

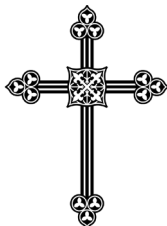
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 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
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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.

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 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**

APRIL 18–24

ADULTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 18



Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Lisa R. Neilson

Big Beliefs for Real Life: Christ's Earthly Body–The Church

Distributed in the morning via email

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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

"The Return of the King: A Study of Revelation"

7:30 p.m. via Zoom (ID: 986 960 5785)



Many people think that the Book of Revelation is hard to understand; it is filled with strange, dazzling imagery that can be confusing to decipher. However, the Book of Revelation is extremely important for us today as it offers the clearest picture of God's ultimate purpose for our world. Join us on Wednesday nights as we explore the teachings of this often misunderstood book.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY, APRIL 18



Children's Ministry has engaging 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, APRIL 21

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@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY “We Thank Thee, O Lord”

Johann Sebastian Bach

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: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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. 224)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(kneel)*

The Celebrant says the Collect

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All stand.

HYMN 180 (vs. 1 and 4).....“He Is Risen”

*Jan Cornelius LeClair, Brennan Blankenship, Jeff Ragsdale,
Ben LeClair, Annamarie Zmolek and Patrick Perez,
St. Martin's Parish Choir*

1 He is ris-en, he is ris-en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear-ful heart-ed, with glad smile and
3 Come, with high and ho-ly hymn-ing, hail our Lord's tri-
4 He is ris-en, he is ris-en! He hath o-pened

joy-ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris-on;
ra-diant brow! Death's long sha-dows have de-part-ed;
um-phant day; one dark-some cloud is dim-ming
hea-ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris-on,

let the whole wide earth re-joice: death is con-quered,
Je-sus' woes are o-ver now, and the pas-sion
yon-der glo-rious morn-ing ray, break-ing o'er the
ris-en to a ho-li-er state; and a bright-er

we are free, Christ has won the vic-to-ry.
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
pur-ple east, sym-bol of our Eas-ter feast.
Eas-ter beam on our long-ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895), alt.; Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650–1680).

THE LESSON 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 343 (vs. 1) “Shepherd of Souls”

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Luke.

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

THE GOSPEL Luke 24:36b–48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN 343 (vs. 4) “Shepherd of Souls”

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON "And God Came Back"
The Rev. Martin J. Bastian

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,__; 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.



The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's
Invite you to our Spring Program

MONDAY, APRIL 19

11 a.m.–noon | Bagby Parish Hall

BECOMING HIS *Masterpiece*

Tickets are \$30 each. Limited Seating.
Registration required.

To register, visit bit.ly/ecwspring2021

Each person will receive a signed copy of Sharon Collins' devotional, *Becoming His Masterpiece*, and a box lunch.

Event Chairs: Kathy Kyrish and Shelly Newton



GUEST SPEAKER: SHARON COLLINS

Sharon Collins' life is proof of the adage, "God doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called."

She never envisioned herself as an author or artist. Yet, God had plans for her. In

March 2018, five months after her first painting class, Sharon felt the Lord's call to create a website to post devotionals paired with her paintings. Her first book,

Becoming His Masterpiece, quickly followed.

It purposefully pairs stunning abstract art with Christian devotionals. Sharon lives in Houston.



For questions, contact Katwana Coleman at 713-830-4110 or kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



EVENING GROUP

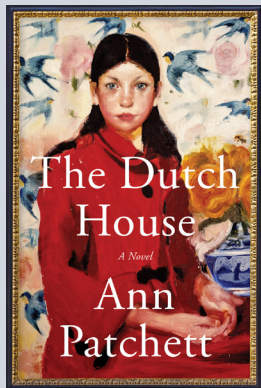
7–8:30 p.m. | Tuesday, April 20

Zoom ID: 939 4938 1075

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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.



MEMBERSHIP

101

Monday, May 10

6 p.m. | via Zoom

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

Reservations are required. To RSVP, contact Kathy Johnson at 713-985-3834 or kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org by 5 p.m. Sunday, May 9.

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with questions or for assistance:
dhutchison@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3803

THE OFFERTORY

AN THEM “With a Voice of Singing” Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard,
Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord
hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all
ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his
praise be glorious.

Text: Scriptural.

AT THE PRESENTATION *Easter Hymn*

Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley.

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.**

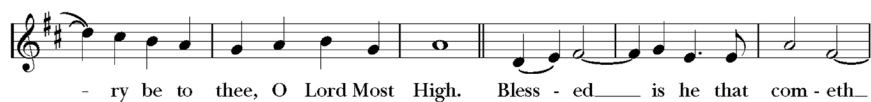
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

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



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The Celebrant continues (BCP p. 341) (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, 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



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

During the season of Easter, the Prayer of Humble Access is not a part of our public liturgy. You are invited to use it for your private preparation before receiving Communion.

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

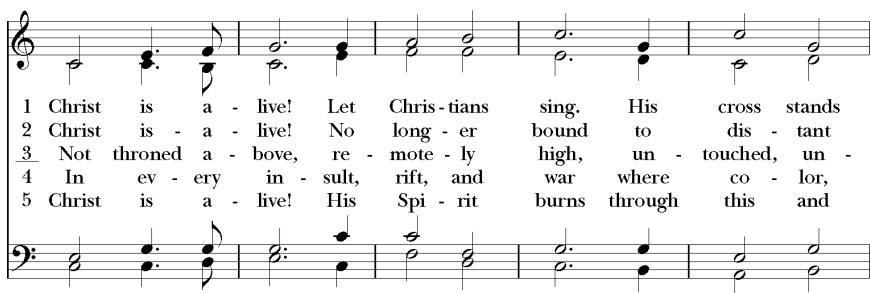
Let us pray. (BCP p. 339)

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.

EASTER BLESSING

All stand.

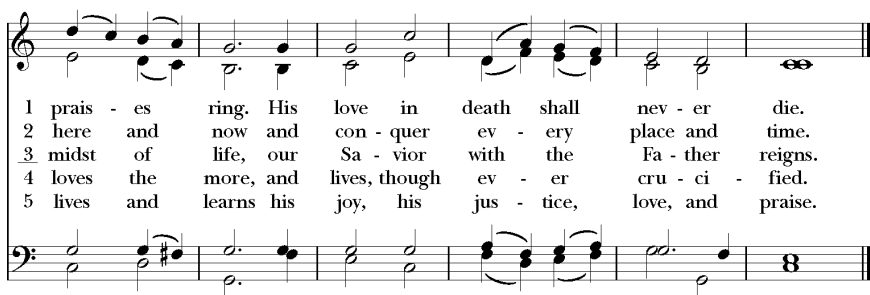
HYMN 182 (vs. 1 and 5)..... "Christ is Alive"



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing, His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

RECOGNITIONS



GREENERY GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Patrick Stephen Burch, Jr.
by Lita and George Sealy

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Isla Hall Caughlin
by Sarah and Tom Caughlin



BIRTHS

April 10 Bonnie Louise Gilliam
Daughter of Haley and Matthew Gilliam



BAPTISMS

April 10 Owen Henry Neuhaus



SYMPATHY

April 6 Mario Turtur



NEW MEMBERS

Matt Chelf
Bethan Mingle
Eric Mingle
Leah Phillips
D'Lisa Simmons

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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:

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

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

Susan Strother	Betsey	Marilyn
Paul Stumpff	Bruce	Mark
Marjorie Taishoff Craig	Caroline	Matthew
Paul Therrien	Casa San Martin, Bolivia	Millie
Bart Tomlinson	Curt	Noble Family
Randy Vander Naillen	Elizabeth	Oran
Mae Joyce Wagner	Henry	Patsy
Alexander Wang	Jane	Poppy
Becky Wareing	Jenny	RC
Charles Warren	John and Lisa	Sally
Mary Waters	Karen	Sarah
Derry Wilkens	Kathleen	Thomas
James Wilkerson	Kathryn	Victor and Barbara
Tim Womack	Laura	Wang family
Eric Zoerb	Lorrie	
Ben	Luke	

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
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