

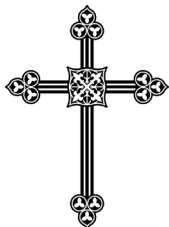
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 16, 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 Traditional or Family Table services, visit at bit.ly/smecworshipsvp or call 713-621-3040. *Reservations are not required for the Wednesday noon service.*

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 Bagby Parish Hall 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 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 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.–12:30 p.m. 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**

MAY 16–22

ADULTS

SUNDAY, MAY 16



BASIC BIBLE STUDY
DEEPER

Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay

Deeper — Wrestling with 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, MAY 19

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, MAY 16



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.

HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY "Prelude in A" Johann Sebastian Bach

The Celebrant greets the People. Following the greeting, all stand.

HYMN 460 (vs. 1 and 5)..... "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" Annamarie Zmolek, Christine Mahaffey, Brennan Blankenship, Jeff Ragsdale, Patrick Perez and Joel Williams St. Martin's Parish Choir



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898); Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887).

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. 226)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(kneel)*

The Celebrant says the Collect

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON 1 John 5:9–15

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 603 (vs. 1-2).....“When Christ Was Lifted”

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936); Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896–1979); Copyright: Words: Copyright © 1969 by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. International Copyright Secured. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELJohn 17:6–19

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HYMN 603 (vs. 4) “When Christ Was Lifted”



1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936); Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896–1979); Copyright: Words: Copyright © 1969 by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. International Copyright Secured. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON “So That You May Know” *The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.*

THE NICENE CREED (*BCP p. 327*)

Celebrant and People

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the
 Virgin Mary,
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again according to
 the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
 and he shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son together
 is worshiped
 and glorified;
 who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and
apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission
of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 387,
Form III) (kneel)

Minister and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Anglican Communion; for the Archbishop
of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael;
for our Bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector; for all bishops,
priests and deacons;
**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word
and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the
nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief
or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor and the Congress and the Courts; for all who serve in our armed forces and their families; we pray for peace throughout the world, and especially in the Middle East; and we pray for the victims of terror attacks; and we remember before you, and pray for the protection of our Christian brothers and sisters who face danger or persecution for their faith; and we pray for victims of all natural disasters. We pray for the safety of all law enforcement agents, firefighters, paramedics and all first responders who provide security and protection to the citizens they serve. We continue to pray for the many people who have contracted the coronavirus; for those in isolation, those who have lost their job or their business, and for all those in our communities involved in ministering to the sick, especially for all health care workers; and we pray for those in the hospitals,__; and those for whom our prayers have been requested,__; and for those on our Continuing Prayer List; and for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers,__; and we remember before you the departed,__; 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.



St. Martin's COVID-19 Vaccination Day

St. Martin's is partnering with Harris County Public Health to host a COVID-19 vaccination day.

Wednesday, May 19
9 a.m.–3 p.m. | Scout Center
Register at bit.ly/smeccovidshot

- No photo ID is required at Harris County Public Health vaccine sites.
- Walk-ups are welcomed, but we strongly encourage registration to ensure vaccine doses are allocated accordingly.
- ***We will be administering the Johnson & Johnson (ages 18 and up) vaccine. Only one dose is required.***
- You will be observed 15-30 minutes after receiving your dose.
- You will receive a vaccination card after administration of the dose.



EVENING GROUP

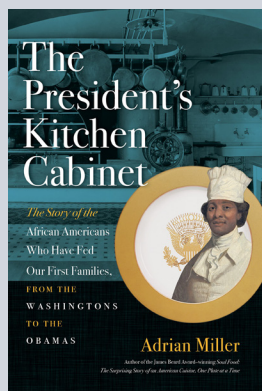
7–8:30 p.m. | Tuesday, May 18

Zoom ID: 939 4938 1075

Passcode: 672036

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.



ST. MARTIN'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES

CCSC Work Day

Saturday, May 22 | 9 a.m. – noon

3434 Branard, Houston, TX 77027

Organize and distribute food at emergency services for the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). CCSC assists the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy, and provides a back-to-school and Christmas program for low-income children.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.



WAYS TO GIVE



TEXT TO GIVE

Text SMEC to 73256



ONLINE

stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving



MAIL

St. Martin's Episcopal Church | 717 Sage Road, Houston, TX 77056



ESTATE PLANNING

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



TRANSFER OF ASSETS

Pledging and setting up a recurring gift online helps you and the church budget.
Go online today: stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving

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

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM "Christ's Flock" Martin Shaw

In Christ's own flock let love be surely placed, From Christ's own flock let concord hate expel: Of Christ's own flock let love be so embraced, As we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell. Christ is the author of all unity, From whence proceedeth all felicity. O sing unto this glittering glorious King, O praises bring from every living thing: Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring. Alleluia!

Words: Francis Kinnelwiershe (1540?-80?). Music: Martin Shaw. © 1953 by Martin Shaw. G. Schirmer Inc.

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.**

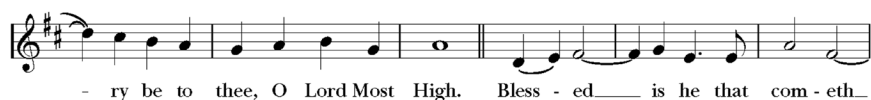
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Chrust our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly appears to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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



Text: *Celtic Alleluia*, Christopher Walker; Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker; © 1985, Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker, public by OCP Publications. All Rights Reserved. Reprinted under LicensingOnline #U3219.

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)*

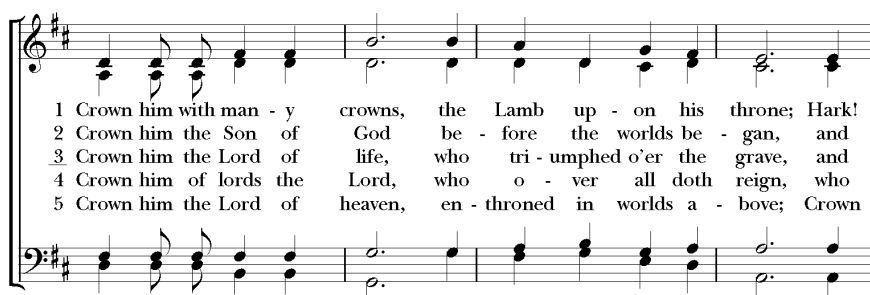
Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate 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.

ASCENSION BLESSING

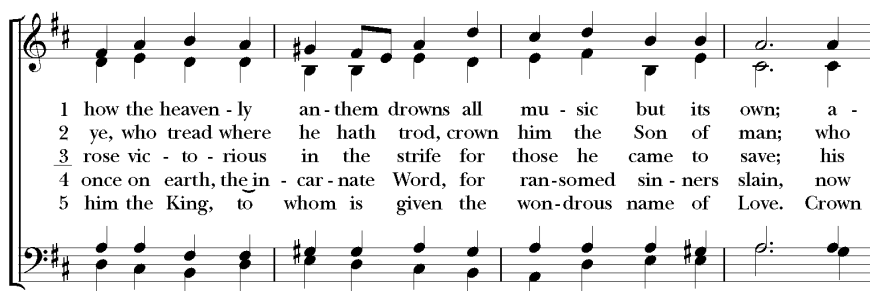
All stand.

HYMN 494 (vs. 1 and 5)

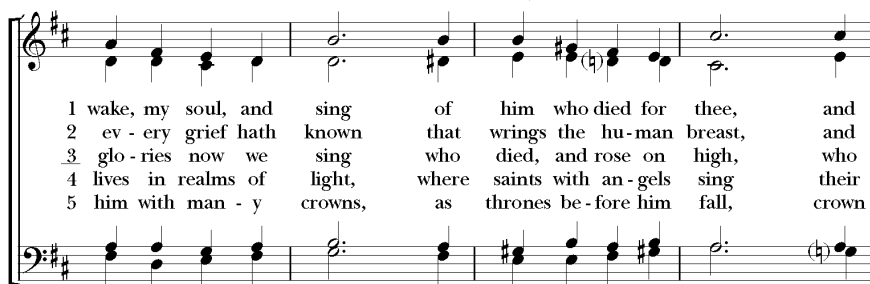
"Crown Him With Many Crowns"



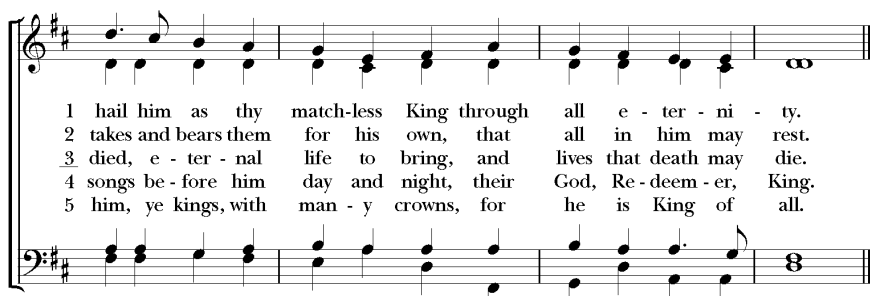
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown



1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown



1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown



1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800–1894); Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816–1893).

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 Catherine Elizabeth Boudreaux
by her parents, Marti and Nathan Boudreaux

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Louisa Marie Galle
by Brenna and Chris Galle

In thanksgiving for the baptism of our beautiful daughter
Emma Parker Puckett
by Emily and John Puckett

In thanksgiving for those confirmed at our May 15th Confirmation service

In memory of Kathy Hoffstatter
by Cindy Weatherly

In memory of Vail
by Srinandhini Chandran



BAPTISMS

May 8 William "Liam" Taylor DeBusk, Jr.
 Margaret James Shields
 James Pierce Sneed

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

SERMON NOTES

Make no mistake: if He rose at all
it was as His body...
It was not as the flowers,
each soft Spring recurrent;
it was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled
eyes of the eleven apostles;
it was as His flesh: ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes,
the same valved heart
that—pierced—died, withered, paused, and then
regathered out of enduring Might
new strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,
analogy, sidestepping, transcendence;
making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the
faded credulity of earlier ages:
let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mâché,
not a stone in a story,
but the vast rock of materiality that in the slow
grinding of time will eclipse for each of us
the wide light of day.

And if we will have an angel at the tomb,
make it a real angel,
...vivid with hair,
opaque in the dawn light, robed in real linen
spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,
for our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,
lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are
embarrassed by the miracle,
and crushed by remonstrance

John Updike, d. 2009

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	Steve and Amy Gula	John McMahon
Harvey Altmann	Gladys Halbouty	Michelle McStravick
Robert Avery	Tish Hale	Hal Means
Shelly Bain	Melinda Hall	Len Menefee
Jack Beeson	Tom Harrington	Mary Kay Mohrmann
Alli Blackman	Walesk Harvey	Fran Neilson
Cory Blackman	Susie Hatfield	Ann Nelson
Grace Blake	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	Essa Sackllah
Jeff Dykes	Amy Lee	Tracy and Jimmy Sackllah
Jim Easterling	Stan Leong	Brady Samuelson
Stacey Elliott	Shawn Levenson	Jim Sanitato
E.J. Farhood	Nancy Liles	Ellie Schilling
Matt Fryar	Martha Ann Linden	Pam Schubert
Lauren Furr	Alex Litchfield	Robert and Sylvia Seals
Susan Galanski	Roberta Lloyd	Janell Sewell
Brad Gallion	Ryan Logan	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Robbie Gay	Charlie Malone	Clif Shoemake
Dee Gilbert	Jaclyn Manning	Frances Smith
Max Goodloe	Jo Nell Marshall	Pat Smith
Hollis, McKay and Rand	Jeffrey Martinson	Tyler Smith
Grace	BD McAndrew	William Gilbert Smith

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

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

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
James Eilers	Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs	Maj. Christian Schleider
Capt. Dom Flatt	Krystal Martinez	1st Lt. Grant Suter
Nathan Fordice	PV2 Wills Masterson	1st Lt. Luke Voss
1st Lt. Will Golinkin	1st Lt. Ben Matthews	

OUR STAFF AND VESTRY

SUNDAY PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. David Henning

Director of Music and Parish Organist

dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Mr. Kevin Riehle

Choral Director of Adult Choir

kriehle@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Mrs. Kellen Gray Anderson

Coordinator of Children's Music Ministries

kgray@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Mrs. Holli Kight

Lay Minister for Children's Christian Education

hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Ms. Amanda LeCornu

Director of Student Ministries

alecornu@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Mrs. Kathy Johnson

Director of Membership

kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org

ST. MARTIN'S VESTRY

Vestry Executive Committee

Mr. Jim Hibbert, *Senior Warden*

Mr. Titus Harris III, *Junior Warden*

Mrs. Anya McInnis, *Missions Chair*

Mr. Matt Anderson, *Treasurer*

Mrs. Diane Campbell, *Clerk*

Mr. Culver Stedman, *Past Senior Warden*

Mr. Andy Harvin, *Chancellor**

Vestry Members

Mrs. Michelle Bain

Mr. Tommy Ford

Mrs. Whitney Gormley

Mrs. Casey Hedges

Mr. Matt Mogas

Mr. Robert Paddock

Mr. Bob Parkey

Mr. Gib Surles

The Hon. John Wooldridge

Associate Members

The Hon. James A. Baker, III, *Special Counsel to the Vestry**

Mr. Dale Cheesman III, *Special Counsel to the Vestry**

Mr. George Francisco IV, *Senior Council Representative 2020–2021*

Mr. Bob Heston, Jr., *Senior Council Representative 2020–2021*

Mrs. Therese Moore, *Altar Guild President 2020–2021*

Ms. Sherrie Perkins, *ECW President 2020–2021*

Mr. Joe Lopez, *Men of St. Martin's President 2019–2021*

Mr. Ryan LaRue, *Usher Representative 2018–2021*

*Chancellor and Special Counsel are associate positions, filled at the discretion of the Rector.

OUR CLERGY

Jesus, The Christ
The Head of This Church



The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.
Rector
lhough@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Sharron L. Cox
*Associate for Outreach, Pastoral Care
and Women's Ministries*
scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Martin J. Bastian
Vice-Rector
mbastian@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. John R. Bentley, Jr.
Pastoral Associate
jbentley@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Dr. Chad T. Martin
Vicar
cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. James (Jim) E. Cunningham
Deacon Emeritus
jcunningham@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Dr. Susannah E. McBay, Ph.D.
*Associate for Adult Christian
Education and Prayer Ministries*
smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Nicolas (Nick) R. D. Dyke
Pastoral Associate
ndyke@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Alex D. Graham III
*Associate for Children and
Family Ministries*
agraham@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Richard (Dick) Elwood
Pastoral Associate
delwood@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Lisa R. Neilson
*Associate for Pastoral Care and
Women's Ministries*
lneilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Gill Keyworth
Deacon
gkeyworth@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Jane P. Ferguson
*Associate for Liturgy, Student
Ministries and Outreach*
jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Robert E. Wareing
Pastoral Associate
rwareing@stmartinsepiscopal.org

WE INVITE YOU TO
KEEP THIS BOOKLET
FOR REFERENCE.

*717 Sage Road
Houston, TX 77056
713-621-3040*

STMARTINSEPISCOPAL.ORG

