THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2020



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

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.

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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

Will I have reserved seats?

Yes! In order to maximize the number of people that can attend each service and to abide by the Diocesan and CDC six-feet, social-distancing requirements, we will assign seats. Helpers will lead you to your seats when you arrive at The Church. To sit with family or friends, please make a reservation for everyone at the same time.

Where is the best place to park given construction?

Please park in the far west lot at Sage and Woodway. While we will not have Valet Parking at this time, family members may drop others off under the Porte cochères.

Can I attend all of the in-person services?

For now, we ask you to be Generous by giving others the chance to worship in person once you have enjoyed that same opportunity.

Are services available online?

Yes, we will continue to live stream our service on YouTube and Facebook.

Will we use Worship Bulletins?

Yes. There will be fresh, untouched bulletins. After the service, please take yours home or drop it in the wood boxes for recycling. We will not reuse them.

Will I be able to use the Bibles and/or Books of Common Prayer that are in the pew racks?

No. We have removed all materials including hymnals and Books of Common Prayer for your safety. All of the service information will be in the bulletin. You are also welcome to bring a personal copy from home.

What time should I arrive for the service?

Doors to The Church will open 30 minutes before the service starts. You must be in your seats five minutes before the service start time. We recommend you come when the doors open because with our new procedure of having helpers seat you, it may take longer than usual to get everyone situated.

What if I am late to the service?

Doors to The Church will close five minutes before the service starts. We will continue to live stream our service and that requires that we keep to an exact schedule. We appreciate your understanding and assistance in keeping things on schedule.

Now that we have reopened for worship, has St. Martin's campus also reopened? Not at this time. Essential staff continue to work on campus as needed, but campus remains closed.

Will the service include Holy Eucharist? No, not at this time.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOLUNTARY "Prelude in A"

Dietrich Buxtehude Dr. David Henning, Director of Music and Parish Organist

All stand.

Begin on page 323 of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 page 230)

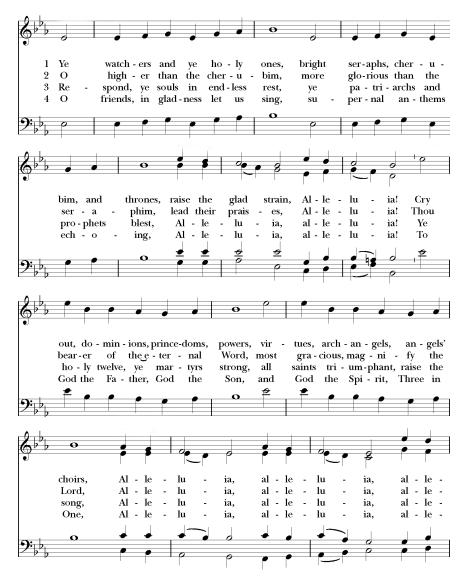
Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant:	Let us pray. (kneel)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Please be seated.

HYMN 618 (vs. 1 and 4).... "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" Annamarie Zmolek, Christine Mahaffey, Patrick Perez and Joel Willliams, St. Martin's Parish Choir





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THE LESSONRomans 5:1–8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person–though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

HYMN 390 (vs. 1, 2 and 4)"Praise to the Lord" Tom Lynch, Contemporary Music Worship



Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: Lobe den Herren, melody from Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665; harm. The Chorale Book for England, 1863.

All stand.

Deacon:The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.People:Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL...... Matthew 9:35–10:9

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few: therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

Please be seated.

HYMN 423 (vs. 1 and 4)....."Immortal, Invisible" Annamarie Zmolek, Christine Mahaffey, Patrick Perez and Joel Willliams, St. Martin's Parish Choir



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.; Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

THE SERMON "Peace in the Midst of Conflict, Hope in the Midst of Despair" *The Rev. Alex D. Graham III*

THE NICENE CREED (BCP page 327) (stand)

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 page 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 Donald, our President, 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; For the many people who have contracted the coronavirus; for comfort for those grieving loved ones who have died and peace for those who are fearful as the virus spreads, 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; 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, 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 especially____; 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 page 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 page 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 page 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 PEACE (stand)

Celebrant:The peace of the Lord be always with you.People:And with thy spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

We may not be able to meet in person right now, but we want to know if you are sick, hospitalized or need to speak with a member of the Clergy.

Prayer Requests

Contact the Prayer Request Line at 713-830-4124 or Deb Tisch at 713-985-3817 or dtisch@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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After Hours Emergencies

Call 713-621-3040 and press 2 to reach the Priest on Call. Please leave your name, phone number and a brief message.

Death Notifications and Funerals

Contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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Simply text "SMEC" to 73256

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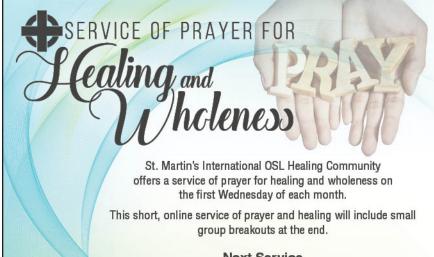
CLS is a group of more than 300 women studying the Bible. They are committed to growing spiritually by seeking God and studying His Word. Please register now at **clsbiblestudy.com** for the Day or Evening Bible study groups that begin in September and run through April.

DAY GROUP – Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:20 a.m. Studies include *1 & 2 Thessalonians* and *James* both by N.T. Wright, and *Worship the King* by Teddy Heard Orr.

NOTE NEW DAY! **EVENING GROUP** – Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Studies include Hebrews, James and 1 & 2 Timothy.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Next Service Wednesday, July 1 5 p.m.

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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM "Gaelic Blessing"

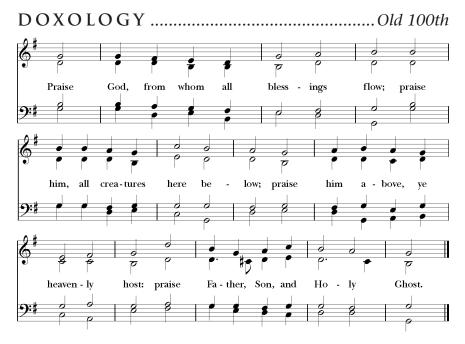
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Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you, Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you, Deep peace of the gentle night to you, Moon and stars, pour their healing light on you, Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you, Deep peace of Christ to you.

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AT THE PRESENTATION



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?).

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant:	Let us pray. (kneel)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP page 336)

Celebrant and People

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.

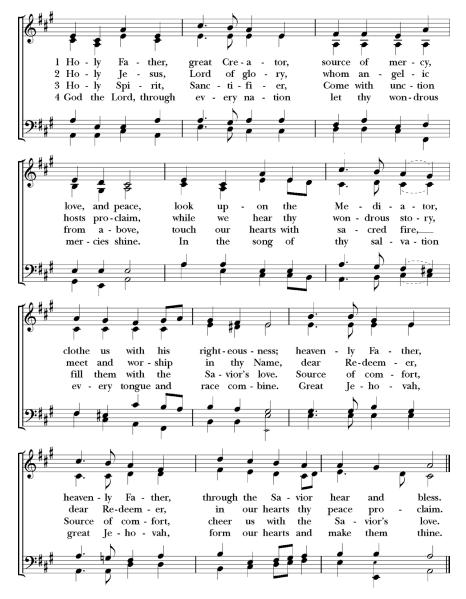
CONCLUDING PRAYERS

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Please be seated.

HYMN 368 (vs. 1 and 4)...... "Holy Father, Great Creator" Annamarie Zmolek, Christine Mahaffey, Patrick Perez and Joel Willliams, St. Martin's Parish Choir



Words: Alexander Viets Griswold (1766–1843), alt.; Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813–1879).

THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal***People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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