

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

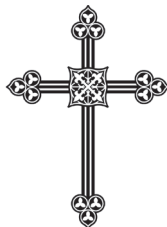
September 19, 2021



Jesus Teaching the Little Children Window
North Lancel, Parish Life Center

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

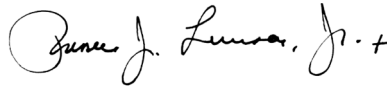
FROM THE RECTOR

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

SEPTEMBER 19 Adults

Theology for Life with The Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

How Can I Change? Reflections on Christianity and the 12-Steps

10:15-11 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



This class features a series of Biblical, theological and historical topics that engage the mind and heart in worship of God and living a life of faith.

Life in Christ with The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

Who is Jesus?

10:15-11 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall



The class will look at what it means to be a disciple of Christ in the present age, from who Christ is to the message He shared and how we might follow Him today.

Family Life Class with The Rev. Alex Graham III

Breakfast Club

10:15-10:45 a.m. | Parish Life Center



This is a slightly shorter class for parents of younger families and will meet after the Family Table service three times a month—twice for class and once for a breakfast social.

8+ with The Rev. Marty Bastian

8:55-9:25 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall



This class is a Clergy-led coffee and discussion following the 8 a.m. service in Christ Chapel. Each class focuses on one of the lectionary readings for the day.

Creative Spaces with The Rev. Sharron Cox

The Contemplative Life: Learning to Mark Time

10:15-11 a.m. | Activity Center



This class looks at life, faith and prayer in different ways in different electives, looking at contemplative spirituality, contemporary life and more.

Seekers with The Rev. Nick Dyke

10:15-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room

This class is for more senior parishioners for fellowship and lectionary-based Bible Study.



Adult Confirmation Class with The Rev. Dr. Chad Martin

10:15-10:45 a.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall

This class is for adults desiring to learn about the Episcopal Church and what makes the Anglican heritage unique. Adults also have the opportunity to prepare for confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church.



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

7-1-7 Students

Episcopal Youth Community

10:15-11 a.m. | Student Life Center

Grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for coffee, lemonade, donuts and conversation about the Scriptures shared in worship.



Student Confirmation Class

12:30-2 p.m. | Student Life Center

This class gives students in grade 9 and above the opportunity to learn about and think through the Christian message in a more intentional manner. Lunch will be served.



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

Youth Choir

10:15-11 a.m. | Rehearsal in Student Life Center

St. Martin's Youth Choir, for students in sixth through twelfth grade, musically engages older singers while preparing them to become active, contributing members of our Parish.



*For more information about Youth Choir
email Carole Nelson at cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School

10:15-11 a.m. | Children's Life Center

We have engaging lessons, curriculum and content for both preschool and elementary school. Childcare is available during all morning services for infants through four-year-olds as well.



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

Choristers

8:30-9 a.m. | Rehearsal in Children's Life Center

9 a.m. | Family Table service in Parish Life Center



St. Martin's Choristers, for children in kindergarten through fifth grade, make joyful and beautiful music while affording them a special place in the worship services at St. Martin's.

*For more information about Choristers
email Carole Nelson at cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

SEPTEMBER 20-25

Adults

Staintly Stitchers

Monday, Sept. 20

9 a.m.-noon | Activity Center, Upper Hall East



Needlepoint cushions and kneelers as lasting gifts for St. Martin's worship spaces.
For more information, contact The Rev. Lisa Neilson at lnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Education for Ministry

Tuesday, Sept. 21

6:30-8:30 p.m. | Welcome Center



EfM is a challenging and affirming four-year study developed and administered by the University of the South's School of Theology. For more information, contact The Rev. Dr. Suse McBay at smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Church Tours

Wednesday, Sept. 22

10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | The Church and Christ Chapel



The Church and Christ Chapel will be open for tours. To schedule a group tour, please contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117. For more information, contact The Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Sept. 22

Noon-3 p.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall East



Needlepoint pieces to adorn St. Martin's worship spaces and support outreach programs. For more information, contact The Rev. Lisa Neilson at lnilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

OSL Healing Ministry Study Group

Wednesday, Sept. 22

4:30-6 p.m. | Chapel Reception Hall and via Zoom



Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as a licensed OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact The Rev. Dr. Suse McBay at smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, Sept. 22

7-9 p.m. | Off-site



Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as a licensed OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact The Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Sept. 23

7-9 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal Hall



Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation. For more information, contact The Rev. Dr. Chad Martin at cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Sept. 23

7-8 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



This men's group meets for fellowship, mutual support and Bible study. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions. For more information, contact The Rev. Dr. Chad Martin at cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Sept. 23

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. For more information, contact The Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Women

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Sept. 21

9-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room



Knit and crochet shawls to be blessed for those in need of prayer. For more information, contact The Rev. Lisa Neilson at lnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Christian Life Study

Tuesday, Sept. 21 – Evening Group

6:30–8 p.m. | Via Zoom

Thursday, Sept. 23 – Morning Group

9:30–11:30 a.m. | Parish Life Center, Children's Life Center and via Zoom



This friend and loving group of women meets over the course of the year to target various topics in the Bible to deepen faith. For more information, contact The Rev. Marty Bastian at lgallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, Sept. 22

9:15–10:30 a.m. | Children's Life Center



Join mothers of infants through 12th grade for a book study of "Listening to God" by Carolyn Nystrom. For more information, contact The Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Sept. 22

6:30–8 p.m. | Student Life Center



Students in grades 6-12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. For more information, contact The Rev. Jane Ferguson at jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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" Eugene Gigout

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

HYMN 636 "How Firm a Foundation" St. Martin's Parish Choir



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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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 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 482 (vs. 1-2) "Lord of All Hopefulness"

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HYMN 482 (vs. 3-4) “Lord of All Hopefulness”

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
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whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
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 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
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 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON

“What to Pray For in Times Like These”

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; 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.



CCSC Food Drive

Sunday, Sept. 19 | 9 a.m.–noon
Bagby Parish Hall Porte Cochere

Volunteers will unload your bags as you drive through.

Food donations most needed are canned fruit, boxed dry cereal, dry beans (1-2 lb bags) and hearty soups.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.

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.



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Blood Center



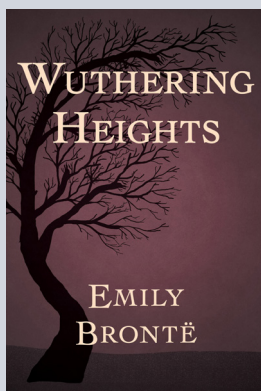
EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Sept. 21
7–8:30 p.m.

Children's Life Center, Room 109

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.



ECW Pantry Pre-sales – Wednesday, Sept. 22–Thursday, Oct. 7

Don't miss out on amazing frozen entrees, appetizers, side dishes and desserts, as well as the ever popular "Tasty Trash!" All made fresh for you!

Beat the crowds by visiting stmartinsepiscopal.org/joy-of-giving-market/ to pre-order online and pick up your purchases during Market hours!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
GRAND OPENING!



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

*The mission of the Sterling's Market at St. Martin's
Episcopal Church is to glorify God through sharing
the Gospel and the bounties of the earth
with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors.*

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MARKET



**7-1-7 STUDENTS
MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT**

Cost: \$165

Registration deadline: Friday, Oct. 1

Visit bit.ly/2021msretreat to register

WHO AM I?

SUNDAY, OCT. 10-TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

CAMP ALLEN

Son, sister, friend, good student, great athlete... These are just some of the words used to identify us and our place in the world. This weekend we will explore another identifier: who am I in Christ? What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? How do others see me? How do I see myself?

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."
Ephesians 2:10 NLT

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



The Moms' Group

Dinner at Del Vista

Thursday, Sept. 30

7 p.m.

6565 Del Monte Dr. 77057

All moms are welcome!

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

Children's Ministry Communion Instruction

Sundays, October 3–24 | 10:15 a.m.

Children's Life Center



Join us for the four-week series teaching children about the Eucharist. The class is designed for children 2nd grade and older, but all ages are invited to attend. Parent or significant adult participation is required to help children continue learning at home.

Register online at bit.ly/kidscommunion2021

For more information, contact Holli Kight at 713-985-3816 or hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Children must be baptized prior to the Communion Recognition Service on Sunday, Oct. 31. To schedule a baptism, contact Cyndy Gubbs at 713-985-3804 or cgubbs@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



SATURDAY, OCT. 2 | 10 A.M.

CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

Special Guest: Peggy L. Determeyer

Peggy Determeyer will present "How Do We Go Back to Normal?" This looks at how life resumes post pandemic.

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



SUNDAY, OCT. 3

5 p.m.

Wayside Chapel

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, all are invited to bring their pets for a special service dedicated to blessing all creatures great and small. St. Martin's Clergy will bless family pets of all kind, but kindly keep them on leashes or in cages. Pet food donations will also be accepted.

For more information, contact Dania Lainez at dlainez@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

FAMILY
DINNERS



Sunday, Oct. 3

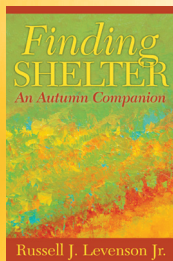
5 p.m.

Student Life Center

Students in grades 6–12 and their families are invited to a monthly Sunday dinner hosted by Student Ministries. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other and spend time in community with the whole family.

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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THE OFFERTORY

AN THEM "My Song Shall Be Alway"
Godfrey Sampson

My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord:
with my mouth will I ever be showing thy truth from one
generation to another.

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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*

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are in French and English. The first system covers the first line of the doxology, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line and ends with a double bar line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the bass line providing a steady accompaniment.

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 *Pseauxmes 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.**

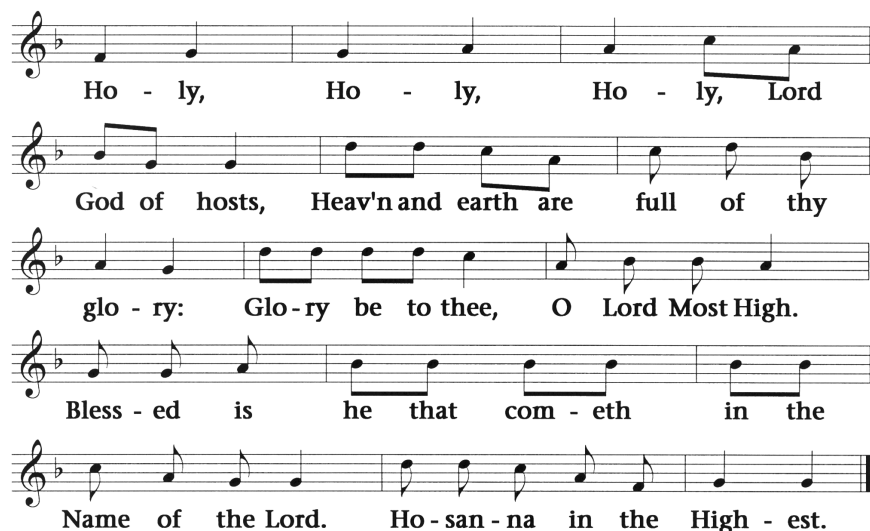
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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.)



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

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 gluten-free wafer.

ANTHEM "Praise to the Lord"

Hugo Distler

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation! O my soul, praise Him for He is thy Health and Salvation! Gather ye round, Let us make Music resound! Praise Him in glad adoration! Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth. Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how thy hearts wishes have been granted in what He ordaineth.

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HYMN "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

1
Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ where
Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ It

5
there is hat-red let me bring your love; _____ where there is in-jur-
there's des-pair in life let me bring hope; _____ where there is dark-ness,
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, _____ in giv-ing to all

10
y, your par-don, Lord; _____ and _____ where there's doubt, true
_____ on-ly light; _____ and _____ where there's sad-ness,
men that we re-ceive; _____ and in dy-ing that we're

14 *Fine*
faith _____ in _____ you. _____ Oh, mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er
ev-er _____ joy. _____
born to e-ter-nal life. _____

19
seek _____ so much to be con-soled as to con-sole; _____

24
- to be un-der-stood as to un-der-stand; _____ to be

29 *D.C.*
loved, as to love with all my soul. _____

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HYMN 178 "Alleluia, Alleluia!"

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 "As the Deer"

As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my
You're my friend and you are my broth-er ev-en
I want you more than gold or sil-ver, on-ly
soul long-eth af-ter you. You a-lone are my heart's de-sire— and I
though you— are a King. I love you more than an-y oth-er, so much
you can— sat-is-fy. You a-lone are the real joy-giv-er and the
long to wor-ship you. You a-lone are my strength, my shield; To
more than an-y-thing. ap-ple of my eye.
you a-lone may my spir-it yield.
You a-lone are my heart's de-sire,— and I long to wor-ship you.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

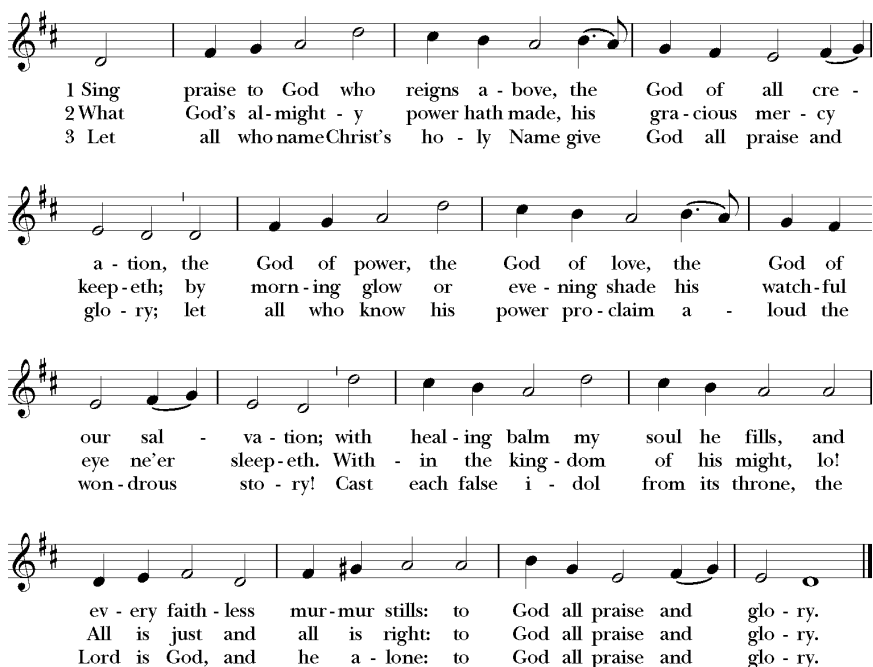
Let us pray. (BCP p. 339)

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 408 "Sing Praise to God"



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the

ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640–1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897), alt.; Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kischengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.).

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 thanksgiving for the baptism of Ann Campbell Blackford
by Kristin and Corbin Blackford

In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Emilie and Hall Neuhaus
by Sarah and Tim Neuhaus

In thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of
Meredith and Dean Huffman
by Meredith and Dean Huffman

In thanksgiving for Marjorie Nelson in celebration of her 90th birthday
by her family



BAPTISMS

Sept. 11 Anna Barrett Albritton
 Lackland Howard Bloom IV
 William “Guy” Jones

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

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Bob Spencer	Tom Young	Luke
Sybil Stephens	Eric Zoerb	Marilyn
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Paul Stumpff	Bruce	Noble Family
Marjorie Taishoff Craig	Caroline	Oran
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Bart Tomlinson	Elizabeth	RC
H. Michael Tyson	H.C.	Sally
Randy Vander Naillen	Henry	Sarah
Mae Joyce Wagner	Jane	Thomas
Alexander Wang	Jenny	Victor and Barbara
Becky Wareing	John and Lisa	Wang family
Charles Warren	Karen	Ward
Mary Waters	Kathleen	Woody

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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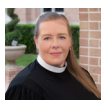
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