	Connie Jessen	Robert Rosales
Elinor Christian	Helen Joyner	David and Clare Sackllah
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Muriel Kearby Albaral	Tracy and Jimmy Sackllah
Beth Costa	Gene Kindrachuk	Brady Samuelson
Gail Davis	Sadie Knutzen	Jim Sanitato
Mac Davis	Paige Laird	Ellie Schilling
Sue Davis	Wallis Larocque	Pam Schubert
Tommy W. Davis	Amy Lee	Robert and Sylvia Seals
Bobby deSosa	Stan Leong	Janell Sewell
Betty DeVerter	Shawn Levenson	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Chase Dixon	Nancy Liles	Clif Shoemake
Nancy Doss	Martha Ann Linden	Frances Smith
Jeff Dykes	Alex Litchfield	Pat Smith
Jim Easterling	Roberta Lloyd	Tyler Smith
Stacey Elliott	Ryan Logan	William Gilbert Smith
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Matt Fryar	Charlie Malone	Bob Spencer
Lauren Furr	Jaclyn Manning	Ron Sponberg
Brad Gallion	Jeffrey Martinson	Sybil Stephens
Robbie Gay	BD McAndrew	Jim Stokes
Max Goodloe	John McMahan	Paul Stumpff
Steve and Amy Gula	Michelle McStravick	Marjorie Taishoff Craig
Gladys Halbouty	Hal Means	Paul Therrien
Tish Hale	Len Menefee	Bart Tomlinson
Melinda Hall	Mary Kay Mohrmann	Mae Joyce Wagner
Walesk Harvey	Fran Neilson	Alexander Wang
Susie Hatfield	Ann Nelson	Becky Wareing
Elizabeth Hill	Rick Noble	Charles Warren

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

Mary Waters	Curt	Mark
Karen Weber	Elizabeth	Matthew
Derry Wilkens	Henry	Millie
James Wilkerson	Jane	Noble Family
Tim Womack	John and Lisa	Oran
Eric Zoerb	Karen	Patsy
Ben	Kathleen	RC
Betsey	Kathryn	Sally
Bruce	Laura	Thomas
Caroline	Luke	Wang family
Casa San Martin, Bolivia	Marilyn	

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	1st Lt. Will Golinkin	Lt. Paul Piana
Lt. Col. Julian Benton	Capt. Cody Horr	LCMR David A. Pilko
1st Lt. Benjamin Brown	Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell	Maj. Thomas Cook Plant
Lt. Col. Chris Davis	Dallas Wayne Hunter	E-4 Brian Matthew Powell
Wesley Dodd	Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs	PFC Joel Rowell
James Drury III	Krystal Martinez	Maj. Christian Schleider
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RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of George Kirkland Monroe
by his grandparents, Karen and Mac McConnell

In thanksgiving for the baptism of William Robert "Wiley" Parkey IV
by his grandparents, Dana and Bob Parkey

In loving memory of Mary Stuart McHenry Baker
by James A. Baker, III; James A. Baker, IV; Stuart McHenry Baker;
John Coalter Baker; and Douglas Bland Baker

In memory of George J. Kurk
by Marilyn Kurk and Janice Robertson



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Feb. 6 Matteson Wyatt Hamilton



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Feb. 6 Ashley Elizabeth Brown and John August Adkins, Jr.



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