

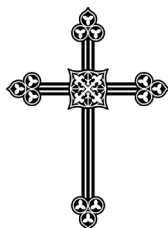
THE DAY OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY

May 23, 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.***



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT **ST. MARTIN'S**

MAY 23–29

ADULTS

SUNDAY, MAY 23



BASIC BIBLE STUDY
DEEPER

Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Jane P. Ferguson

Deeper — Interceding 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 26

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 this Wednesday for the final class covering the end of this often misunderstood book.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MAY 23



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.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL ON JUNE 6

Adult Christian Education: Basic Bible Study resumes next Sunday, 10:15–10:45 a.m. in Bagby Parish Hall with an opportunity to have coffee and visit afterwards. It will be not be live-streamed, but will be recorded and posted online Mondays. The concluding Basic Bible Study series, before the relaunch of Christian Education in the fall, is *Being the Body*.

Children's Ministry: Children's Sunday School resumes next Sunday, 10:15–10:45 a.m. in the Activity Center.

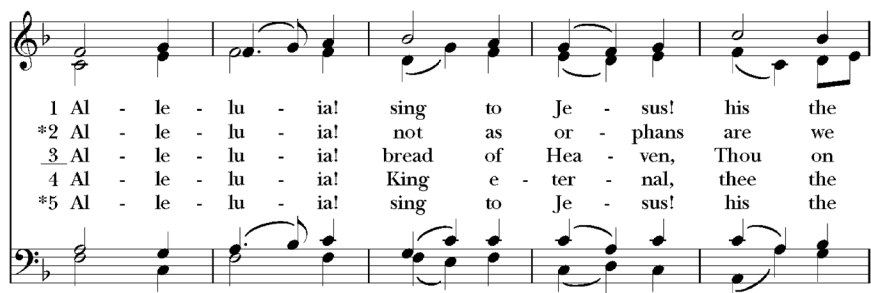
7-1-7 Students: Sunday morning activities will resume after mission trips in June.

HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY "Trumpet Tune" Jeremiah Clarke

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


HYMN 460 "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" 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. 227)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 508 (vs. 1-2)....."Breathe on Me"

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.; Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELJohn 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I

go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
 People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HYMN 508 (vs. 3-4)....."Breathe on Me"

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “All for One!”
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. 175)

O God, who on this day didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the

merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **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.**

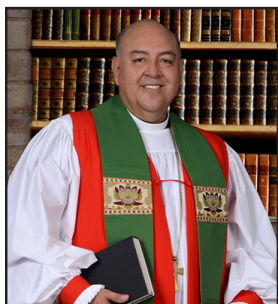
THE P E A C E *(stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.



On Saturday, May 15, the Rt. Rev. Hector F. Monsterroso, Bishop Assistant of Texas, presided over our Confirmation service. Please join us in congratulating those we welcomed to the Episcopal Church by confirmation.

Abby Bale
 Blakely Brown
 Madison Burba
 Wynne Duncan
 Marion Fertitta
 Ryan Fetzner
 Callie Gormley
 McKay Grace
 Aiden Herger
 Jeffrey Jacobe, Jr.

Leah Kaldis
George Kugle
Jesse Lane
Brady McGee
Macy Mogas
Meredith Moreland
Pierce Morrell
Bill Moss, IV
Megan Moss
Catherine Moursund
Benjy Neal
Amelia Novotny
Reese Painter
Grant Petersen
Carter Pitts
Camille Pyne
Marguerite Pyne
Fender Ray
Cooper Rodden
Ewan Rudolph
Elizabeth Schutt
Caroline Searls
Kate Selinidis
Greta Siegel
Jett Soper
Charles Suman
Caroline Thomas
Benton Walters

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



Kids' Meals with Men of St. Martin's

Tuesday, May 25 | 5 p.m.

Café St. Martin's Serving Line

Come prepare sandwiches with Men of St. Martin's. Kids' Meals provides and distributes nutritious lunches to hungry preschool children throughout Houston. For more information about Kids' Meals, visit kidsmealshouston.org.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.

Hope and Healing Center & Institute

Prayer Group

Tuesday, June 1 at Noon

HHCI AUDITORIUM

***LIMITED SEATING**

Join us as we pray for the Hope and Healing Center

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



HHCI Hope and Healing
Center & Institute

Devotional by Susan Baker | Update from Dr. Matt Stanford, CEO

There is no cost to attend this event, but due to COVID precautions an RSVP is required. Register online at bit.ly/HHCIprayergroup

GIVE BLOOD.ORG

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Blood Drive

Monday, June 1

Tuesday, June 2

Wednesday, June 3

9 a.m.–3 p.m.

717 Sage Road

Bagby Parish Hall

FREE Covid-19 Antibody
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Artemio, blood recipient

Appointments are required to donate during this time.

Please go online to schedule at www.giveblood.org

or contact Victoria Tidwell at

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center:

832-602-9350 or vtidwell@giveblood.org



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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.

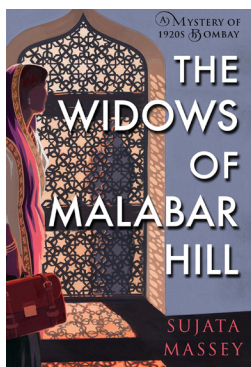
Next Service

Wednesday, June 2 | 5 p.m.

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



DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, June 9
Zoom ID: 972 7924 7164 | Passcode: 801112

The Faith in Literature group explores, discusses and makes relevant connections between faith and works of fiction, past and present. While operating within the framework of Christian theology, we seek to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

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



**A 10-Week Study
by the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.**

**Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
via YouTube and Facebook**

We speak a great deal about the life of grace, and God's mercy, forgiveness and salvation by grace. Yet, what does it mean to grow in grace, as the good Apostle Peter counseled the early Christians? (II Peter 3:18) For 10 weeks, we will explore some key Christian beliefs, as well as various Christian disciplines, as one avenue of growing into a mature faith in Christ!

June 9	Grace and Beyond
June 16	Sin, Repentance and Conversion: Part I
June 23	Sin, Repentance and Conversion: Part II
June 30	Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord
July 7	The Holy Spirit
July 14	Sanctification
July 21	Discipline of Heart and Soul
July 28	Evangelism and Mission
August 4	The Journey of Prayer
August 11	Closing Reflections and Thoughts on Death and Life

**To register for this Bible study visit:
bit.ly/growingingrace2021**

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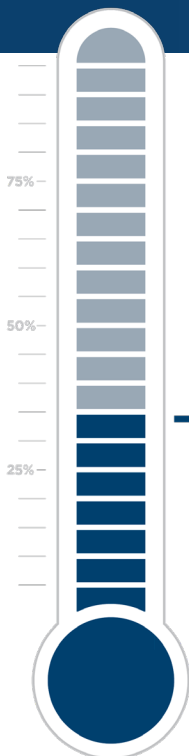
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\$670,000.

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For more information, contact Ashley Pratka at
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with questions or for assistance:
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THE OFFERTORY

AN THEM*Messiah*, “Hallelujah”
George Frederic Händel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become The Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. And He shall reign forever and ever, Hallelujah! King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Text: Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16.

AT THE PRESENTATION*Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

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.

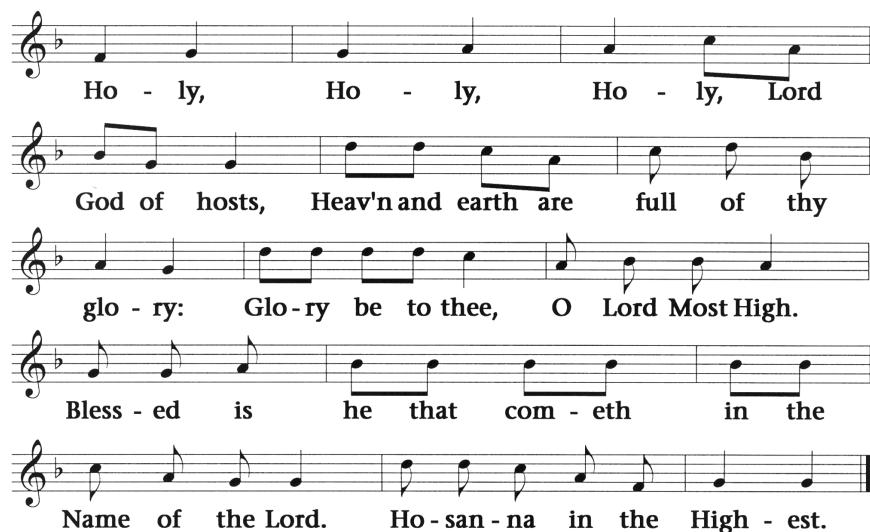
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Ghost came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

The Celebrant continues (BCP p. 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)*

The Prayer of Humble Access is not a part of our public liturgy until the Second Sunday after Pentecost. 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.

ANTHEM “If Ye Love Me”
Thomas Tallis

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. Ev’n the Spirit of truth, that He may abide with you forever.

Text: John 14: 15-17. © HW Gray.

HYMN 707 "Take My Life"

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

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in D major (two sharps). The melody is in the treble, and the bass provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff, with two verses of text.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff, with two lines of text.

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

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff, with two lines of text.

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

The fourth system concludes the hymn with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the staff, with two lines of text.

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

HYMN 178 "Alleluia, Give Thanks"

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give
Praise to his Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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HYMN "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, Look full in His won-der-ful face; And the

things of earth will grow strange-ly dim In the light of His glo-ry and grace.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

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HYMN "Veni Sancta Spiritus"

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Veni Sancta Spiritus". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Verses sung by Cantor:

Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light. Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Come, Father of the poor, come generous Spirit, come, light of our hearts. Veni Sancte Spiritus.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

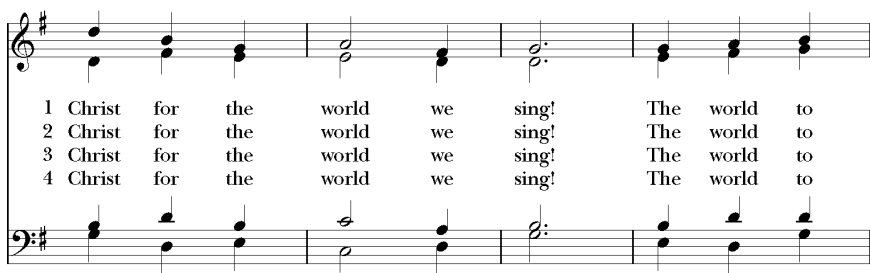
Let us pray. (BCP p. 339)

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.

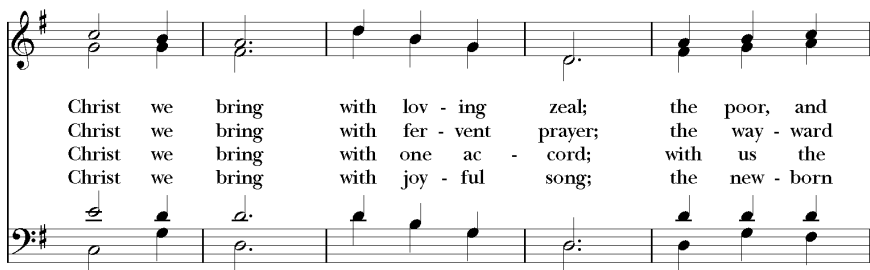
PENTECOST BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 537“Christ for the World We Sing”



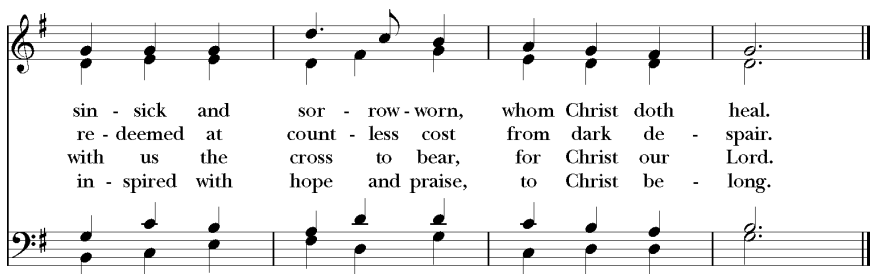
1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to



Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born



them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,



sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813–1886); Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792–1892).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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SERMON NOTES

*Come O Holy Spirit, Come
Come as Holy Fire and burn in us
Come as Holy Wind and Cleanse us.
Come as Holy Light and Lead us.
Come as Holy Truth and teach us.
Come as Holy Forgiveness and free us.
Come as Holy Love and enfold us.
Come as Holy Power and enable us.
Come as Holy Life and dwell in us.
Convict us, convert us, and consecrate us
Until we are Holy Thine for Thy using.*

Amen.

*A Prayer of Mother Catherine Grace (d. 2020)
All Soul's Convent
Catonsville, Maryland*

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters of St. Martin's;

Over the last few weeks, I know we have all had heavy hearts and vexed spirits as we look on the rise of unrest in the Holy Land. As you know, St. Martin's has a good, long history of praying for all the people of Israel. The complexities of discord, disharmony and violence between Jews and Palestinians in the Holy Land of Israel is far more complex than the kind of talking points we usually get on the evening news, or from one side or the other of the many troubling pieces of this extraordinarily conflict that has raged in our Heavenly Father's Holy Land. As you know, many of our members have traveled to Israel in recent years, and our trips have included journeys into not just parts of Israel, but Palestinian dominated areas, including the West Bank. I think anyone who has traveled there will readily tell you that you find kind people of good will and peace in any of these places.

Yet what can we do? Let me suggest you consider a donation to help relieve the suffering of those who are served by the medical services who take on all comers, regardless of their nationality. I am here, attaching a letter from The Most Right Reverend Hosam E. Naoum, our Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem. We have a strong presence of Anglican Christians in Israel. It has been an honor for me to visit with the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem and his staff during my own visits to Israel. His letter offers a compelling opportunity to support the medical care offered to anyone injured or suffering physical harm in our Lord's land. Take particular note of his closing appeal for prayer, which we should all adopt as our own.

As you probably also know, I am a member, as are several members of St. Martin's, of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, an order of chivalry which supports the work of St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital. Many of the injuries suffered in the wide range of violent conflicts are actually to the eye. I recently accepted the post of Sub-Prelate to the Order, which is essentially Chaplain to the American Priory, which requires not only my regular prayers, but my engaged support of the mission of the Hospital. Laura and I toured this hospital several years ago and visited with the staff, met doctors, nurses and patients, and were deeply touched to see the impact they make with the services they offer to anyone who comes within their doors—at no cost to the patients. You can visit the Order's website at saintjohn.org.

Toward that end, in addition to your prayers, I am making a particular appeal that you consider a gift of any amount. Please make out your check to St. Martin's Episcopal Church and earmark it for "Israel Medical Relief." You may also give by texting SMEC to 73256 or visiting bit.ly/givetosmec and selecting "Israel Medical Relief" from the drop-down menu. Once we have a strong corpus of responses, we will divide the amount, and send half to the St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital and the other half to support the earnest appeal of Archbishop Naoum.

Thank you for your consideration. I long for the day when I can return to Israel with some St. Martin's pilgrims. In the meantime, let us, indeed, pray for the peace of Israel.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Russell J. Levenson, Jr. +". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small cross-like mark at the end.

The Reverend Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.
Rector

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—MAY 17, 2021
Statement on the Eruption of Violence throughout the Holy Land
The Most Reverend Hosam E. Naoum Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem

Over the past week, we have seen the rapid escalation of violence throughout the Holy Land: in the air attacks launched against Gaza and Central Israel, in the rioting between extremists in ethnically mixed cities, and in the continuing conflicts between protesters and police over the pending evictions in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood, of which St. George's Cathedral is a part. It is particularly disheartening that this violence erupted out of police disrespect of Muslim sacred sites and traditions in Jerusalem during the various religious feasts.

We know from sad experience that violence and hatred will never lead to solutions to the deep ethnic and religious divisions that have afflicted this region now for a century. We therefore call upon the authorities on both sides to agree to an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza conflict in order to end the rain of death and destruction that has had tragic consequences for thousands of individuals and families.

We also call on Israeli authorities to restore order and calm within the ethnically mixed cities where rioting has broken out, so that the human and civil rights of all are protected equally.

Finally, we call upon the United Nations and the International Community to work with all parties to seriously address the underlying injustices and grievances that have led to this latest unrest in a recurring cycle of violence, working for a just and lasting peace between Palestinians and Israelis that incorporates a viable Two-State Solution.

In the meantime, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem is continuing its Christian mission of bringing healing to the wounded, relief to those who have lost their homes and livelihoods, and comfort to those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza has been on the frontlines of these relief efforts, becoming a beacon of hope to those trying to remain alive under such dire circumstances.

But they are overwhelmed and in desperate need of upwards of **1.6 Million USD** to obtain fuel for hospital generators, and to purchase emergency medicine and medical supplies so that the doctors and nurses who are working around the clock can meet the crushing flow of injured and traumatized victims in this conflict.

I therefore issue **an appeal to our International Partners and all people of goodwill** to support this humanitarian mission through their generous contributions to Al Ahli Hospital, enabling them to show forth the compassionate love of Christ in real and tangible ways in these desperate circumstances.

Last of all, I ask those within the Anglican Communion and all of Christendom to join with us in offering the following prayer:

Almighty and Everlasting God: Our days are in your hands; we lift up all those in the Holy Land who are victims of violence and injustice, that you might empower your Church to bring healing to the wounded, relief to the suffering, and comfort to those who mourn; we pray also that you would soften the hearts of all those involved in the recent conflicts, that they would be led to work for justice and lasting peace in the land where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ first came to bring hope and abundant life to all people; these things we ask in his Holy Name. *Amen.*

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
Shelly Bain	Tish Hale	Hal Means
Jack Beeson	Melinda Hall	Len Menefee
Missy Belote	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	Rocky Robinson
Louis DelHomme	Helen Joyner	Robert Rosales
Bobby deSosa	Muriel Kearby Albaral	Larry S.
Betty DeVerter	Sadie Knutzen	David and Clare Sackllah
Chase Dixon	Paige Laird	Essa 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
Matt Fryar	Martha Ann Linden	Robert and Sylvia Seals
Lauren Furr	Alex Litchfield	Janell Sewell
Susan Galanski	Roberta 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	Richard 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

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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
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