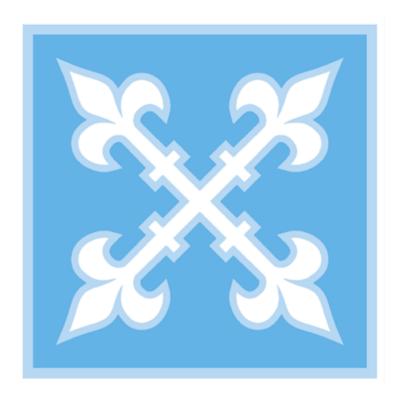
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 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.



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*.

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.

ST. MARTIN'S

DECEMBER 5 Adults

8+ with the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay, Ph.D.

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

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

Theology for Life with Professor Craig Evans

How Reliable are Gospels? 10:15-11 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



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

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

Let the Bible Speak! God's Word 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

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



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

Seekers with the Rev. Robert Wareing

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



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

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

7-1-7 Students

Episcopal Youth Community

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

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

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 grades 6-12, 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 9:15 a.m. | Family Table service in Parish Life Center



St. Martin's Choristers, for children in grades 1-5, 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.

DECEMBER 6-11

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Dec. 6 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, Dec. 7 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. 8 10:30-11:45 a.m. | The Church



The Church will be open for visitors with a formal tour at 10:45 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. 8

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.

OSL Healing Ministry Study Group

Wednesday, Dec. 8

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, Dec. 8

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. 9

7-9 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal Hall



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

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Dec. 9

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. 9

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, Dec. 7 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 Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, Dec. 8 9:15–10:30 a.m. | Children's Life Center or via Zoom



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. 8 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.

7-I-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Dec. 8 6:30–8 p.m. | Student Life Center



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

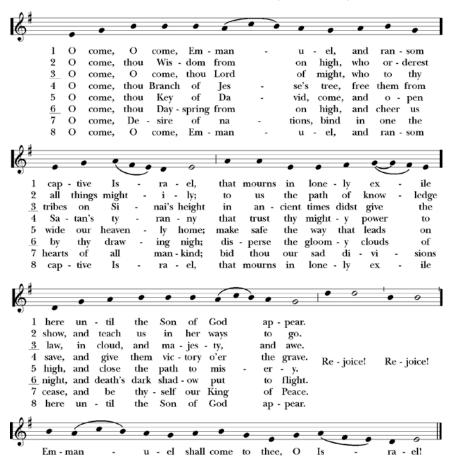
HOLY EUCHARIST

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

VOLUNTARY......""Savior of the Nations, Come"
Johann Pachelbel

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.

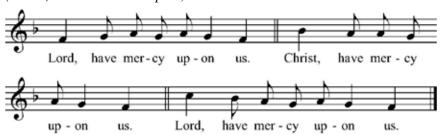
KYRIE

(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.)



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

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

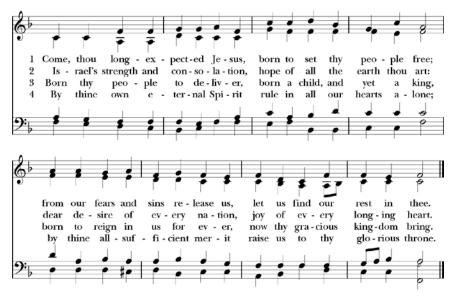
THE LESSON Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

All stand.

HYMN 66 (vs. 1-2) "Come, Though Long-Expected Jesus"



Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788); Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmodia Sacra, oder AndŠchtige und Schšne Gesange, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL.....Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one

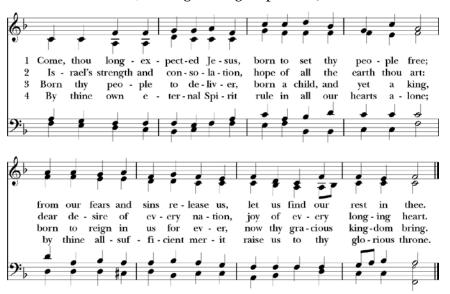
crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 37.

HYMN 66 (vs. 3-4) "Come, Though Long-Expected Jesus"



Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788); Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmodia Sacra, oder AndŠchtige und Schšne Gesange, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON"The Vaccine We All Need" The Rev. Dr. Russell L. Levenson, Jr.

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 327)

Celebrant and People

I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation

came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the

Virgin Mary,

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again according to

the Scriptures,

and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,

and he shall come again, with glory,

to judge both the quick and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together

is worshiped

and glorified;

who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;

and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 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

Boy Scout Troop 354 Greenery Sale

Sunday, Dec. 5 | 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Outside Bagby Pa<mark>rish Hall and the Pa</mark>rish Life Center

Wreaths (Noble Fir and Mixed Evergreen)
22"- \$30 | 28"- \$45

Western Cedar Garlands \$30

Greenery Centerpieces \$25

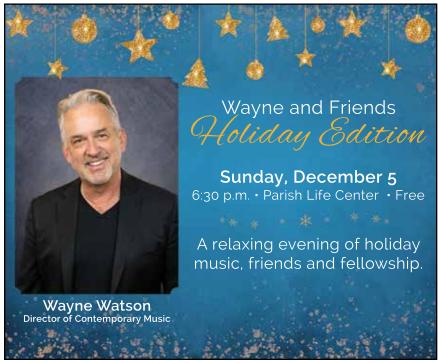
First come, first served; quantities limited. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.



The Boy Scouts of Troop 354 today are selling greenery outside of Bagby Parish Hall and the Parish Life Center. Please stop by, get your fresh-cut holiday greenery and support St. Martin's Boy Scout Troop 354.

St. Martin's Troop 354 engages in numerous community service projects and has an active outdoor program including camping and high adventure backpacking. The troop credits profits from the greenery sale to each participating scout for camping trips so more boys may participate in scouting activities.











Tuesday, Dec. 7 | 4 p.m.
Parish Life Center Kitchen



Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.



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.

Join us to celebrate a Festival of Lessons and Carols with Presiding Bishop Curry, 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 world!" "O little town of Bethlehem" and "Hark! The herald angels sing."



Sunday, June 26 – Saturday, July 2 Apply before January 31

We will work with missionary Kurt Ackermann and Sus Hijos to build a house, feed the homeless and spend time with the forgotten youth of San Salvador. Students must submit an application and be active participants in Student Ministries' Programs to be considered for the trip.

Submit your application at https://bit.ly/2022HSMissionTrip





Sunday, Dec. 12 • 12:30 p.m. • Student Life Center

Parents of students 8th grade and above are encouraged to attend this informational meeting about Confirmation for their children at St. Martin's.

Spring Confirmation Retreat • Jan. 22-23, 2022 • Camp Allen

Sunday Confirmation Classes • Jan. 30-March 6, 2022 12:30-2 p.m. • Student Life Center

Visit bit.ly/studentconfirmation2022 to register. Registration closes Jan. 10, 2022.







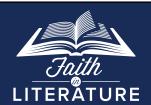
The Giving Tree Christmas Card Program

Celebrate the holiday season with family and friends by making a donation in their honor to your favorite ministry.

Forms due to St. Martin's Episcopal Church by mail, fax or email by Monday, December 13.

Place orders at www.StMartinsEpiscopal.org. A variety of artwork covers are available. Cards will be personalized and mailed to designated recipients.

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



EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Dec. 14 7–8:30 p.m.

Children's Life Center, Room 109



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

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HOUSTON BOYCHOIR

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Saturday
December 18
4 p.m.
The Church



Christmas Services

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve

11 a.m. – Family service with pageantry for families,
The Church – No Eucharist
This service will be livestreamed

1, 5:50, 6 and 8:50 p.m. – Traditional services,
The Church – Holy Eucharist
These services will be livestreamed
The Parish Choir, Gloria Dei Organ, and brass and tympani
provide the perfect setting for the celebration
of our Lord's birth.

New Contemporary Service

6:30 p.m. – Riverway, Contemporary service, Parish Life Center – Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

11 a.m. – Worship services, The Church – Holy Eucharist Parish Choir and Gloria Dei Organ





THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM"Lift Up Your heads"
William Mathias

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the king of glory

Text: Psalm 24: 7-10. © 1973 Oxford University Press.

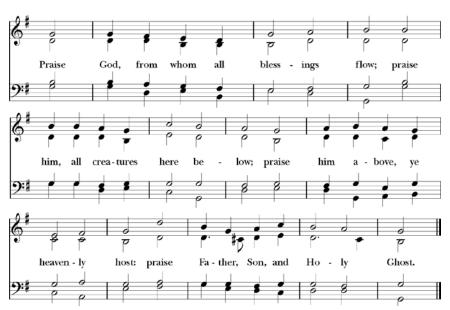
AT THE PRESENTATION

(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.

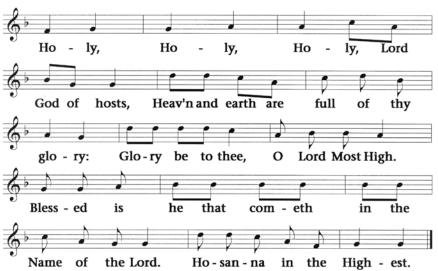
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.)



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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)

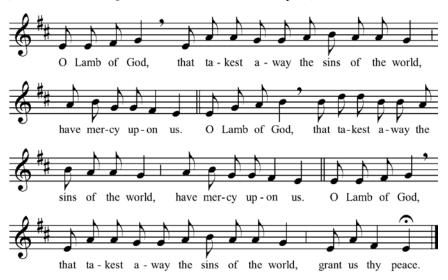
People and Celebrant

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.

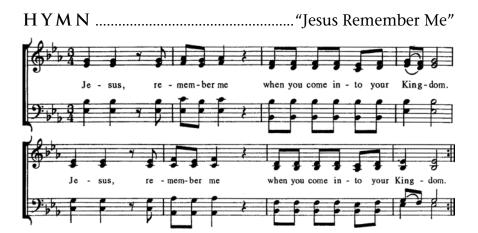
ANTHEM"Lo, in the Time Appointed" Healy Willan

Lo, in the time appointed the Lord will come; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands: for the Lord God shall come into his everlasting kingdom: and upon the throne of David shall he reign forever. Alleluia.

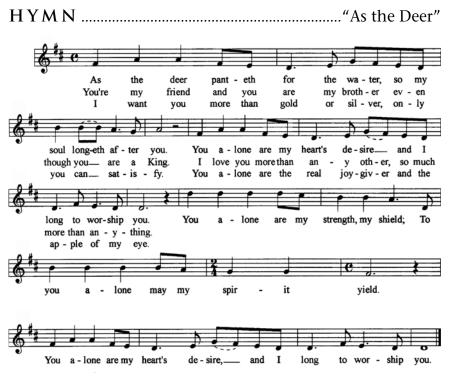
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After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray. (BCP p. 339)

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.

THE BLESSING

All stand.

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the birth of Joseph Hugh Roff by Drs. Mary Katharine and John Hugh Roff III



BIRTHS

Nov. 26 Hannah Lee Arning

Daughter of Megan and the Rev. Wesley Arning

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

HYMN 542 "Christ is the World's True Light"



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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.



SERMON NOTES

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE CANTICLELuke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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:

Brittney Jacobson Clif Shoemake Shelly Bain John Jamail Jack Beeson Richard Smith Missy Belote Shirlee Jamail **Bob Spencer** Alli Blackman Helen Joyner Jim Stokes Muriel Kearby Albaral Cory Blackman Aaron Strong Grace Blake Paige Laird Susan Strother John and Dianne Brock III Amy Lee Paul Stumpff Paul Therrien Jane Cabes Stan Leong Bart Tomlinson Elinor Christian Shawn Levenson Higdon Compton, Jr. Nancy Liles H. Michael Tyson Beth Costa Martha Ann Linden Randy Vander Naillen Gail Davis Roberta Lloyd **Becky Wareing** Mac Davis Ryan Logan Charles Warren Sue Davis Jaclyn Manning Mary Waters Jo Nell Marshall Derry Wilkens Tommy W. Davis James Wilkerson Louis DelHomme Jeffrey Martinson Eric Zoerb Bobby deSosa BD McAndrew John McMahon Betty DeVerter Ben Michelle McStravick Chase Dixon Betsey Elizabeth Nancy Doss Hal Means Jim Easterling Len Menefee Henry Stacey Elliott Benice Nwabueze Jane E.J. Farhood Judy and Jay O'Connor Kathryn Jim Paddock Matt Fryar Laura **Brad Gallion** Troy Phillips Lorrie Dee Gilbert Jimmy Prentice Marilyn Max Goodloe Ophelia Pujol Mark Hollis, McKay and Barbara Quackenbush Matthew Rand Grace Rocky Robinson Oran Gladys Halbouty Robert Rosales RCTish Hale Larry S. Sally David and Clare Sackllah Thomas Tom Harrington

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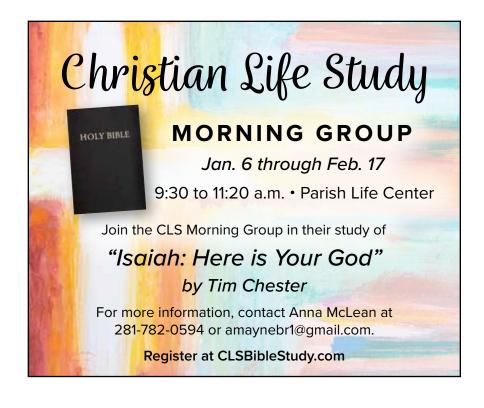
Debra Ibarra Mayfield Helen and Jim Shaffer

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

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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