FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021



OUR MISSION

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



ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

I want to personally invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.

June J. Luna, Jr.+

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.*

Please continue to take CORONA virus precautions. We encourage all who visit our campus to be fully vaccinated. If not vaccinated, we request you wear a mask while on our campus; or continue to participate in the variety of virtual offerings for worship, education and fellowship. Please note that anyone not abiding by these recommendations is doing so at his or her own risk. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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

NOVEMBER 28

Christian Education for Adults, Children's Ministry and 7-1-7 Students will not be offered today in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Christian Education classes resume next Sunday, Dec. 5.

NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 4

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Nov. 29 10 a.m.-noon | Activity Center, Upper Hall East

Saintly Stitchers fill St. Martin's with pew kneelers and other gifts for worship spaces. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Education for Ministry

Tuesday, Nov. 30 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, Dec. 1 10:30-11:45 a.m. | The Church

The Church will be open for visitors with a formal tour at 10:30 a.m. 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, Dec. 1 Noon-3 p.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall East

St. Clare's Guild undertakes a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at Ineilson@ stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, Dec. 1 7-9 p.m. | Welcome Center

Join this group of singles and couples without children for a weekly dinner followed by a discussion about the lives and work of great theologians. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 2 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, Dec. 4 | Rain or Shine 9 a.m.-noon | Corner of Woodway and Sage

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 and to volunteer, contact info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Dec. 2 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, Dec. 2 8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center

Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.











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Women

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

The Moms' Group

Prayer Shawl Ministry Tuesday, Nov. 30

Wednesday, Dec. 1 9:15–10:30 a.m. | Children's Life Center or via Zoom

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

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

Blanket Ladies

Wednesday, Dec. 1 10-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room

Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Christian Life Study

Thursday, Dec. 2 – 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 Igallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-I-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Dec. 1 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.







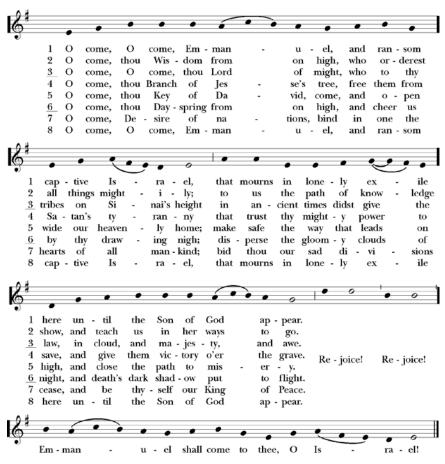


Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY "Sleepers Wake" Johann Sebastian Bach

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *HYMN 56 (vs. 1-4)........."O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.; Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811–1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937); Public Domain.

*indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshipers

Begin on page 323 of "The Book of Common Prayer" (BCP)

Celebrant:Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.People:His mercy endureth for ever.

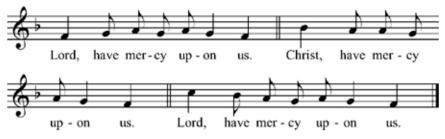
The Celebrant says

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**.

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(8 a.m.)	
Celebrant:	Lord, have mercy upon us.
People:	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Celebrant:	Lord, have mercy upon us.

(9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



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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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONJeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

All stand.

HYMN 4 [1940 Hymnal] (vs. 1-2)..... "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700, tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1854, alt.; Music: *Greenland*, Johann Michael Haydn, 1819.

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

THE GOSPEL.....Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 37.

HYMN 4 [1940 Hymnal] (vs. 3) "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700, tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1854, alt.; Music: *Greenland*, Johann Michael Haydn, 1819.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON"Stand Up, Friend" The Rev. Jane P. Ferguson

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. 388, Form IV) (kneel) (responsively)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory to the world.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as thy own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially ___, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy **Hear our prayer**.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those in the hospital __; and give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of thy salvation.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy **Hear our prayer**.

We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled, especially __; and we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy **Hear our prayer.**

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 all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers,__.

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)

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of thy people, and strengthen us to do thy will; 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**.

THE PEACE (stand)

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

Advent Resources

Prepare for this solemn and wonderful season with these special resources:



Preparing Room by the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

- Scriptures key to telling the Christmas story as it centers on Jesus
- Brief meditations to help readers step more deeply into the Advent story
- Reflections on how to prepare just a bit more room for the King
- Prayers from Judeo-Christian tradition or by the author



Advent Wreath Devotional by Laura and Russ Levenson

The Advent Wreath Devotional in both adult and children's versions provides a framework within which to traverse the Advent season.

Available for sale through St. Martin's Gift Shoppe

St. Martin's Episcopal Church **Blood Drive**

GIVE BLOOD

Monday, Nov. 29 | 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 bit.ly/smecblooddrive or contact Victoria Tidwell at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center: 832-602-9350 or vtidwell@giveblood.org

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Blood Center



Grant Information Session Wednesday, December 1 10:30 a.m. • Online

Our grant process and deadlines are changing.

Please be aware that all nonprofit agencies will now be required to submit a Letter of Intent by February 2 at noon, including their St. Martin's sponsor's signature before applying for a grant from St. Martin's.

Nonprofit agencies should attend this online session to hear more about this new process and the new deadlines.

To receive the Letter of Intent form and for more information, email grants@stmartinsepsicopal.org.

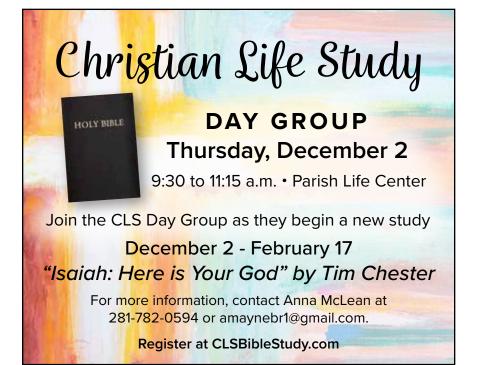


A Service of Wholeness and Healing

Wednesday, Dec. 1 | 5 p.m. Parish Life Center and via Zoom bit.ly/oslservice

The holidays are times of joy and celebration – yet sometimes that's the opposite of where life has taken us. Whether it's a first Christmas without a loved one, a mental illness that is stressed by the holidays or other personal struggles we're facing, there are a variety of reasons why we can find this time of year a struggle. Yet God is not just with those who celebrate: the Cross reminds us He's right there with those who mourn too (Matthew 5:4). This December's OSL Healing Community service will offer space to bring to God whatever is on your heart and to reflect on this truth – God has not forgotten you. Prayer ministry will be available after the service.

For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay at 713-985-3823 or smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org.





9 a.m. - NOON CORNER OF WOODWAY AND SAGE

RAIN OR SHINE

346-335-8650 • INFO@STERLINGSMARKET.ORG

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.

STERLING'S MARKET NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! TO SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER, VISIT BIT.LY/VOLUNTEER_STERLINGSMARKET

December 5 5-7 p.m. · Student Life Center Main Hall

FAMILY EDITION

 This year's Christmas Crash is open to the entire family!
Join us for an evening of holiday fun and festive eats. To register and to bring a dessert, please visit
bit.ly/Christmascrash2021

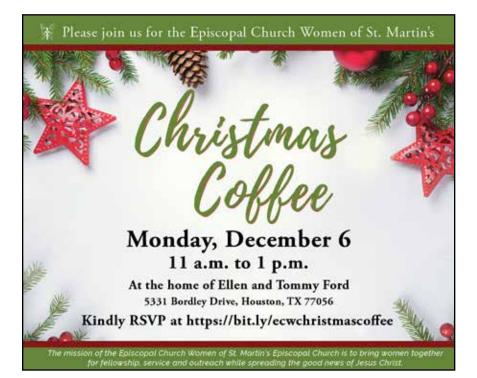
Wayne and Friends Holiday Edition

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Sunday, December 5 6:30 p.m. • Parish Life Center • Free

A relaxing evening of holiday music, friends and fellowship.

Wayne Watson Director of Contemporary Music





Outreach Event

Wednesday, December 8

9:15-10:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center

This event will support human trafficking survivors as we put together bags of useful items for The Landing to distribute.

Masks are encouraged. Childcare is available for infants through age 4.

For more information, contact Outreach at outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org.





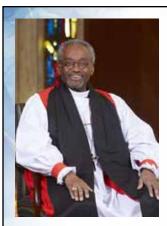
DAY GROUP

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

The Faith in Literature group explores, discusses and makes relevant connections between faith and works of fiction, past and present. While operating within the framework of Christian theology, we seek to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

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







with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Event sponsored by The Order of the Daughters of the King Co-hosted by St. Martin's Episcopal Church and St. James' Episcopal Church

Saturday, Dec. 11 · 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

St. Martin's Episcopal Church 717 Sage Road, Houston, Texas, 77056

Watch the Livestream at www.StMartinsEpiscopal.org.

\$20 · Register for in-person event at bit.ly/2021adventquietday

Please bring non-perishable food items for Outreach Ministries.

The Way of Hope, Joy, Peace and Love

As we consider the theme of the day "Hope, Joy, Peace and Love," The Most Rev. Michael Curry will lead this reflective day of prayer, meditation and contemplation.



Meet Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Presiding Bishop Curry is the Chief Pastor and serves as President and Chief Executive Officer, and as Chair of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church.

Wayne Watson

Award-Winning Gospel Artist and Director of Contemporary Music at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Houston



Wayne Watson will perform meaningful hand-picked musical selections to accompany Bishop Curry's message.

Other Clergy taking part in the Advent Quiet Day service include:



The Rev. Victor Thomas Rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, Houston



The Rev. Cynthia Briggs Kittredge Dean and President Seminary of the Southwest



The Rev. Dr. Leigh Spruill Rector of St. John the Divine, Houston



The Very Rev. Barkley Thompson Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Houston



The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. Rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Houston

For more information, call 713-621-3040 or visit www.StMartinsEpiscopal.org.



December 12

Sunday at St. Martin's

with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry



Sunday School

10:15 a.m. – The Church

All adult Sunday School classes will meet with the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, for the Sunday School hour.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

11:15 a.m. – The Church – No Eucharist *This service will be livestreamed.*



Festival of Lessons and Carols with Presiding Bishop Curry, Special Guest Sam Waterston, Gloria Dei Organ, Parish Choir, brass and tympani. Our annual Lessons and Carols service is a wonderful testament to the holiday season, complete with homily, scripture readings and songs that celebrate the birth of our Lord, such as "O come, all ye faithful," "Joy to the

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world!" "O little town of Bethlehem" and "Hark! The herald angels sing."



ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH CONFIRMATION

LEARN • LOVE • LIVE

Spring Student Confirmation Parent Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 12 • 12:30 p.m. • Student Life Center Parents of students in eighth grade and above are encouraged to attend this informational meeting about confirmation for their children at St. Martin's.

Spring Confirmation Retreat at Camp Allen

Jan. 22-23, 2022

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Sundays, Jan. 30-March 6, 2022 •12:30-2 p.m.

To register, visit bit.ly/studentconfirmation2022. Registration closes Jan. 10, 2022.

A Very Special Lenten Retreat Icon Writing with Teresa Harrison



March 7-11

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The class meets from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday.

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St. Martin's will host renowned instructor Teresa Harrison for a five-day course in the ancient technique of icon writing.

Participants will write their own icons using acrylic paint and gold leaf, a medium that resembles the traditional egg tempera.

Registration fee of \$495 includes all art supplies, but students will need to bring a small desk lamp and an apron or smock.

Registration is now open https://bit.ly/iconography2021



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June 13-20, 2022

with The Rev. Dr. Russ Levenson





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THE OFFERTORY

A N T H E M "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" David Ashley White

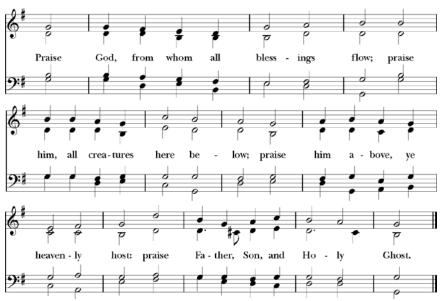
Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, saith our God; O comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load. Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over. Hark, the voice that crieth in the desert far and near, calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him. Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain; O let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign. For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad; and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.

Text: Isaiah 40:1-5; vers. Johann G. Loearious, (1671), tr. Catherine Winkworth, (1863), alt. Music: Genevan Psalm 42, melody by Louis Bourgeois, 1551. Setting by David Ashley White. © 1994 Selah Publishing Company. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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.

DOXOLOGYOld 100th



Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 340) (stand)

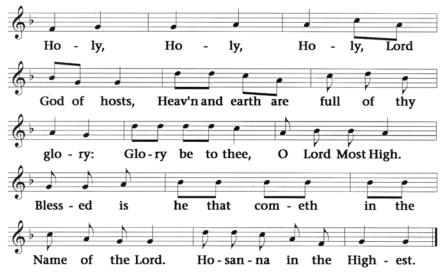
Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People:	It is meet and right so to do.

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

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

The Celebrant continues (BCP p. 341) (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN**. And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

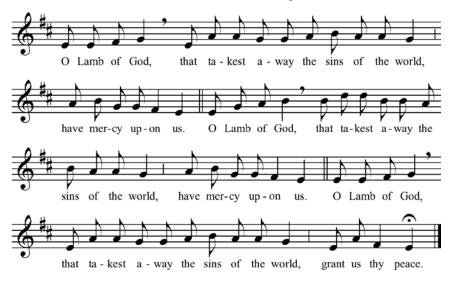
THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 336)

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



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

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Invitation. (BCP p. 338)

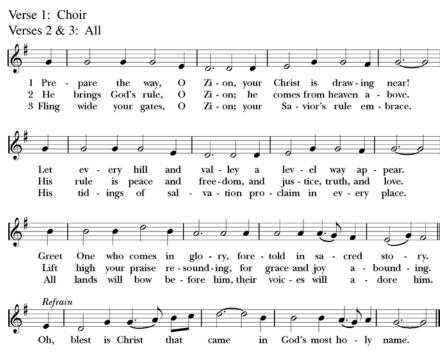
Distribution of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. At this time, we are offering only the wafer, which is considered full Communion in the Episcopal Church. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a glutenfree wafer.

A N T H E M"Thou Shalt Know Him" Mark Sirett

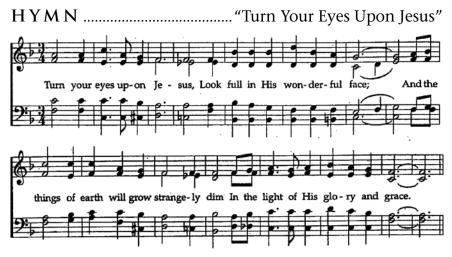
Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums, nor his manners, nor his airs, nor by anything he wears. Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown, but his coming known shall be, by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee. Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen, amen.

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HYMN 65 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"



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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.



Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788); Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710–1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of Olive Horne Becker on the anniversary of her birthday by Linda and John Griffin, Laura and Jack Schuhmacher, and Allison and Philip Lorenzo

In memory of Helen Slover by Cindy Weatherly



BIRTHS

Nov. 3 Joseph Hugh Roff Son of Julie and John Roff Grandson of Mary Katharine and John Roff



BAPTISMS

Nov. 20 Gideon Ellis Raymond Almy Benjamin Graham Chambers Elizabeth McKerall Hibbert Thomas Max Hibbert



WEDDINGS

Nov. 20 Margaret Warren Brown and James Christopher Jones

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

THE PSALMPsalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE EPISTLE1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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:

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

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Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks before Easter and All Saints' Day. Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. To put someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Karen Kathleen Kathryn Laura Lorrie Luke Marilyn Mark Matthew Millie Noble Family Oran Patsy Poppy RC Sally Sarah Thomas Victor and Barbara Wang family Ward Woody

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