

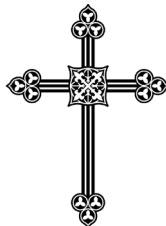
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 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

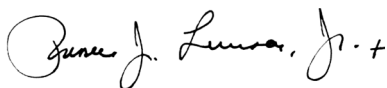
FROM THE RECTOR

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.***

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



ORIENTATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

Discover What's Ahead
For Adults, Students and Children

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

10:15-11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Come and hear about the various new events and classes.
We have exciting new speakers, teachers and more.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

10:15 and 10:40 a.m. • Student Life Center

All junior high and high school families are invited to come and hear about the great student programs, trips and events planned for 2021-2022. We offer two sessions to accommodate families that need to visit other orientations.

NEW 6TH GRADE RECEPTION

12:30-1:30 p.m. • Student Life Center, Main Hall

All students entering 6th grade and their parents are invited to a reception to meet the Student Ministries staff, other parents and students, and families that have long been active in this ministry.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Orientation For Parents And Children

10:15 and 10:40 a.m. • Children's Life Center

Discover what Children's Ministry will offer during the upcoming school year. Learn about new programs and scheduled activities in our new space! Two sessions offered to accommodate families that need to visit other orientations.

HOLY EUCHARIST

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 "Prelude in D" Johann Sebastian Bach

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

HYMN 423 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" St. Martin's Parish Choir

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

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.

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.*)

Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre -
 a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for
 he is thy health and sal - va - tion;
 join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan and
 song, sound - ing in glad a - do - ra - tion.

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. 233)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 LESSONJames 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act-they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

All stand.

HYMN 660 (vs. 1-2)
"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836–1918); Music: *Maryton*, Henry Percy Smith (1825–1898).

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

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

THE GOSPEL.....Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN 660 (vs. 3-4)
 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON "A Matter of the Heart"
The Rev. Sharron L. Cox

THE NICENE CREED (*BCP p. 327*)

Celebrant and People

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

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

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

Minister and People pray responsively

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; for all who serve in our armed forces and their families; for persecuted Christians; for victims of terror attacks; for an end to war and conflict; for victims of natural disasters; for first responders; for those suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus; for health care workers; for those in the hospitals,__; for those whom our prayers have been requested,__; for those on our Continuing Prayer List; for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers,__; for the dearly departed,__; and we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind.

I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly or in the privacy of their hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (BCP p. 394)

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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.**

T H E P E A C E *(stand)*

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

W E L C O M E A N D A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Please be seated.

INTRODUCING



RIVERWAY

*St. Martin's New, Contemporary
Worship Service*

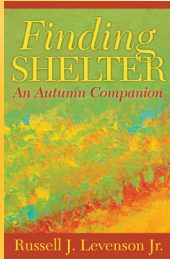
Join us at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, August 29
in the Parish Life Center
and be part of it from the beginning.

Come as you are to the Riverway, a service that is both
Episcopalian and modern, where we will break bread and
hear God's word. It's a space to breathe, to be all that you
are and to engage with Jesus.

**Why Riverway? For Jesus' way is a river and a "spring of
water gushing up to eternal life." (John 4:14)**

SEASONAL DEVOTIONAL BY THE REV. DR. RUSSELL J. LEVENSON JR.

A portion of proceeds goes to support Outreach Ministries at St. Martin's



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ST. MARTIN'S **OUTREACH** MINISTRIES



Kids' Meals with Men of St. Martin's

Tuesday, Aug. 31 | 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.



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.

Next Service

Wednesday, Sept. 1
5 p.m.
Parish Life Center

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



• **BIBLE STUDY** •

KICK-OFF

THURSDAY, SEPT. 2

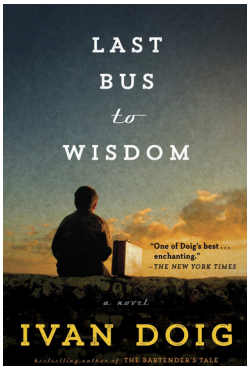
8-9 A.M. • WELCOME CENTER

Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions, led by the Rev. Alex D. Graham III.

For more information, contact Cyndy Gubbs at 713-985-3804 or cgubbs@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Sept. 8
Children's Life Center, Room 132

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@stmartinsepisopal.org.**

STUDENT MINISTRIES

LIFEgroups

FALL KICK-OFF

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8
6:30-8 P.M. | STUDENT LIFE CENTER

Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join Life Groups. Connect with your peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life.

Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at
713-985-3843 or fritchie@stmartinsepisopal.org.



OSL

A MINISTRY OF
CHRISTIAN HEALING

Healing Ministry Study Group

Wednesdays – Sept. 8 Kick Off Class
4:30-6 p.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

The Order of St. Luke (OSL) meets weekly to learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing. The group offers prayers after the Sunday services and hosts the Service of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness on the first Wednesday of the month. On the subsequent Wednesdays Parishioners meet to pray and study Scripture or a book on healing. All are welcome to come to the classes. There also will be an opportunity to train as a licensed OSL prayer minister.

Come check out our class on the first day – no commitment is necessary!

For more information about St. Martin's OSL chapter, email osl@stmartinsepiscope.org, or contact Katwana Coleman at 713-830-4110 or kcoleman@stmartinsepiscope.org.

For information about the International Order of St. Luke, visit orderofstluke.org.




SATURDAY, SEPT. 10 | 10 A.M.
CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

Welcome Back!

DOK members will rekindle friendships and welcome new faces. The Rev. Sharron Cox will be welcomed as our new Clergy liaison. The program and training schedules will be presented.

For more information, please contact Tracee Martin tmartin@stmartinsepiscope.org.



Christian Life Study

**Registration for 2021-2022
Morning and Evening Groups at
clsbiblestudy.com**

THURSDAY MORNING GROUP

Beginning September 16

9:30-11:15 a.m.

Locations on campus to be announced and Zoom groups are available.

2021/2022 Studies Include:

Women of the Old Testament

Isaiah

Finding Christ in the Old Testament

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

TUESDAY EVENING GROUP

Beginning September 14

6:30-p.m.

Via Zoom

2021/2022 Studies Include:

An Old Testament Survey

Book of Esther

Book of Daniel

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

The Moms' Group

2021-2022 Kick-off

Wednesday, Sept. 15

9:15-10:30 a.m.

Children's Life Center

Child care will be provided in the Children's Life Center.

All moms are welcome!

For more information, contact Tracee Martin at 713-985-38
or tmartin@stmartinseiscopal.org.

MEN of ST. MARTIN'S



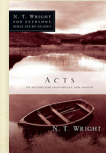
SEPT. 16
7 A.M.

BAGBY PARISH HALL

GUEST SPEAKER:

The Hon. James A. Baker, III

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AND SPEAKER SERIES



This year's study is "Acts" by N.T. Wright

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Dania Lainez at 713-985-3845 or dlainez@stmartinseiscopal.org.

Great IS THY Faithfulness



**ON BEHALF OF THE VESTRY, CLERGY, RECTOR AND STEWARDSHIP
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*In Celebration of Our God's Great Faithfulness
You Are Cordially Invited to This Year's Stewardship Event*

AN EVENING WITH VERITAS

For Invited Guests

*As we begin our Stewardship 2022 season, come
enjoy an in-person celebration with your Parish family.*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:30 P.M. ♦ RECEPTION

Bagby Parish Hall

6:30 P.M. ♦ DOORS OPEN FOR SEATING

The Church

7 P.M. ♦ CONCERT

The Church

RSVP by Monday, Sept. 13, to 713-830-4134
or rsvp@stmartinsepiscopal.org

GIVE BLOOD

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Blood Drive

Monday, Sept. 20 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m. | 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

EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.



Thursday, Sept. 23 · 6-8 p.m.
Parish Life Center Kitchen

This fall, St. Martin's introduces Cooking Classes with professional chefs—including our own Chef Julio Flores. The series are designed for all skill levels and perfect for those interested in sharpening their culinary skills and sharing in fellowship.

Register for this Greek cuisine class with Chef Mary Cuclis at bit.ly/stmartinscooking1

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
9-NOON
ST. MARTIN'S WEST PARKING LOT

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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 "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

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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.

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. Str. 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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord'. The second staff contains 'God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy'. The third staff contains 'glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.'. The fourth staff contains 'Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the'. The fifth staff contains 'Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.'.

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.

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*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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 gluten-free wafer.

ANTHEM “God Be In My Head”
John Rutter

God be in my head, And in my understanding; God be in my eyes, And in my looking; God be in my mouth, And in my speaking; God be in my heart, And in my thinking; God be at my end, And in my departing.

Text: Old English Prayer. Music: John Rutter. © 1970 Oxford University Press. ARR.

HYMN“Let Us Break Bread Together”

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 2. Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me.)

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual, arr. by Keith Phillips. © 1986 Word Music.

HYMN "Shall We Gather at the River"

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv - er, where bright an-gel feet have
 2. On the mar-gin of the riv - er, wash-ing up its sil-ver
 3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev-ery bur-den
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will

trod, with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing
 spray, we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the
 down; grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-
 cease; soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the

Refrain

by the throne of God?
 hap-py gold-en day. Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er,
 vide a robe and crown.
 mel-o-dy of peace.

the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er; gath-er with the

saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

Music and text by Robert Lowry; Tune: *Hanson Place*. Based on Revelations 22:1-5.

HYMN “Glorify Thy Name”

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
 2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
 3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

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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.

THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 436 "Lift Up Your Heads"

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be - won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590–1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878); Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872), alt.

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 memory of Helen Wheat

by Melanie Whatley and Angela Cheves



BIRTHS

April 12 Molly Cecile Gooding

Daughter of Emily and Grant Gooding

June 13 Elizabeth McKerall Hibbert

Daughter of Madeline and John Edward Hibbert

Granddaughter of Sharon and Jim Hibbert

July 20 Clara Lee Roff

Daughter of Haley and Thomas Roff

Granddaughter of Mary Katharine and John Roff



SYMPATHY

July 23 William Charles Miller

July 24 Dorothy "Dotte" Menutis

Aug. 5 Ralph "Skip" Allen Adams

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

SERMON NOTES

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Individuals are included on the *Continuing Prayers* list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

Michael Adams	Tish Hale	John McMahon
Harvey Altmann	Melinda Hall	Michelle McStravick
Shelly Bain	Charlene Harrington	Hal Means
Jack Beeson	Tom Harrington	Len Menefee
Alli Blackman	Walesk Harvey	Mary Kay Mohrmann
Cory Blackman	Susie Hatfield	Fran Neilson
Grace Blake	Elizabeth Hill	Ann Nelson
Michele Bouchard	Mollie Hill	Rick Noble
John and Dianne Brock III	Jeff Holden	Benice Nwabueze
Phil Brubaker	Elizabeth Holderfield	Judy and Jay O'Connor
Brock Burns	Britt Huckaby	Jim Paddock
Jane Cabes	Ben Hunter	Randal Parrott
Elaine Chandler	Debra Ibarra Mayfield	Rebecca Parsons
Elinor Christian	Wanda Jacobs	Erin Pedigo
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Brittney Jacobson	Troy Phillips
Beth Costa	John Jamail	Jimmy Prentice
Gail Davis	Shirlee Jamail	Ophelia Pujol
Mac Davis	Connie Jessen	Patricia Purdie
Sue Davis	Helen Joyner	Barbara Quackenbush
Tommy W. Davis	Muriel Kearby Albaral	Caroline Rawl
Louis DelHomme	Laura Kelly	Rocky Robinson
Bobby deSosa	Sadie Knutzen	Robert Rosales
Betty DeVerter	Paige Laird	David and Clare Sackllah
Chase Dixon	Amy Lee	Essa Sackllah
Nancy Doss	Stan Leong	Tracy and Jimmy Sackllah
Jim Easterling	Shawn Levenson	Brady Samuelson
Stacey Elliott	Nancy Liles	Jim Sanitato
E.J. Farhood	Martha Ann Linden	Ellie Schilling
Matt Fryar	Alex Litchfield	Pam Schubert
Lauren Furr	Roberta Lloyd	Robert and Sylvia Seals
Brad Gallion	Ryan Logan	Janell Sewell
Robbie Gay	Sharon M.	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Dee Gilbert	Jaclyn Manning	Nancy Shelton
Max Goodloe	Nancy Margraves Hoover	Clif Shoemake
Hollis, McKay and	Jo Nell Marshall	Pat Smith
Rand Grace	Betsey Martin	Richard Smith
Steve and Amy Gula	Jeffrey Martinson	Tyler Smith
Gladys Halbouty	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 Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	LCDR Bradley Ryan Hoffman	Lt. Holly E. Pace
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