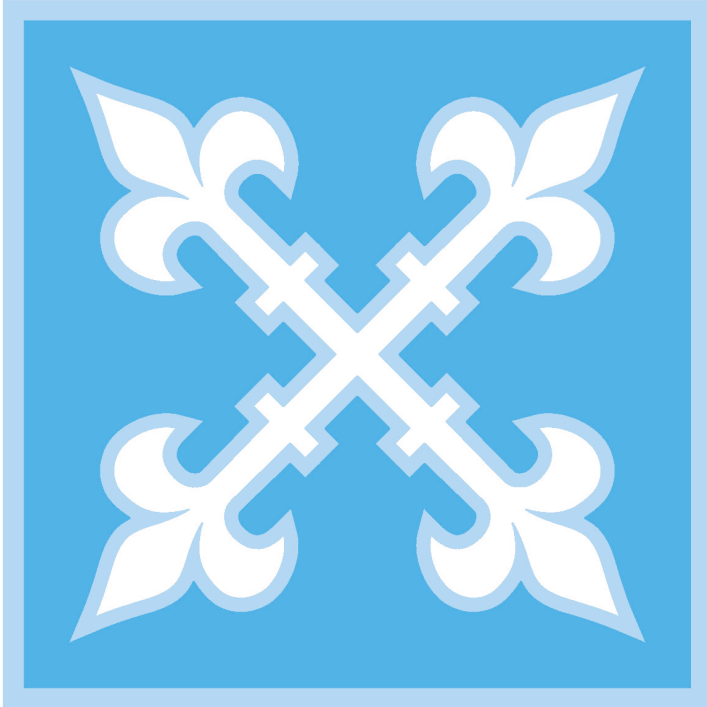


# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

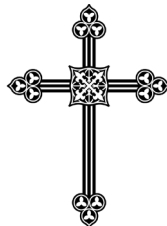
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*December 13, 2020*



## 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?**

Registration opens at 9 a.m. on Monday for all in-person services for that week. To register for the Wednesday, Sunday or The Family Table services, visit at [bit.ly/smecworshipsvp](http://bit.ly/smecworshipsvp) or call 713-621-3040.

## **What do I do when I arrive?**

Please check in when you arrive.

- Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. When seated, use the six feet signs in the pews to social distance yourself from the people sitting next to you. Ushers are available to assist if needed.
- Doors to The Church open at 11:20 a.m. for the Wednesday service.
- Doors to The Church open at 9:20 a.m. for the Sunday service.
- Doors to Bagby Parish Hall open at 8:45 a.m. for The Family Table service.
- Doors close 5 minutes before the service starts. We appreciate your understanding and assistance in keeping on schedule.

## **What if my plans changed and I cannot attend?**

Please cancel your reservation to allow others the opportunity to have your seat. The link to cancel can be found in your confirmation email. If the number of people in your reservation changes:

- For The Church, please contact Kathy Johnson at 713-985-3834.
- For The Family Table, please contact Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146.

## **Will childcare be available?**

Currently child care is available for Sunday in-person worship only. *Availability is limited.* For additional information and to register, visit [bit.ly/smecworshipsvp](http://bit.ly/smecworshipsvp) or contact Holli Kight at 713-985-3816 or [hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

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

No. All materials, including hymnals and Books of Common Prayer, have been removed for your safety. All service information will be the worship bulletin. You are welcome to bring your own Book of Common Prayer or Bible to use.

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

While valet parking is unavailable at this time, family members may drop off others under porte cochères.

## **Are services available online?**

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

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

Essential staff continue to work on campus as needed, but the campus remains closed.

- St. Martin's Gift Shoppe is open for limited hours. For additional information, please call 713-985-3840 or email [giftshoppe@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:giftshoppe@stmartinsepiscopal.org).
- Café St. Martin's Curbside is available for lunch Monday–Friday. The menu and instructions for ordering and pick-up are available at [stmartinsepiscopal.org/cafe-st-martins](http://stmartinsepiscopal.org/cafe-st-martins). Please contact Chrissy Kana at [ckana@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:ckana@stmartinsepiscopal.org) for further questions.



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

DECEMBER 13–19

**ADULTS**

**SUNDAY, DEC. 13**

## **Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay**

*"What Are You Hoping For?"*

Distributed in the morning via email with links to Facebook and YouTube



What are you waiting for? What are you anticipating that will 'fix' whatever feels broken right now? 2020 has, in many ways, been a test of patience and hope. Advent is also a season of waiting: we await the arrival of our long-hoped for Messiah. This series will reflect on three images of Jesus as our Messiah: He is our Divine Rescuer, Divine King and Divine Husband. Each of these depictions of our Lord offers us the real hope we have that doesn't just 'fix' things, but can transform our lives—as well as our expectations for tomorrow.

## **Family Life Class with the Rev. Lisa Neilson**

*"Alpha for Families"*

Distributed in the morning 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 us in the basics of the Christian faith and open up conversation within your home.

**Seekers** will be joining Basic Bible Study this fall.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

***SUNDAY, DEC. 13***

## **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).

# HOLY EUCHARIST

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VOLUNTARY ..... “Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland”  
(BWV 599)

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:** 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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(BCP p. 212)*

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

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

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

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# HYMN 56 (vs. 4-6).....“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Jan Cornelius LeClair, Brennan Blankenship, Jeff Ragsdale,*

*Ben LeClair, Annamarie Zmolek and Patrick Perez*

*St. Martin's Parish Choir*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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.

## THE LESSON .....Psalm 126

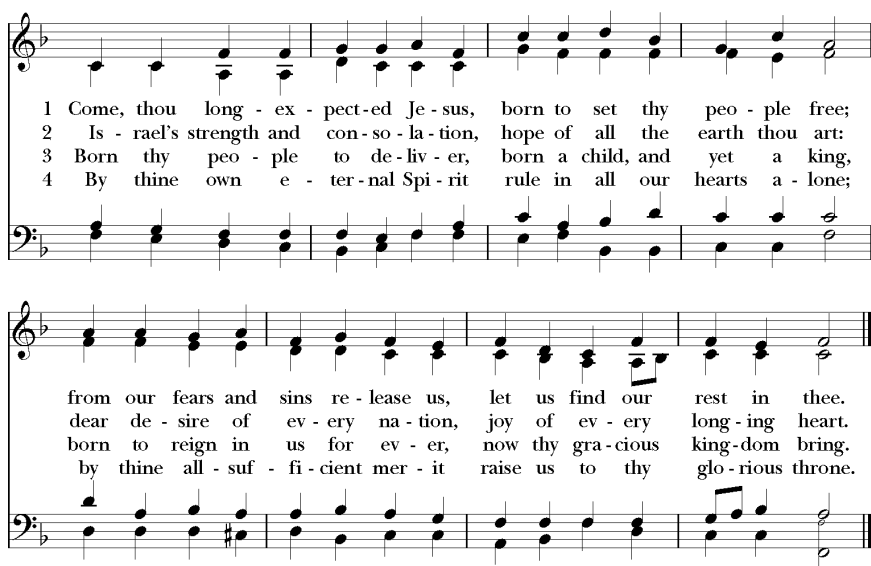
When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negev. Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*All stand.*

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



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 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 1:46–55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## HYMN 66 (vs. 4)..... “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
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*Please be seated.*

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THE SERMON ..... “The Secret to Being Restored”  
*The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.*

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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. 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 Donald, our President, Joe, our President-elect, 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. 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 for those on our Continuing Prayer List; and 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.**

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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7-17 STUDENTS



for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students

Sunday, Dec. 13

5-6:30 p.m.

Student Life Center  
porte cochère

2020 DRIVE-THROUGH  
CELEBRATION

Come by any time between 5 and 6:30 p.m.  
for some holiday fun! Let's celebrate the  
season together with a prize wheel, treats  
and that crazy Christmas tree running  
around. Wear festive attire!

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at  
[fritchie@stmartinepiscopal.org](mailto:fritchie@stmartinepiscopal.org) or 715-985-3843.



"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the  
heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the  
highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."  
Luke 2:13-14



## The Giving Tree CHRISTMAS CARD PROGRAM

The Giving Tree, a branch of St. Martin's Outreach Ministries, offers parishioners and the surrounding community the opportunity to honor a loved one on this holiday season through a heartfelt gift that empowers a worthy organization while touching hearts and changing lives.

*This year we have brought the ordering online for your convenience and safety.*  
[bit.ly/christmasgivingtree](https://bit.ly/christmasgivingtree)

You simply fill out the form, and Outreach Ministries will address and mail the cards for you. The deadline to order for this year is  
**5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14.**



"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the  
government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name  
shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,  
the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."  
Isaiah 9:6

# The Moms' Group

*The Moms' Group continues  
virtually this fall with Zoom.*

*All moms of infants through 12th graders are welcome!*

## Virtual Social Gathering

Wednesday, December 16 | 8–9:15 p.m. | via Zoom

Devotional led by the Rev. Jane Ferguson, focusing on where we find our identity as women of faith, and the joys and pitfalls of the many labels we carry

## Weekly Virtual Prayer Groups

Submit prayer requests or join the meeting to pray with and for the needs of our community. Requests will remain confidential.

Mondays | 1 p.m. | via Zoom

Tuesdays | 8 p.m. | via Zoom

To receive Zoom links, submit prayer requests or for more information, contact  
Liz Gallien at 713-830-4139 or lgallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

# \*CHRISTMAS\* BONANZA

An evening of Christmas carols, games and prizes for our ugly Christmas sweater contest. Come for the sing-a-long led by Tom and Haley Lynch with some guest contributors!

7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17

[bit.ly/altarchristmas](https://bit.ly/altarchristmas)  
Meeting ID: 986 6888 8374  
Passcode: 406567





# Christmas at ST. MARTIN'S

## Christmas Eve

### ONLINE:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 • 1 P.M.

Family Service with live Nativity

3 AND 5 P.M.

Holy Eucharist with festive music from the Chamber Choir,

*Gloria Dei* Organ, brass and tympani

### IN-PERSON:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 • 1 P.M.

Family Service with live Nativity

3, 5, 7 AND 9 P.M.

Holy Eucharist with festive music from the Chamber Choir,

*Gloria Dei* Organ, brass and tympani

## Christmas Day

### ONLINE & IN-PERSON:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 • 11 A.M.

Holy Eucharist with festive music and *Gloria Dei* Organ

*Limited seating with social distancing and masks required.*

*Reservations required for all in-person services.*

**Save your seats now at: [bit.ly/SeatReservations](https://bit.ly/SeatReservations)**

*Wait-list information is also available on the registration website.*



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# THE *family table*

**THERE ARE NOW TWO WAYS TO ENJOY  
THE FAMILY TABLE SERVICE!**

## **IN PERSON**

9: 15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall  
Limited childcare with advance reservation  
To register, visit [bit.ly/smecworshipsvp](https://bit.ly/smecworshipsvp)

## **ONLINE**

Join us at 8 a.m. on Sundays for The Family Table worship service on YouTube and Facebook. For links to the service, visit St. Martin's website and look for The Family Table slider at the top of the page.

## **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/thealtarservice](https://bit.ly/thealtarservice)

Meeting ID: 972 3813 2533 | Passcode: 110154

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

WEEKDAY  
*Holy Eucharist*  
SERVICE

Wednesdays  
Noon | The Church

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

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



ST. MARTIN'S  
*Compline*  
*Service*

Monday–Thursday  
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)  
Meeting ID: 993 5602 0443 | Passcode: 275101

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

# YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires that, in order to be tax deductible for 2020, cash, check or credit card contributions to St. Martin's Episcopal Church must be received by the church or postmarked by the United States Postal Service no later than Thursday, Dec. 31. **This includes payment of your 2020 pledge, prepayment of your 2021 pledge and payment of your *Building for the Ages* pledge.** The Finance staff is required to check the post office cancellation dates on all receipts in early January to ensure our legal compliance to this rule.



For more information, contact Debbie Hutchison at 713-985-3803 or [dhutchison@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:dhutchison@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## ST. MARTIN'S 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 need to speak with a member of the Clergy. Don't hesitate to call the church.*

### **General Questions**

Contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040.

### **Prayer Requests**

Contact the Prayer Request Line at 713-830-4124 or Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or [censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### **After Hours Emergencies**

Call 713-621-3040 and press 2 to reach the Priest on Call.

### **Death Notifications and Funerals**

Contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or [censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# WAYS TO GIVE



## **TEXT TO GIVE**

Text SMEC to 73256



## **ONLINE**

[stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving](http://stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving)



## **MAIL**

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



## **ESTATE PLANNING**

Contact: Director of Parish Stewardship, Ashley Pratka:  
[apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 346-335-8658



## **TRANSFER OF ASSETS**

Pledging and setting up a recurring gift online helps you and the church budget.  
Go online today: [stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving](http://stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving)

Please contact Accounting Supervisor, Debbie Hutchison  
with questions or for assistance:  
[dhutchison@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:dhutchison@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3803

*Please be seated.*

## THE OFFERTORY

AN THEM ..... “Mary’s Magnificat”

Andrew Carter

Softly a light is stealing, sweetly a maiden sings, ever wakeful, ever wistful, watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly her King of kings. My soul doth magnify, doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. Mary her song to Jesus softly, serenely sings: ‘I will love you, I will serve you, make my lullaby glorify, magnify my King of kings.’ Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby.

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## AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY ..... *Old 100th*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.'

System 1: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise*

System 2: *him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye*

System 3: *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 *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*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord  
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy  
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the  
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

*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.*



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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

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came amongst us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## HYMN 68 (vs. 1 and 3)..... "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660–1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823–1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

## THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

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

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

# RECOGNITIONS

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## FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Richard Reinhart Lohse  
by Callie and Ryan Lohse

In thanksgiving for the baptism of DeWitt James Waltmon  
by Adrian and Matt Waltmon

In thanksgiving for the marriage of Jordan Ailsa Robinson and  
Christopher Owen Rocheleau  
by Debbie, Rocky and Duncan Robinson and  
Haley and Will Thanheiser

In memory of Margaret and Jim Hutton on the 100th anniversary  
of his birthday  
by his children and grandchildren



## BAPTISMS

December 5      McKennon Maxwell Caire  
Raleigh Cavender Moorman  
Emily Roberts Samuelson  
Sally Bell Thompson



## SYMPATHY

October 25      Mark Carlton



## NEW MEMBERS

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