INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 4, 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

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.*

NOTICE: St. Martin's is a gun-free campus.



ADULTS

SUNDAY, JULY 4

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

Being the Body: Family Values 10:15–10:45 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



Part of being a Christian is being called into community with others. It is part of how we spiritually grow and help others to do so, and part of our witness to a world as we share God's love. As we come

back physically together as a church, our summer series will look at why our call to community is foundational, how we're called to it and how God might want to shape us in in our communities to reflect his love and glory. We will draw from the book, Called to Community, a collection of 52 writings about how we might live a shared life in Christ more fully.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

Wednesday Bible Study Series with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

Growing in Grace: The Holy Spirit Distributed Wednesdays via email with links to Facebook and YouTube



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. Please see the announcements in this worship guide for more information and registration information about this series.

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

CHILDREN

SUNDAY, JULY 4

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School will not meet this Sunday in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Classes resume next week, July 11.

Childcare is available during all morning services for infants through four-year-olds in The Children's Life Center.

For more information about Children's Ministry, email Holli Kight at hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 STUDENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 4

7-1-7 Students will not meet this Sunday in observance of the Independence Day holiday. EYC resumes next week, July 11.

For more information about 7-1-7 Students, email Student Ministries at students@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY "America" Richard Purvis

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

HYMN 718 "God of our Fathers" St. Martin's Parish Choir





Words: Daniel Crane Roberts (1841-1907); Music: National Hymn, George William Warren (1828-1902).

HYMN 720 "O Say Can You See" sav by dawn's ear - lv light, 1.0 can you the see, 20 thus be it ev er, when free - men shall stand 0 proud - ly hailed twi - light's last what so we at the gleam - ing, be tween their loved homes and the war's des - o la - tion! 0 whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per - il - ous fight, Blest with vic - tory and may the heaven-re-scued land peace, 0 o'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing? praise the Power that hath made and pre - served us a na - tion! And the rock-ets' red glare, the bombs burst-ing in air, Then_ con-quer we must, when our cause it is just, 0 through the flag was still gave proof night that our there. and this be mot - to, "In God is trust." our our 0. say does that star-span-gled ban - ner yet wave And the star-span-gled b**an - n**er in tri - umph shall wave o'er the land of the free and the home the brave? of o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Words: Francis Scott Key (1779-1843); Music: National Anthem, source unknown, ca. 18th cent.

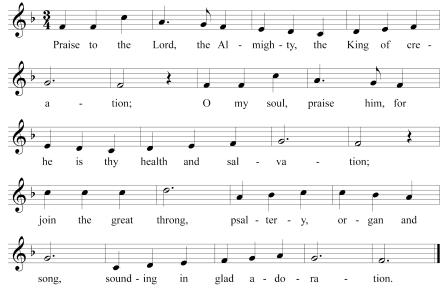
Begin on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

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**.

GLORIA (said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 and 11:15 a.m.)



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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 242)

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

The Celebrant says the Collect

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Deuteronomy 10:17–21

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

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

All stand.

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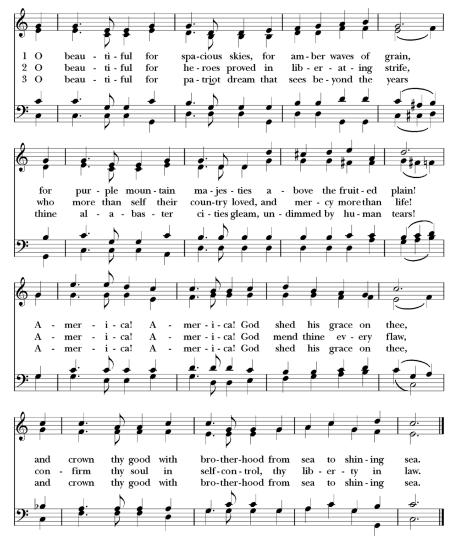
Deacon:	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
	according to Matthew.
People:	Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL..... Matthew 5:43–48

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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

HYMN 719 (vs. 3)"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"



Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt.; Music: Materna, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903).

Please be seated.

THE SERMON "The Ethic of the Kingdom" The Rev. Alex D. Graham III

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. 258)

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Minister says Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A period of silence is kept.

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 PEACE (stand)

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Kids' Meals

Tuesday, July 6 | 4 p.m. Café St. Martin's Serving Line

Come prepare sandwiches to help Kids' Meals, which provides and distributes nutritious lunches to hungry preschool children throughout Houston. St. Martin's makes more than 10,000 sandwiches for children each year. For more information about Kids' Meals, visit kidsmealshouston.org.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.

Tuesdays and Thursdays July 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29 Student Life Center | Grades 6-12

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Cost: \$150 for three weeks | \$50 for one week | special pricing for single day Join Student Ministries this July for fun, fellowship and lots of activities. Check out stmartinsepiscopal.org/student-ministries for details and registration.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Informational Meeting Tuesday, July 13 | 7–8 p.m. | Welcome Center

How would you like a place where you can define your faith, refine your faith, articulate your faith, and live your faith? If you have ever wanted any of these, EfM (Education for Ministry), a challenging and affirming four-year study, is for you! For more about the University of the South's School of Theology, which develops the EfM program, visit efm.sewanee.edu.

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

SUNDAY FUNDAY

July 18 • 10–11 a.m. Crosswalk Garden and Activity Center

Join us for some fun after the Family Table service! We'll have games and food in the Crosswalk Garden and Activity Center. Plan to stay and celebrate our return to fellowship.

Contact Holli Kight for more information at hkight@stmartinsepiscopalchurch.org.

Giral Biscopal ChurchSt. Martin's Episcopal ChurchBlood DriveTuesday, July 27Wednesday, July 28Thursday, July 299 a.m.-3 p.m.

717 Sage Road Bagby Parish Hall

FREE Covid-19 Antibody Test with Donation

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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CELEBRATING THE BUILDING FOR THE AGES CAMPAIGN



Please Save the Date

Parish Picnic

Saturday, August 21 6–8 p.m. Fun, Fellowship and Food for All Ages

Celebration of the Building for the Ages Campaign Sunday, August 22

8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Dedication and Consecration of the Parish Life Center, Building for the Ages Special Recognitions and Celebratory Worship Service, Campus Tours

A full schedule and more information will follow in the weeks ahead!

Now Open! Registration for 2021-2022 Day and Evening Groups at clsbiblestudy.com

Christian

Life Study

DAY GROUP

CLS Day Group begins on Thursday, Sept. 16. It will meet from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Thursdays throughout the year. Location on campus to be announced.

Contact Anna McLean at 281-782-0594 or amaynebr1@gmail.com for the Day Group.

2021/2022 Studies Include:

Women of the Old Testament – September–November Isaiah – January–February Seeing Christ in the Old Testament – March–April

EVENING GROUP

CLS Evening Group begins on Tuesday, Sept. 14. It will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays throughout the year. Location on campus to be announced.

> Contact Ann Wilson at 713-828-8722 or annwilson33@gmail.com for the Evening Group.

2021/2022 Studies Include:

An Old Testament Survey – 8 weeks Book of Esther – 3 weeks Book of Daniel – 12 weeks



RECRUITING NEW ACOLYTES 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Students in 2nd-12th grade 9:15 a.m. | *Family Table* in Parish Life Center

Students in 6th-12th grade 8 a.m., 9 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. | The Church

To register, visit bit.ly/Acolytes

For more information about being an acolyte:

Students in 2nd–12th grade, contact Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146 or bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org. Students in 6th–12th grade, contact Barbara Piana at 713-830-4116 or bpiana@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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



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

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM "This Is My Song" arr. Dale Wood

This is my song, O God of all the nations, A Song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is, Here are my hopes, my hopes, my dreams, my shrine; But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true as mine. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover, where skies are ever blue as mine. O hear my song, great God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and mine. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, great God of all the nations: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.

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AT THE PRESENTATION

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;People: And of thine own have we given thee.



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)

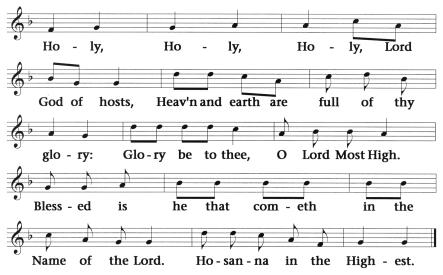
Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People:	It is meet and right so to do.

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.

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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 (said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 and 11:15 a.m.)



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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Fraction Anthem)Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM Celtic Alleluia



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Then may be said PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

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. At this time, we are offering only the wafer, which is considered full Communion in the Episcopal Church. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a glutenfree wafer.

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America, America, God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern impassioned stress. A thoroughfare for freedom, beat across the wilderness! America, America! God mend thine every flaw. Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law! O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years, Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears! America, America, God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

Text: Katherine Lee Bates. Music: Samuel A. Ward, arranged by Rob Landes. © 1987 by Hinshaw Music, Inc.



Words: Siegfried August Mahlmann (1771–1826); tr. Charles Timothy Brooks (1813–1883) and John Sullivan Dwight (1812–1893), alt.; Music: *America*, from *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1745.



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HYMN 537"Christ for the World We Sing"



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).

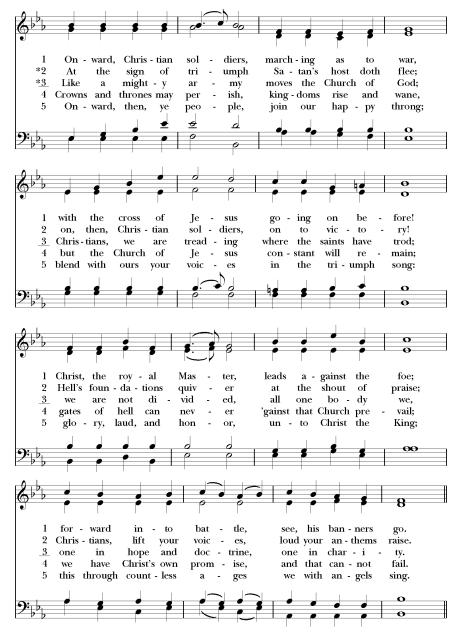
After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray. (*BCP p. 339*)

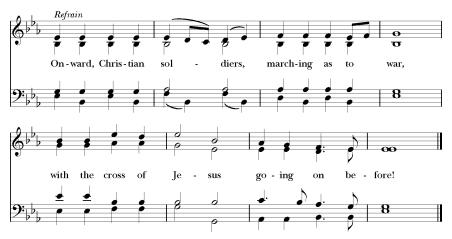
Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate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

THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 562 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"





Words: Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt.; Music: St. Gertrude, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

THE DISMISSAL

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

Personal prayers are available at the west Side Chapel after this service.

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanks giving for the founders of our country and the birth of our nation

In thanksgiving for Ruth Giampietro by Mary and Will Williams

In memory of Dr. Richard Hundley the Hundley family



BAPTISMS

June 26 Violet Rae Malave



SYMPATHY

June 19 Paige Louise Lansinger

June 25 David Allen Carlson

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

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 Harvey Altmann Shelly Bain **Jack Beeson** Missy Belote Alli Blackman Cory Blackman Grace Blake Michele Bouchard John and Dianne Brock III Elizabeth Holderfield Brock Burns Iane Cabes Elaine Chandler Elinor Christian Higdon Compton, Jr. Beth Costa Gail Davis Mac Davis Sue Davis Tommy W. Davis Louis DelHomme Bobby deSosa Betty DeVerter Chase Dixon Nancy Doss Jeff Dykes Jim Easterling Stacey Elliott E.J. Farhood Matt Fryar Lauren Furr Brad Gallion Robbie Gav Dee Gilbert Max Goodloe Hollis, McKay and Rand Michelle McStravick Grace Steve and Amy Gula

Gladys Halbouty Tish Hale Melinda Hall Tom Harrington Walesk Harvey Susie Hatfield Elizabeth Hill Mollie Hill Ieff Holden Britt Huckaby Ben Hunter Debra Ibarra Mayfield Wanda Jacobs Brittney Jacobson John Jamail Shirlee Jamail Connie Jessen Helen Joyner Muriel Kearby Albaral Sadie Knutzen Paige Laird Amy Lee Stan Leong Shawn Levenson Nancy Liles Martha Ann Linden Alex Litchfield Roberta Lloyd Ryan Logan Jaclyn Manning Jo Nell Marshall **Jeffrev Martinson BD** McAndrew John McMahon Hal Means Len Menefee

Mary Kay Mohrmann Fran Neilson Ann Nelson Rick Noble Benice Nwabueze Judy and Jay O'Connor Jim Paddock Randal Parrott Rebecca Parsons Erin Pedigo Phil Brubaker Troy Phillips **Jimmy Prentice** Ophelia Pujol Barbara Quackenbush Caroline Rawl Rocky Robinson **Robert Rosales** Larry S. David and Clare Sackllah Essa Sackllah Tracy and Jimmy Sackllah Brady Samuelson Jim Sanitato Ellie Schilling Pam Schubert Robert and Sylvia Seals **Janell Sewell** Helen and Jim Shaffer Clif Shoemake Pat Smith Richard Smith Tvler Smith William Gilbert Smith Matthew Snellgrove **Bob Spencer** Sybil Stephens **Jim Stokes**

Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the months before Easter and All Saints' Day. Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. To put someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Aaron Strong Susan Strother Paul Stumpff Marjorie Taishoff Craig Paul Therrien Bart Tomlinson H. Michael Tyson Randy Vander Naillen Mae Joyce Wagner Alexander Wang Becky Wareing Charles Warren Mary Waters Derry Wilkens James Wilkerson Tim Womack Eric Zoerb

Anglican Communion of Southern Africa Ben Betsey Bruce Caroline Casa San Martin, Bolivia Noble Family Curt Elizabeth Henry Jane Jenny John and Lisa Karen Kathleen Kathryn Laura

Lorrie Luke Marilyn Mark Matthew Millie Oran Patsy Poppy RC Sally Sarah Thomas Victor and Barbara Wang family Woody

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
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