

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

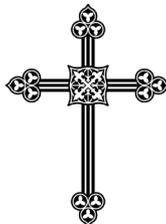
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*October 4, 2020*



OUR MISSION

*To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.*



ST. MARTIN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# FROM THE RECTOR

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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.***



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **How do I register for the next in-person service?**

Register online at [bit.ly/smeccworshippersv](http://bit.ly/smeccworshippersv) or call 713-621-3040 to save a seat by phone. Registration opens at 9 a.m. on Monday for all in-person services during the same week and closes at noon on Friday for the following Sunday's services.

## **I registered, but my plans changed and I cannot attend. What should I do?**

If your plans change, you can cancel your reservation by clicking the cancel button on your confirmation email. This will open a seat for another Parishioner.

## **Will I have reserved seats?**

Yes! In order to maximize the number of people that can attend each service and to abide by the Diocesan and CDC six-foot, social-distancing requirements, we will assign seats and pews will be labeled accordingly. To sit with family or friends, please make one reservation for the group, rather than separate reservations for individuals. Separate reservations will be socially-distanced.

## **Will valet parking be available?**

While we will not have valet parking at this time, family members may drop others off under the porte cochères.

## **May I attend all the in-person services?**

For now, we ask you to be generous by giving others the chance to worship in person once you have enjoyed that same opportunity. Please wait a few weeks before registering again.

## **Are services available online?**

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

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

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

## **What time should I arrive for the service?**

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

## **What if I am late to the service?**

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

## **Now that we have reopened for worship, has St. Martin's campus also reopened?**

Not at this time. Essential staff continue to work on campus as needed, but campus remains closed.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT **ST. MARTIN'S**

OCTOBER 4–10

**ADULTS**

**SUNDAY, OCT. 4**

## **Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Jane P. Ferguson**

*“The Ten Commandments as Jesus Taught Them”*

Distributed Sundays via email with links to Facebook and YouTube



What do Christians do? Have you ever realized that the Ten Commandments are important for us as people of the New Testament? But how do they impact discipleship? Jesus spent a lot of time instructing his disciples and a lot of this was based on these famous commands God gave Moses. This series will look at how

the Ten Commandments as fulfilled and expanded through Jesus teaching and so give us a clear vision for how Jesus calls us to live our lives.

## **Family Life Class with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.**

*“Alpha for Families”*

Distributed Sundays via email with links to Facebook and YouTube



How do we get talking about big questions of faith within our families? Have you ever thought about why we are here? Why do we pray? What about the Spirit? And how do we discuss these things with our middle schoolers or teens? This fall we're going to be doing the Alpha Course which looks at some of these big faith

questions. Each week, we'll have a different topic covered by a different cleric with questions you can discuss within your families. This series will ground in the basics of the Christian faith and open up conversation within your home.

## **Seekers**

Seekers will be joining Basic Bible Study this fall.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7**

**Wednesday Bible Study Series with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.**  
**"Growing in Grace"**

Distributed Wednesdays via email with links to Facebook and YouTube



We speak a great deal about the life of grace, and God's mercy, forgiveness and salvation "by grace." Yet what does it mean to "grow in grace" as the good Apostle Peter counseled the early Christians? (II Peter 3:18) For 10 weeks, we will explore some key Christian beliefs, as well as various Christian disciplines, as one avenue of growing into a mature faith in Christ.

**St. Martin's 20s & 30s**

**"Where is God in a Coronavirus World"**

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom



We are living through a unique, era-defining period. Many of our old certainties have gone, whatever our view of the world and whatever our belief. The Coronavirus pandemic and its effects are perplexing and unsettling for all of us. How do we begin to think it through and cope with it? Join us this fall as we explore these topics using a short book *Where is God in a Coronavirus World* by Oxford Professor John Lennox.

For more information about Adult Christian Education,  
email Katwana Coleman at [kcoleman@stmartinsespiscopal.org](mailto:kcoleman@stmartinsespiscopal.org).

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**SUNDAY, OCT. 4**

## Children's Sunday School



Children's Ministry has brand-new lessons, curriculum and content for both preschool and elementary school. We'll be sending out weekly emails with links to virtual Sunday school videos and parent leader guides.



For more information about Children's Ministry, email Holli Kight at [hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# 7-1-7 STUDENTS

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7**

## Life Groups

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Middle School ID: #949 5175 4882

High School ID: #962 9273 1076



In an effort to encourage students to take an active role in our church life and participate more fully in our Sunday worship, Life Groups have been moved to Wednesday evenings 6:30–8 p.m. We will break out by groups for a time of study and discussion on biblical perspectives that guide our lives today.

For more information about 7-1-7 Students, email Student Ministries at [students@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:students@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# HOLY EUCHARIST

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VOLUNTARY ..... “Prelude in D Minor”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Mr. Kevin Riehle, Choral Director of Adult Choir

*All stand following the greeting.*

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

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** (BCP p. 234)

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with thy spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray. (*kneel*)

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# HYMN 525 (vs. 1 and 5)... "The Church's One Foundation"

Jan Cornelius LeClair, Brennan Blankenship, Jeff Ragsdale,  
Ben LeClair, Annamarie Zmolek and Patrick Perez  
St. Martin's Parish Choir

1 The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;  
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839–1900); Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818–1876).

THE LESSON ..... Lamentations 3:19–25

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

People:           **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

HYMN 558 (vs. 1) .....“Faith of Our Fathers”

1 Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
 2 Faith of our fa - thers! faith and prayer shall win all na - tions  
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! we will love both friend and foe in

fire and sword: O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
 un - to thee; and through the truth that comes from God,  
 all our strife: and preach thee, too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*

when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word:  
 man - kind shall then in - deed be free. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 by kind - ly deeds and vir - tuous life.

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814–1863), alt.; Music: *St. Catherine*, Henri Frederic Hemy (1818–1888); adapt. and arr. James G. Walton (1821–1905).

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

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

THE GOSPEL..... Matthew 21:33–46

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN 558 (vs. 3) .....“Faith of Our Fathers”

1 Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
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THE SERMON .....“God’s Faithful Invitation”  
*The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.*

THE NICENE CREED (*BCP p. 327*) (*stand*)

*Celebrant and People*

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

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

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (*BCP 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 Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor and the Congress and the Courts; for all who serve in our armed forces and their families; we pray for peace throughout the world, and especially in the Middle East; and we pray for the victims of terror attacks; and we remember before you, and pray for the protection of our Christian brothers and sisters who face danger or persecution for their faith; and we pray for victims of all natural disasters, especially those recovering from Hurricane Laura and all those impacted by the wildfires in the west. We pray for the safety of all law enforcement agents, firefighters, paramedics and all first responders who provide security and protection to the citizens they serve. We continue to pray for the many people who have contracted the coronavirus; for those in isolation, those who have lost their job or their business, and for all those in our communities involved in ministering to the sick, especially for all health care workers; and we pray for those in the hospitals\_\_; and those for whom our prayers have been requested\_\_; and for those on our Continuing Prayer List; and for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers\_\_; and we remember before you the departed especially\_\_; we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind.

I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

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

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (BCP 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.

*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.**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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*Please be seated.*

# Great = IS THY = Faithfulness



**ON BEHALF OF THE VESTRY, CLERGY,  
RECTOR AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE  
OF ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*In Celebration of Our God's Great Faithfulness  
You Are Cordially Invited to This Year's Stewardship Event*

## AN EVENING WITH VERITAS

*From the Comfort of Your Own Home*

**7 P.M. ♦ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**YOU MAY JOIN US ON YOUTUBE OR FACEBOOK**

The Live Feed will be available on our St. Martin's Episcopal Church Facebook Page and YouTube channels. We will also include the links on our website and in an All-Parish email on October 11.

### THE MUSIC OF VERITAS

Driven by a passionate spiritual and musical message imparting faith, hope, love and a commitment to ongoing musical excellence, five-piece vocal powerhouse VERITAS brings a fresh, dynamic twist to the classical crossover genre.



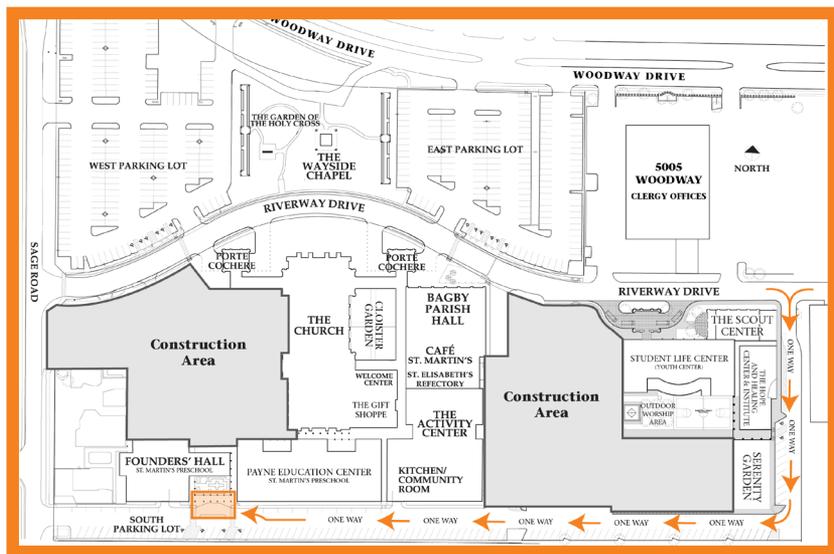
# Blessing of the ANIMALS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**  
3–4 p.m.

**Founders' Hall Porte Cochère | South Parking Lot**

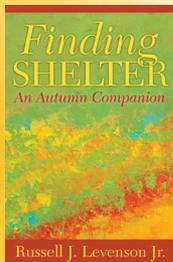
In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, we will hold a special drive-through blessing of all creatures great and small by a member of our Clergy. Please remain in your vehicle. Outreach will have a pet food drive—please bring canned or packaged pet food that will be donated to Pet Patrol.

**For more information, contact Barbara Piana at 713-830-4116 or [bpiana@smartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:bpiana@smartinsepiscopal.org).**



## NEW BOOK BY THE REV. DR. RUSSELL J. LEVENSON JR.

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



# Finding Shelter

*An Autumn Companion*

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"Whenever Russ speaks or writes, I listen or read. He has the heart of a pastor and the skill of a poet. So grateful for him and this book."

– Max Lucado, Senior Minister of Oak Hills Church, San Antonio and Bestselling Author

"Russ Levenson's Finding Shelter is a continuous gentle invitation to come to the table and to taste and see that God is good. Written with warmth and wisdom, these pages are good company on the journey of faith."

– Amy Grant, Grammy Award Winning Recording Artist and Songwriter

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# OSL

A MINISTRY OF  
CHRISTIAN HEALING

### St. Martin's OSL Healing Community

invites you to join them at the

## REGION V HEALING CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM

*Victory in the Spirit*  
with Fr. Paul Feider

Friday evening through Saturday afternoon  
October 9–10

Visit [oslregionv.org/events](http://oslregionv.org/events) for more information  
about this conference.

For more information about St. Martin's OSL Healing Community,  
contact Katwana Coleman at [kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

*The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's present the*



## **Premier Shopping Party**

Tuesday, October 13, 4–8 p.m.

*\$15 advance ticket | \$20 at the door*

*Includes Special Joy of Giving Market Favor*

## **Wednesday and Thursday**

October 14, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

October 15, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

*Free admission*

***Featuring 40+ high-end merchants offering stylish clothing, jewelry, one-of-a-kind accessories, unique home decor and more***

To purchase tickets, make a reservation or view silent auction and pantry items, visit [stmartinsepiscopal.org/joy-of-giving-market](http://stmartinsepiscopal.org/joy-of-giving-market)

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••• **NEW THIS YEAR** •••

**Reservations required.**

<http://bit.ly/joyofgivingmarket>

**We will host up to 250 people every two hours.**

**Masks required, hand-sanitizing stations, and  
one-way aisles.**

**Early Shopping Hour**

**For those 60+ or our friends with health concerns**

**Online Silent Auction**

<https://bit.ly/jogsilentauction>

**Online Pre-Sale Pantry Items**

<http://bit.ly/ecwpantry2020>

# THE family table

Join us at 8 a.m. on Sundays for the live Family Table Worship Service on YouTube and Facebook, or access the recorded version of the service later at your convenience.

For links to the service, visit St. Martin's website and look for the Family Table slider at the top of the page. You'll enjoy hearing short sermons from various St. Martin's clergy, seeing Miss Holli and finding out about exciting programs, singing with Tom and Haley and hearing our acolytes read the Gospel and the Lord's Prayer.

Hope to see you there!

## JOIN US VIA ZOOM EVERY SUNDAY



The Altar, our contemporary worship service for students and adults of all ages, is online every Sunday at 11:15 a.m. followed by a virtual coffee hour. Join us via Zoom!

[bit.ly/thealterservice](https://bit.ly/thealterservice)

For more information, please contact Beth Ollenburger at [bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

WEEKDAY  
*Holy Eucharist*  
SERVICE

Tuesdays\* and Thursdays  
5:30 p.m. | The Church

Reservations required.  
[bit.ly/smecworshipsvp](https://bit.ly/smecworshipsvp)  
Active Mondays at 9 a.m.

\*No service Tuesday, Oct. 6

For more information, contact  
Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146  
or [bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org).



ST. MARTIN'S  
*Compline*  
*Service*

Monday–Saturday  
8 p.m. | via Zoom

Compline Service, also known as Night Prayer or End of Day Prayer, is the final church service of the day. The service finds its roots in the 300s and is still found in the *Book of Common Prayer*, page 127.

[bit.ly/smeccomplineservice](https://bit.ly/smeccomplineservice)

For more information, contact Beth  
Ollenburger at 713-830-4146 or  
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# GIVE BLOOD.ORG

## St Martin's Episcopal Church Blood Drive

Monday, October 26

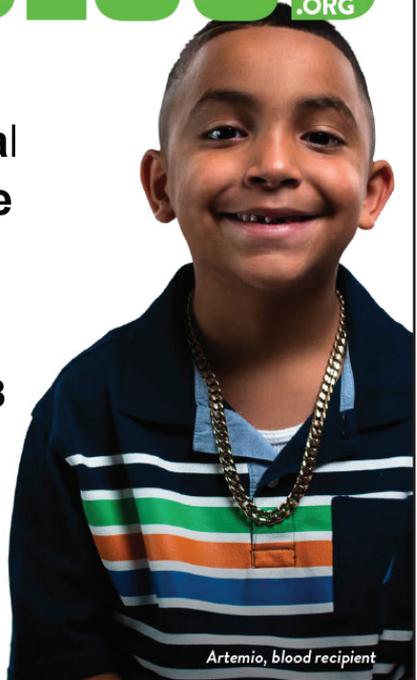
Tuesday, October 27

Wednesday, October 28

9 a.m.–3 p.m.

717 Sage Road

Bagby Parish Hall



*Artemio, blood recipient*

Appointments are required to donate during this time. Please go online to schedule at [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org) or contact Michael Murry at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center: 346-831-4215 or [mmurry@giveblood.org](mailto:mmurry@giveblood.org)



EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.

Share your  
donation story



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IS HERE FOR YOU!  
WE MISS YOU!  
GOD LOVES YOU!

*We may not be able to meet in person right now,  
but we want to know if you are sick, hospitalized or  
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Don't hesitate to call the church*

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# THE OFFERTORY

## ANTHEM ..... “Ave Verum Corpus” Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine, Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

Hail, true Body, born from Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, was put to death on the cross for humankind, And from whose pierced side, both water and blood flowed: Be a foretaste for us in our examination of death.

Latin Text attributed to either Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) or Pope Innocent IV (1243-1254).

## AT THE PRESENTATION

### 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 *Pseumes 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 has 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*

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy". The third staff has lyrics: "glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High." The fourth staff has lyrics: "Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the". The fifth and final staff has lyrics: "Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est." The music concludes with a double bar line.

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.*

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

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

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## 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)*

*Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. *(BCP p. 339)*

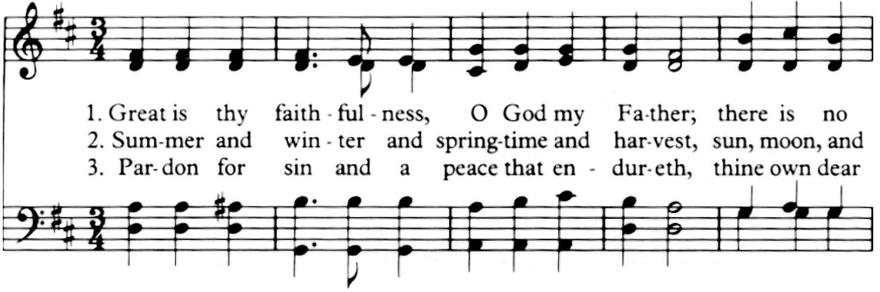
Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate 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 *(BCP p. 339)*

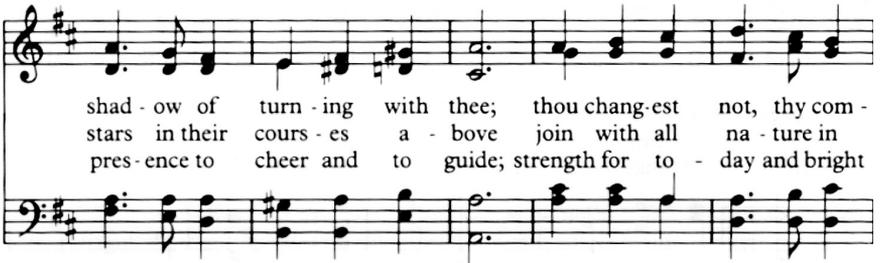
The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

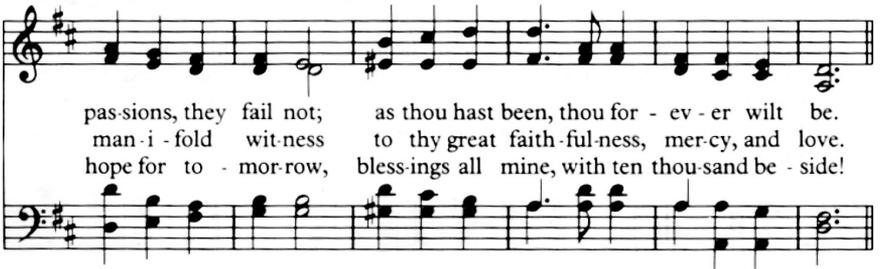
HYMN (all verses)..... "Great is Thy Faithfulness"



1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Father; there is no  
2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in  
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-er-will be.  
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by  
morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy  
hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

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## THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

**People:**       **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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