

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 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.

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 8:20 a.m. for the 9 a.m. Sunday service.
- Doors to Bagby Parish Hall open at 8:45 a.m. for the 9:15 a.m. Family Table service.
- Doors to The Church open at 10:45 a.m. for the 11:15 a.m. Sunday 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 25—MAY 1

ADULTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 25



BASIC BIBLE STUDY
DEEPER

Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Alex D. Graham III

Deeper — Talking to God

Distributed in the morning via email

We know how to “say our prayers,” but do we know how to hear from God? Wrestle with God? Abide in God? This series will dig deeper into four aspects of prayer.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

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 25



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 27

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 “The Musical Clocks”

Franz Josef Haydn

Kevin Riehle, Choral Director of Adult Choir

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. 225)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(kneel)*

The Celebrant says the Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All stand.

HYMN 518 (vs. 1 and 4)

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

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

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818–1856),
alt.; Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659–1695).

THE LESSON 1 John 3:16–24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 645 (vs. 1-2)..... "The King of Love"



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-ial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23; Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. Hymnal 1982.

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

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

THE GOSPELJohn 10:11–18

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN 645 (vs. 6) “The King of Love”



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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “The (Short) Job Description of the Sheep” The Rev. Sharron L. Cox

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.



SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR *Healing and Wholeness*



St. Martin's International OSL Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month.

This short, online service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.
Visit bit.ly/oslservice to join the meeting.

Next Service
Wednesday, May 5 | 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

The Moms' Group

Join The Moms' Group in Supporting
Casa de Esperanza: House of Hope for Children

Wednesday and Thursday, May 5 and 6

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Donate basic needs and non-perishable food items as you drive through the morning carpool line at St. Martin's Episcopal Preschool.

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| • Baby Socks | • Deodorant | • Cereal |
| • Baby Hats | • Hand soap | • Breakfast bars |
| • Infant nail clippers | • Canned fish or meat | • Instant oatmeal |
| • Newborn sleep sacks | • Canned soup | • Mac & cheese |
| • Toothpaste | • Dry pasta | • Rice |
| • Body Wash | • Pasta sauce | • Pinto beans |

For more information, contact Liz Gallien at 713-830-4139 or lgallien@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.



Sundays

9 a.m.–noon

Monday through Thursday

10 a.m.–4 p.m.

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Café

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Café St. Martin's Curbside is open!

Place your order the day before.

Visit the menu here:

stmartinsepiscopal.org/cafe-st-martins

Pickups will be between

11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through

Friday by driving through the

porte-cochère in front of Bagby Parish Hall.

Please do not come inside.

Debit and credit cards accepted.

No cash payments.

Meals are \$6. Drinks are \$1.

Questions? Contact Chrissy Kana at

cafe@stmartinsepiscopal.org

or call 713-985-3806.



TO EAT OR NOT TO EAT: IT'S ALL IN YOUR BRAIN

Wednesday, May 12

Noon – 1 p.m. CDT

FREE WEBINAR

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Center & Institute

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY AT:

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SPEAKER:

Qingchun Tong, PhD

Associate Professor and Cullen Chair in Molecular
Medicine, Center for Metabolic and Degenerative
Diseases/Institute of Molecular Medicine

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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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Hugo Distler

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation! O my soul, praise Him for He is thy Health and Salvation! Gather ye round, Let us make Music resound! Praise Him in glad adoration! Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth. Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how thy hearts wishes have been Granted in what He ordaineth.

Text: Joachim Neander.; © 1966 Arista Music Co.

AT THE PRESENTATION *Easter Hymn*

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The first system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics for the first system are: "Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!". The second system continues the lyrics: "praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!". The third system continues: "praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!". The fourth system concludes with: "Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!". The piano accompaniment features a steady rhythm with chords and moving lines in the bass. The vocal lines are written in a simple, homophonic style, with the lyrics clearly legible below the notes.

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.**

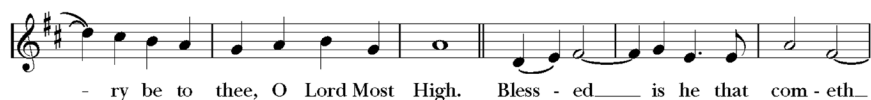
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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



Music: Healey Willan, From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880–1968); Copyright: By permission of Oxford University Press.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

People and Celebrant

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



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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)

Distribution of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. 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 708 (all verses)

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt.; Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine* and *London Review*, 1792.

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Mason Tanner Waterman
by the Waterman family

In memory of Barbara Sandy Patton
by John Patton and family

In memory of Virginia Wortham on the anniversary of her birthday
by Michael, her husband and Wendy and Laura, her daughters



BAPTISMS

April 17 Patrick Stephen Burch, Jr.
 Isla Hall Caughlin
 James Carroll Creps

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:

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

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

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

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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