

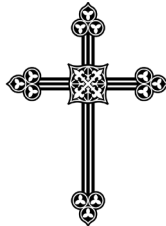
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 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

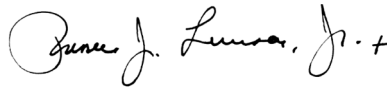
FROM THE RECTOR

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.*

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 included in 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 continues 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**

MARCH 7–13

ADULTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Sharron L. Cox

“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.

Family Life Class

“Parenting in a Pandemic”

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



Join the Rev. Alex D. Graham III and other special guests as they discuss the hardships of raising children during the crisis of COVID-19. This four-week series will equip parents with the tools to support their children and teach them appropriate coping skills during the pandemic.

This week's guest is Ellen Bass, Head of School, St. Martin's Episcopal Preschool.

Seekers

Seekers will be joining Basic Bible Study this spring.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

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: "From Passover to Pascal Lamb" with the Rev. Chad T. Martin

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 11

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 and movies to philosophers or writers. Come along and hear about how Jesus has worked through the unexpected!

This week: The Rev. Dr. Suse. E. McBay

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MARCH 7



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@smartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 STUDENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

BIG Sunday

"Big Stories"

5–7 p.m. via Zoom



This month's story comes from a member of the St. Martin's family, the Rev. Alex Graham III. From soccer player, to party animal, to Jesus follower, come learn how Alex began an unexpected journey that led to the priesthood.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

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.

For more information about 7-1-7 Students and to receive Zoom passcodes, email Student Ministries at students@smartinsepiscopal.org.

HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY “Sonata in C-minor”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Dr. David Henning, Director of Music and Parish Organist

Begin on page 317 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

DECALOGUE (*kneel*)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to

*After the 10th Commandment**

keep this law. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and

write all these thy laws in our hearts, we be - seech thee.

The musical score consists of three systems of vocal and organ parts. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and an organ line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the text 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to'. The second system is marked 'After the 10th Commandment*' and contains the text 'keep this law. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and'. The third system contains the text 'write all these thy laws in our hearts, we be - seech thee.'.

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me. **Refrain**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them. **Refrain**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Refrain

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. **Refrain**

Honor thy father and thy mother. **Refrain**

Thou shalt do no murder. **Refrain**

Thou shalt not commit adultery. **Refrain**

Thou shalt not steal. **Refrain**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Refrain

Thou shalt not covet. ***After the 10th Commandment**

John Merbecke and George C. Martin.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(kneel)*

Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People (BCP p. 331)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

TRISAGION

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: *Trisagion*; Music: Ver. *Hymnal* 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924).

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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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.

THE LESSON Exodus 20:1–17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

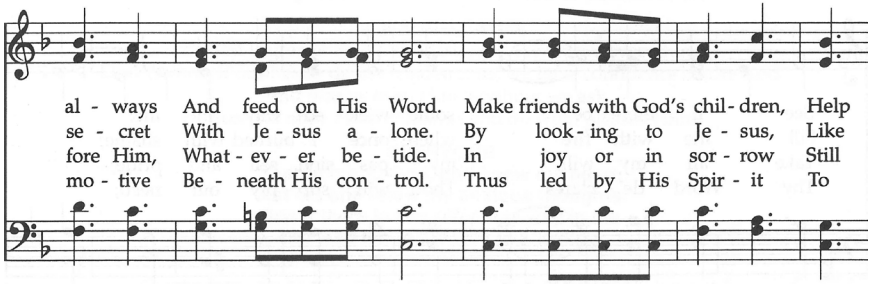
People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

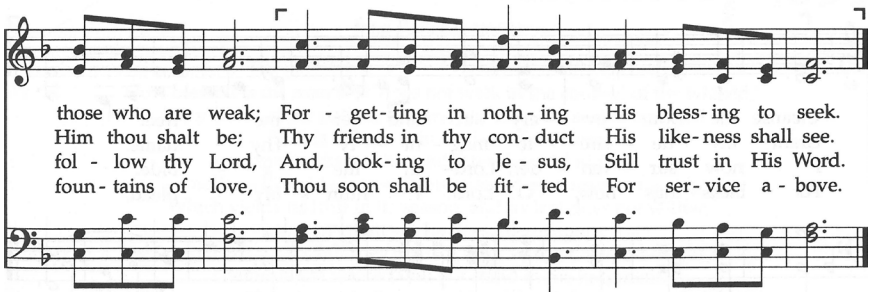
HYMN (vs. 1-2).....“Take Time to be Holy”
*Annamarie Zmolek, Christine Mahaffey, Patrick Perez,
 Joel Williams, Jan Cornelius LeClair and Ben LeClair
 St. Martin's Parish Choir*



1. Take time to be ho - ly, Speak oft with thy Lord; A - bide in Him
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Text: William D. Longstaff; Music: George C. Stebbins.

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

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

THE GOSPELJohn 2:13–22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN (vs. 4) "Take Time to be Holy"

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON "Tending to God's Nagware"
 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. 383, Form I) (kneel) (responsively)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Anglican Communion; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for all bishops, especially Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, Bishops of the Diocese; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Joe, the Congress, the Courts, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those in hospitals __, and those who have requested our prayers __, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For other concerns of our Parish, especially for all who serve in our armed forces and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace throughout the world, especially in the Middle East, for the victims of terror attacks, and for the protection of our Christian brothers and sisters who face danger or persecution for their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the blessings of this life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially __, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Martin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Grant to thy people, O Lord, grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and in thy mercy graciously fulfill our petitions, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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.



**St. Martin's is
offering scholarships
for higher education
to our graduating
high school seniors.**

Applications can be found at stmartinsepiscopal.org/student-ministries. The submission deadline is Wednesday, April 7. Recipients will be informed Friday, April 30, and celebrated on Senior Recognition Sunday, May 9.

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

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

A special 4-episode mini series with Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts on his recent publication, “Women of the Bible,” in *National Geographic*. Some highlights include: Insights into the lives of women in biblical times, profiles of leading women in the Hebrew Bible and New Testament, and details of fascinating archaeological finds.



Visit bit.ly/smeclent

to access study videos beginning Monday, March 8



International Humanities Scholar Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts

Professor Isbouts is a humanities scholar, National Geographic author and award-winning filmmaker, specializing in the art and archaeology of the Near East and the Mediterranean Basin.

His website is jpisbouts.org.

GIVE BLOOD.ORG

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Blood Drive

Monday, March 8

Tuesday, March 9

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.

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



Share your
donation story

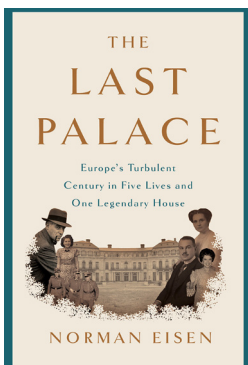


EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.

@commitforlife | #commitforlife



DAY GROUP



12:30–2 p.m. | Wednesday, March 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.**

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT LENTEN SERIES



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10
"From Passover to Pascal Lamb"
The Rev. Chad T. Martin

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/mar10wedlenten

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

MEN ^{of} ST. MARTIN'S

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AND SPEAKER SERIES



MARCH 11 • 7 A.M. • VIA ZOOM
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**GUEST SPEAKER: The Rev. Dr.
Russell J. Levenson, Jr.**

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact the Rev. Chad Martin at 713-985-3842 or cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING *Christian Life Study*

It's a new year and a perfect time to join in the Christian Life Studies Bible study group for women.

EVENING GROUP

Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Studies include *Hebrews* and *James* by N.T. Wright

DAY GROUP

Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:20 a.m.

Study is *James* by N.T. Wright

Please register at clsbiblestudy.com for both classes or contact Candy Provine for the Day Group at 713-823-9002, or Ann Wilson for the Night Group at 713-828-8722.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON ADULT LENTEN SERIES



Thursday, March 11
4–5 p.m.
The Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay

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

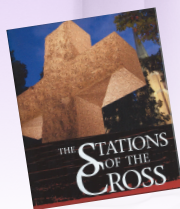
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THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays through March 31
11 a.m. – noon | The Church

No reservations required

Online via bit.ly/smeclnt
Available through 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.

WAYS TO GIVE



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Contact: Director of Parish Stewardship, Ashley Pratka:
apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 346-335-8658



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

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Reclote us in our rightful mind, In purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee. Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace. Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892); Music: *Repton*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918); Arr. H. A. Chambers.

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

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The text is: 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.

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,

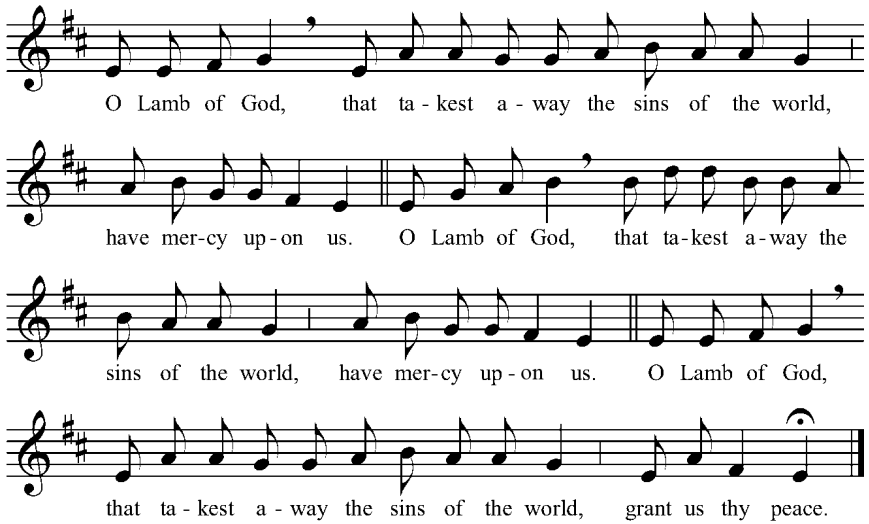
THE LORD'S PRAYER *(BCP p. 336)*

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.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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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 473 (vs. 1 and 4)..... “Lift High the Cross”

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

SERMON NOTES

RECOGNITIONS



WEDDINGS

Feb. 27 Meredith Cummings and John Wooldridge, Jr.

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

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	Randy Vander Naillen
Susie Hatfield	Fran Neilson	Mae Joyce Wagner
Elizabeth Hill	Ann Nelson	Alexander Wang

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

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

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	LCDR Bradley Ryan	Lt. Holly E. Pace
Lt. Col. Julian Benton	Hoffman	Lt. Paul Piana
1st Lt. Benjamin Brown	Capt. Cody Horr	LCMR David A. Pilko
Lt. Col. Chris Davis	Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell	Maj. Thomas Cook Plant
Wesley Dodd	Dallas Wayne Hunter	E-4 Brian Matthew Powell
James Drury III	Staton Jobe	PFC Joel Rowell
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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 Cyndy Ensign at censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

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