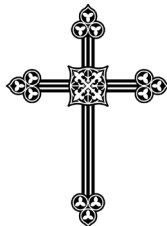


THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 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.

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

SEPTEMBER 26 Adults

8+ with the Rev. Jane Ferguson

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.

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 Dr. Dave Peterson

Grace as Gift

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

Life Together: A Different Kind of Community

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.

Creative Spaces with the Rev. Sharron Cox

The Contemplative Life: Learning to Pay Attention

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. Dick Elwood

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

10:15-11 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

Sixth through 12th grade are welcome to join Student Ministries 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 9th grade 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 6th-12th 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 1st-5th 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 27-OCTOBER 2

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Sept. 27

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. 28

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. 29

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. 29

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. 29

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. 29

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. 30

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.

Sterling's Market

Saturday, Oct. 2

9 a.m.-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. For more information, contact info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Sept. 30

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. 30

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. 28

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. 28 – Evening Group

6:30–8 p.m. | Via Zoom

Thursday, Sept. 30 – Morning Group

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



This friendly 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. 29

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. 29

6:30–8 p.m. | Student Life Center



Students in 6th-12th grade 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.

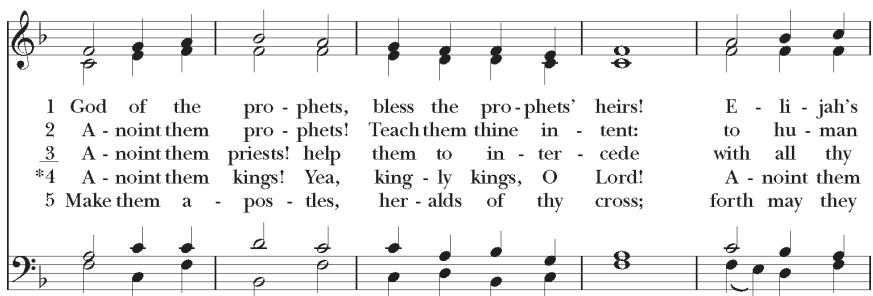
HOLY EUCHARIST

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.

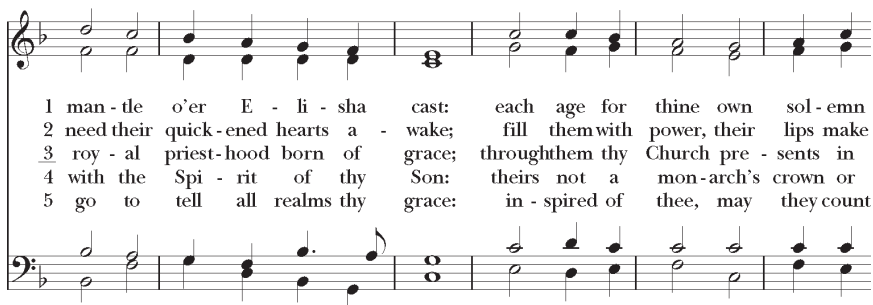
VOLUNTARY “Prelude and Fugue in G” Johann Sebastian Bach

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

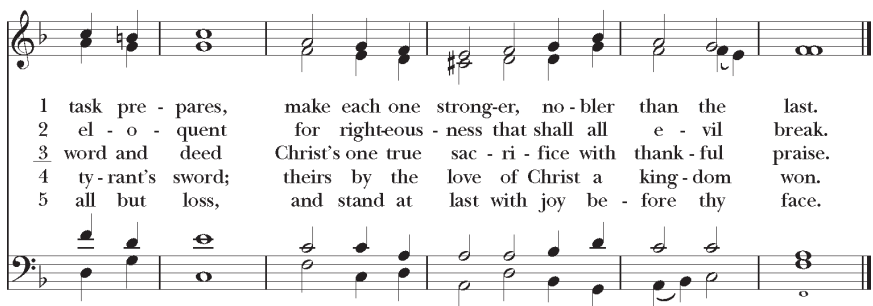
HYMN 359 “God of the Prophets” St. Martin’s Parish Choir



1 God of the pro - phets, bless the pro - phets’ heirs! E - li - jah’s
2 A - noint them pro - phets! Teach them thine in - tent: to hu - man
3 A - noint them priests! help them to in - ter - cede with all thy
*4 A - noint them kings! Yea, king - ly kings, O Lord! A - noint them
5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of thy cross; forth may they



1 man - tle o’er E - li - sha cast: each age for thine own sol - emn
2 need their quick - ened hearts a - wake; fill them with power, their lips make
3 roy - al priest - hood born of grace; through them thy Church pre - sents in
4 with the Spi - rit of thy Son: theirs not a mon - arch’s crown or
5 go to tell all realms thy grace: in - spired of thee, may they count



1 task pre - pares, make each one strong - er, no - bler than the last.
2 el - o - quent for right - eous - ness that shall all e - vil break.
3 word and deed Christ’s one true sac - ri - fice with thank - ful praise.
4 ty - rant’s sword; theirs by the love of Christ a king - dom won.
5 all but loss, and stand at last with joy be - fore thy face.

Words: Sts. 1–2 and 4–5, Denis Wortman (1835–1922), alt.; st. 3, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); Music: *Toulon*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, abridged; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944); Copyright: Words: St.3 © 1982, Carl P. Daw, Jr.

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them;

bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

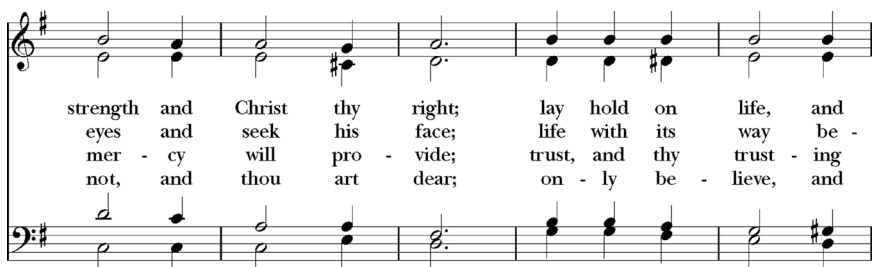
People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 552 (vs. 1-2) "Fight the Good Fight"



1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine
 *3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less
 *4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth



strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and
 eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -
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 thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875); Music: *Pentecost*, William Boyd (1847-1928).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 35.

HYMN 552 (vs. 3-4) “Fight the Good Fight”

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “Moses’ Cry for Help” *The Rev. R. Wesley Arning*

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.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



Kids' Meals with Men of St. Martin's

Tuesday, Sept. 28 | 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.

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.



**7-17 STUDENTS
MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT**

Cost: \$165

Registration deadline: Friday, Oct. 1

Visit bit.ly/2021msretreat to register

WHO AM I?

SUNDAY-FRIDAY, OCT. 8-10

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 fritchier@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 second grade children 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.



Blessing *of the* ANIMALS

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 kinds, 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 6th-12th grade 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.

DRIVING A WEDGE

**FIGHTING HUMAN
TRAFFICKING IN HOUSTON**

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021

11 a.m.-noon

Parish Life Center

St. Martin's has joined forces with the Freedom Church Alliance, a coalition of local churches united in purpose and resolve to stand up and act on behalf of the oppressed and broken.

Please contact Outreach for more information at
outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org.





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, Oct. 6
5 p.m.
Parish Life Center

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at
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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Saints Bound for Heaven”

Arranged by Roberts Shaw and Alice Parker

Our bondage it shall end by and by. From Egypt's yoke, set free,
hail the glorious jubilee. And to Canaan we'll return by and by.
Our deliver He shall come by and by. And our sorrows have an end
with our three score years and ten. And vast glory crown the day
by and by. When we come, we are come. And when the Jordan's
flood we are come. Jehovah rules the tide And the waters He'll
divide. And the ransom'd host shall shout we are come. They shall
shout we are come. Then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice
till the vaults of heaven ring. And thro all eternity we'll rejoice.
Glory, glory, hallelujah.

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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 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.**

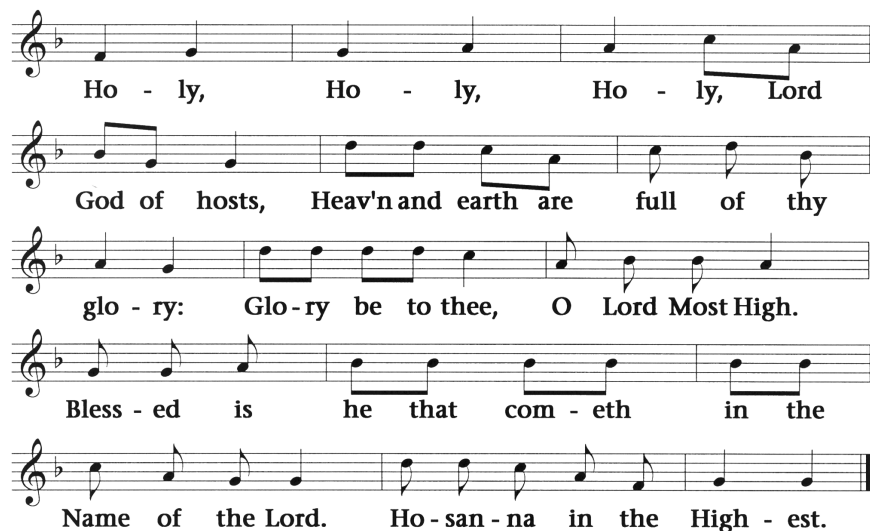
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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 "O Salutaris"

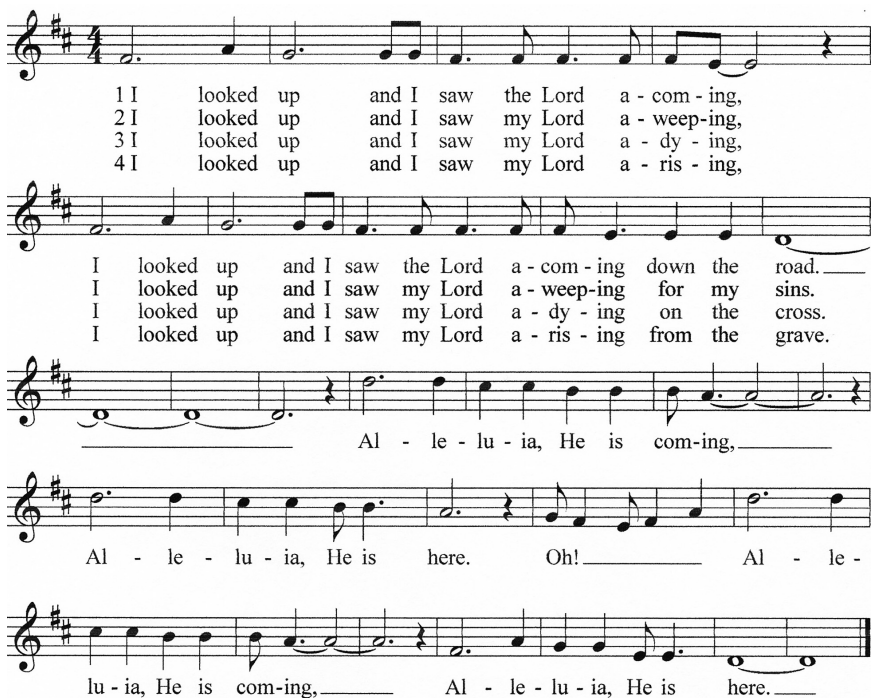
Edward Elgar

O Salutaris Hostia, quae coeli pandis ostium, bella premunt hostilia, da robur, fer auxilium. Uni trinoque Domino sit sempiterna gloria, Qui vitam sine termino nobis donet in patria.

O Redeeming Sacrifice, which opens the gate of heaven: enemies threaten wars; give us strength, send aid. To Thy great name be endless praise Immortal Godhead, One in Three; Oh, grant us endless length of days, In our true native land with Thee.

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HYMN “Alleluia, He is Coming”



1 I looked up and I saw the Lord a - com - ing,
 2 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - weep - ing,
 3 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - dy - ing,
 4 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - ris - ing,

I looked up and I saw the Lord a - com - ing down the road. —
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - weep - ing for my sins. —
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - dy - ing on the cross. —
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - ris - ing from the grave. —

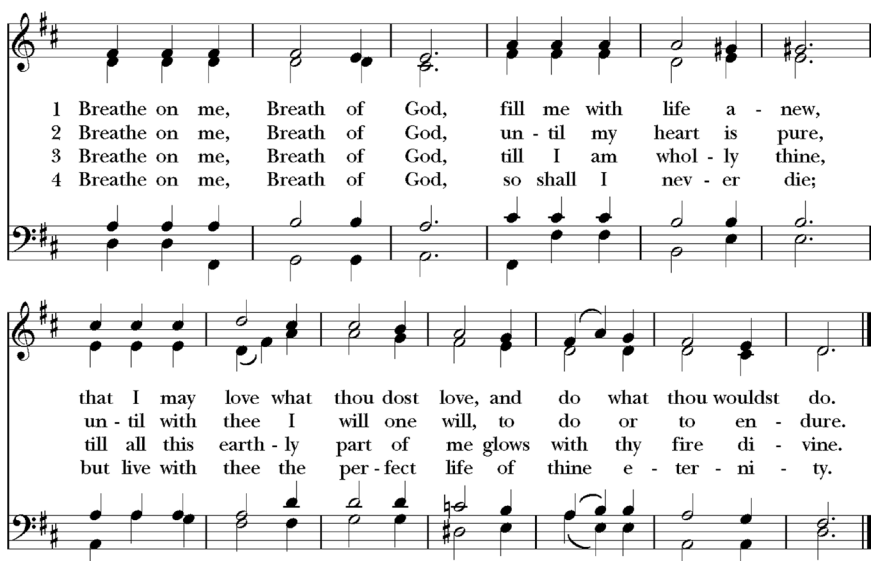
Al - le - lu - ia, He is com - ing, —

Al - le - lu - ia, He is here. Oh! — Al - le -

lu - ia, He is com - ing, — Al - le - lu - ia, He is here. —

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HYMN 508 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”



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

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

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

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 344 “Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40–1817); Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, 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 thanksgiving for the baptism of Lauren Claire Laurie
by Elizabeth and David Laurie

In thanksgiving for the blessing of their civil marriage
by Luisana Josefina Leon-Diaz Sims and Thomas Eric Sims

In loving memory of Nancy Horne Shelton
by TCU Kappa Alpha Theta



BAPTISMS

Sept. 18 Ann Campbell Blackford
 Lauren Claire Laurie
 Emilie Helen and Hall Sells Neuhaus



SYMPATHY

Sept. 16 Nancy Virginia Horne Shelton
Sept. 18 Ronald Dean Koehler

To mark a special occasion with an altar flower dedication, visit
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OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM Psalm 19:7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

THE EPISTLE James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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
Louis DelHomme	Muriel Kearby Albaral	Barbara Quackenbush
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	Clif Shoemake
Rand Grace	Jo Nell Marshall	Pat Smith
Steve and Amy Gula	Betsey Martin	Richard Smith
Gladys Halbouty	Jeffrey Martinson	Tyler 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

William Gilbert Smith	James Wilkerson	Laura
Matthew Snellgrove	Tim Womack	Lorrie
Bob Spencer	Tom Young	Luke
Sybil Stephens	Eric Zoerb	Marilyn
Jim Stokes	Anglican Communion	Mark
Aaron Strong	of Southern Africa	Matthew
Susan Strother	Ben	Millie
Paul Stumpff	Bruce	Noble Family
Marjorie Taishoff Craig	Caroline	Oran
Paul Therrien	Casa San Martin, Bolivia	Patsy
Kathy Thobae Hodge	Curt	Poppy
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
Derry Wilkens	Kathryn	

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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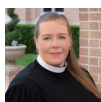
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