

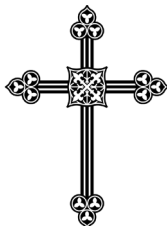
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 28, 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

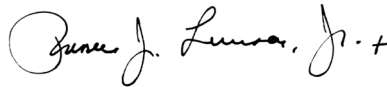
FROM THE RECTOR

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/smecworshipsvp 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/smecworshipsvp 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 28—MARCH 6

ADULTS

SUNDAY, FEB. 28

Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Jane P. Ferguson

"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

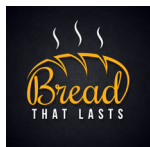
Seekers will be joining Basic Bible Study this spring.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Wednesday Evening Adult Lenten Series

"Bread That Lasts"

6:30 p.m. in Bagby Parish Hall and via Facebook and YouTube



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.

This week: "Come to the Table: Understanding the Eucharist" with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

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. Sharron L. Cox

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY, FEB. 28

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Life Groups

Wednesdays through May 5 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
Middle School ID: #949 5175 4882

High School ID: #962 9273 1076

High School Life Group also meets in person

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:



- 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



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
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

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

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
THE GREAT LITANY (*kneel*)


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O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.


Cantor  *People* 
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.


Cantor  *People* 
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.


Cantor  *People* 
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Cantor 
Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People 
preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Cantor 
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

 devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People 
Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits
of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of
heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood;
from plague, pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.


From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence,
battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and
submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by
thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and
Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the
hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it
may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in
the right way,

People

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use
the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may
enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do
the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as
thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason
of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women
in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all
whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who
suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence
those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are
in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us
all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with
the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy
holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and
slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort
and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally
to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of Martin and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



Cantor Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

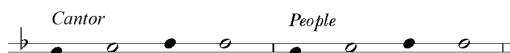


O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 218)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONRomans 4:13–25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 707 (vs. 1) "Take My Life"

Annamarie Zmolek, Brennan Blankenship, Joel Williams

Patrick Perez, Jan Cornelius LeClair and Ben LeClair

St. Martin's Parish Choir



1 Take my life, and let it be con-se-crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al-ways, on-ly, for my King;



take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.
take my in-tel-lect, and use ev-ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long-er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy-al throne.
Take my-self, and I will be ev-er, on-ly, all for thee.

Words: Francis Ridley Havargal (1836–1879), alt.; Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Mark 8:31–38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HYMN 707 (vs. 2) “Take My Life”

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

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 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “Living a Lenten Life” *The Rev. Chad T. Martin*

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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(kneel)*

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.



Middle School Mission Trip

June 13–16

Cost: \$400

Deadline: March 31

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 fritchier@stmartinsepiscopal.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 fritchier@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3843.

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St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Blood Drive

Monday, March 1

Tuesday, March 2

Monday, March 8

Tuesday, March 9

9 a.m.–3 p.m.

717 Sage Road

Bagby Parish Hall

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Artemio, blood recipient

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



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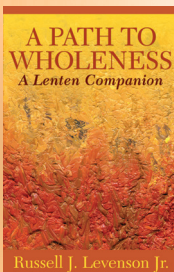


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W E D N E S D A Y *Holy Eucharist* SERVICES DURING LENT

The Church

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

Reservations are not required.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT LENTEN SERIES



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

"Come to the Table: Understanding the Eucharist"

The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.
and The Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay

5–6:30 p.m., Boxed Dinners, Bagby Parish Hall*

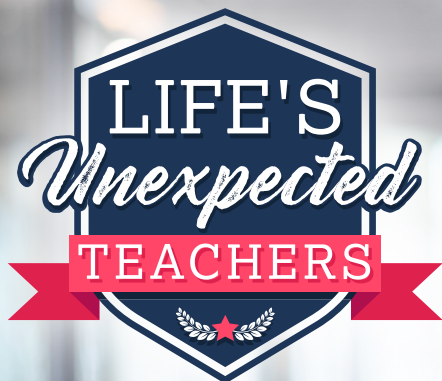
6:30–7:30 p.m., Program, Bagby Parish Hall and Online

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/mar3wedlenten

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.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON ADULT LENTEN SERIES



Thursday, March 4
4–5 p.m.

The Rev. Sharron L. Cox

Bagby Parish Hall and via Zoom Webinar
Reservations are required for Zoom Webinar only.
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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!

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

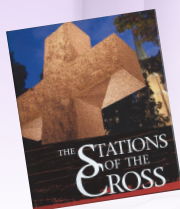
Wednesdays, Feb. 24–March 31

11 a.m.–noon | The Church

No reservations required

Online via bit.ly/smeclent

Available March 4–April 1



This free guide booklet is available to all those wishing to experience The Stations of the Cross. Copies can be picked up in the Narthex of The Church or downloaded from the St. Martin's Lent webpage above.

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

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Lenten QUIET DAY

Saturday, March 6

9:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | Online via bit.ly/smeclent

Join us online for a series of recorded Lenten Quiet Day reflections focused on the hours around Jesus' death. What do we learn from revisiting the scriptures that carry the story of His last hours?

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Wednesday, March 3
Noon – 1 p.m. CST

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Daniela White, M.D.

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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM "Ave Verum"
Camille Saint-Saens

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine. Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit cum sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. Amen.

Hail True Body, born of the Virgin, who, having suffered was sacrificed on the cross for humankind; from whose pierced side flowed water and blood. For us let it be a foretaste in the trial of death.

Music: Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921). Edited by Anne-Marie Forbes.

AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY Gardiner

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all

gifts, to of - fer thee; And hence with grate - ful hearts to -

day Thine own be - fore thy feet we lay.

Text, John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; Music, Gardiner, William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; By permission of Houghton Mifflin Company.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(BCP p. 333) (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.**

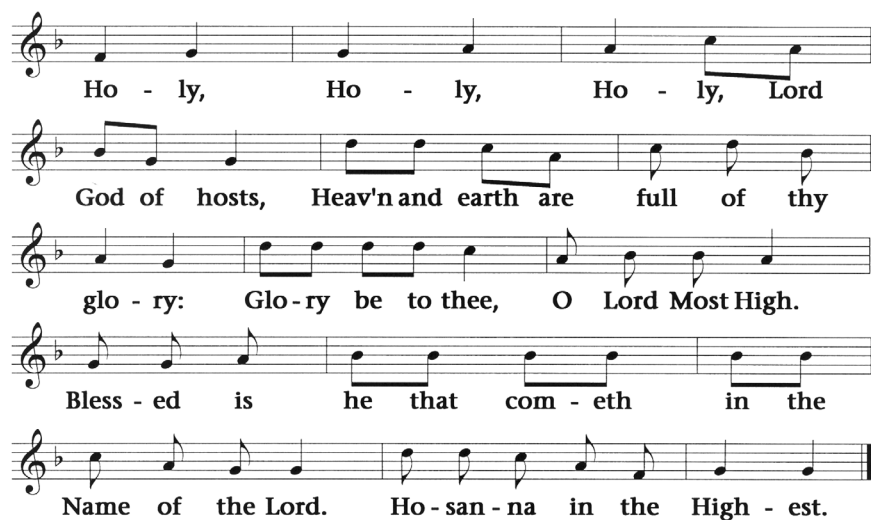
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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. 334) (kneel)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

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

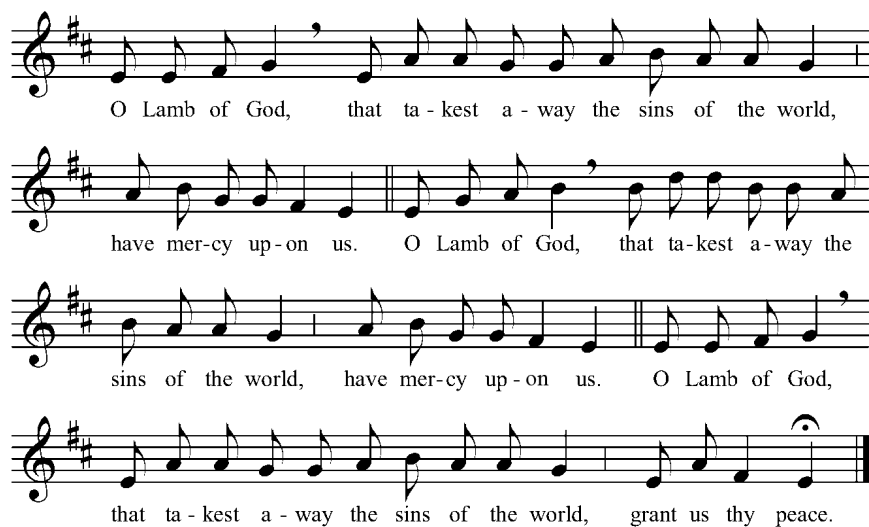
THE LORD'S PRAYER *(BCP p. 336)*

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



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

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

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

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

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. (BCP p. 339)

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

LENTEN BLESSING

Please be seated.

HYMN 401 (vs. 1 and 5).... "The God of Abraham Praise"

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725–1799), alt.; Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

RECOGNITIONS



GREENERY GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the marriage of Meredith Cummings and
John Wooldridge, Jr.

by the Hon. John T. Wooldridge family

In thanksgiving for the 77th wedding anniversary of Hilda and
Doug Bourne

In memory of Sells Neuhaus on our 38th wedding anniversary
by Becky Neuhaus



BAPTISMS

Feb. 13 George Kirkland Monroe
 William "Wiley" Robert Parkey IV



WEDDINGS

Feb. 13 Caroline Claire Frank and Edward Alexander Howe

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

SERMON NOTES

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

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

Charles Warren	Casa San Martin, Bolivia	Marilyn
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

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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

Please circle the name of any loved one that you would like to remain on our Continuing Prayer list, tear out this sheet of your bulletin and place it in the Prayer List box in the Narthex. You may also email Cindy Ensign at censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

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