

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19, 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
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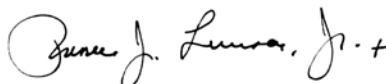
FROM THE RECTOR

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.

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

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

DECEMBER 19
Adults

8+ with the Rev. Sharron L. Cox

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



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 Dr. David Peterson

The Meaning of Incarnation

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

Breakfast Club

10:15-10:45 a.m. | At the Crosswalk



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. Nick Dyke

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.*

Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School

10:15-11 a.m. | Children's Life Center

Children's Sunday School will not meet this week so that families may participate in a reception following the Chorister and Youth Choir Christmas Program in the Family Table service.



*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.*

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 "Noel in G" Claude d' Aquin

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *HYMN 56 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



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.

**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.)



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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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

T H E L E S S O N Micah 5:2-5

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. **Amen.**

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 209 (vs. 1-2)..... “We Walk by Faith”

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELLuke 1:39-55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in

God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 33.

HYMN 209 (vs. 3-4) "We Walk by Faith"

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side; nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON "The One of Peace"
The Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay, Ph.D.

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.



Choristers & Youth Choir *Christmas Program*

Sunday, December 19
9:15 a.m. - Family Table Service
Parish Life Center

Come and sing along to some of your favorite traditional carols and hear the telling of the Christmas Story. Families are invited to attend a Christmas reception in the Children's Life Center immediately following the service.

GIVE BLOOD

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Blood Drive

Monday, Dec. 20 | 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/smeclblooddrive or contact Victoria Tidwell at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center: 832-602-9350 or vtidwell@giveblood.org

EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.



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ST. MARTIN'S Cooking CLASSES

**Thursday, Jan. 20 • 6-8 p.m.
Parish Life Center Kitchen**

St. Martin's hosts Cooking Classes with professional chefs—including our own Chef Julio Flores. The series are designed for all skill levels and perfect for those interested in sharpening their culinary skills and sharing in fellowship.

***Register for this Greek cuisine class with Chef Mary Cuculis
at bit.ly/stmartinscooking4***

ST. MARTIN'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Volunteer at The Brookwood Community

**Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 20-22
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | Sign-up required**

Volunteers are needed to deliver poinsettias around the Houston area.
Sign up at bit.ly/brookwoodcommunity.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.

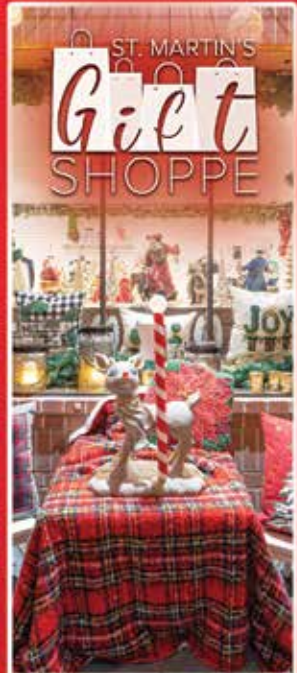
December Hours

Sundays, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Gift Shoppe will be open through Wednesday, Dec. 22 and will be closed from Dec. 23 through Jan. 9.

Questions? Contact the Gift Shoppe at 713-985-3840 or email giftshoppe@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



These are the only services we will offer on this day:

Sunday, December 26

First Sunday after Christmas Day

8 and 9 a.m. – Worship services,

The Church – Holy Eucharist

The 9 a.m. service will be livestreamed.

No Sunday School on Sunday, December 26

In observance of Christmas

Office Closures for St. Martin's Episcopal Church

December 27 and 28 - Closed • December 31 - Close at Noon • January 3 - Closed



Christmas Services

No Reservations Required to Attend

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve

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

1, 5:30, 6 and 8:50 p.m. – Traditional services,
The Church – Holy Eucharist
The 1 and 5:50 p.m. 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

6:50 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 service,
The Church – Holy Eucharist
Parish Choir and Gloria Dei Organ

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires that, in order to be tax deductible for 2021, 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 Friday, Dec. 31. **This includes payment of your 2021 pledge, prepayment of your 2022 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.



SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR *Healing and Wholeness*



St. Martin's International OSL Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

Next Service
Wednesday, Jan. 5 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center or via Zoom
bit.ly/oslservice

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Christian Life Study



MORNING GROUP

Jan. 6 through Feb. 17

9:30 to 11:20 a.m. • Parish Life Center

Join the CLS Morning Group in their study of

“Isaiah: Here is Your God”

by Tim Chester

For more information, contact Anna McLean at
281-782-0594 or amaynebr1@gmail.com.

Register at CLSBibleStudy.com

St. Martin's Choir Tour to

PARIS

July 16-25, 2022



All are welcome to join us on this wonderful tour!

- Fly Air France (non-stop) from Houston to Paris on July 16.
- Day trip to Normandy with a guided tour of the American Cemetery and Omaha Beach.
- Tour and performance in the Chartres Cathedral, La Madeleine, St. Sulpice and St. Jean de Caen.



Interested in joining us on this exciting trip?

Contact Angel Romero at aromero@smartinsepiscopal.org

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.



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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Reverend Dr. Russ Levenson



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THE OFFERTORY

AN THEM “Magnificat”
Herbert Howells

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour for he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed, for he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and the meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Text: Luke 1:47-55. © 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.

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass). The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are in French and English. The French 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.' The English 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.'

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.**

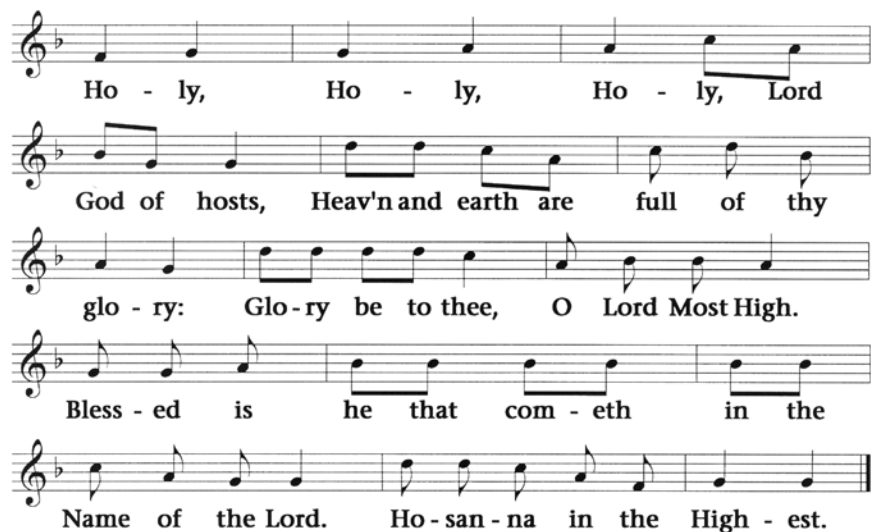
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.)



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.

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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)*

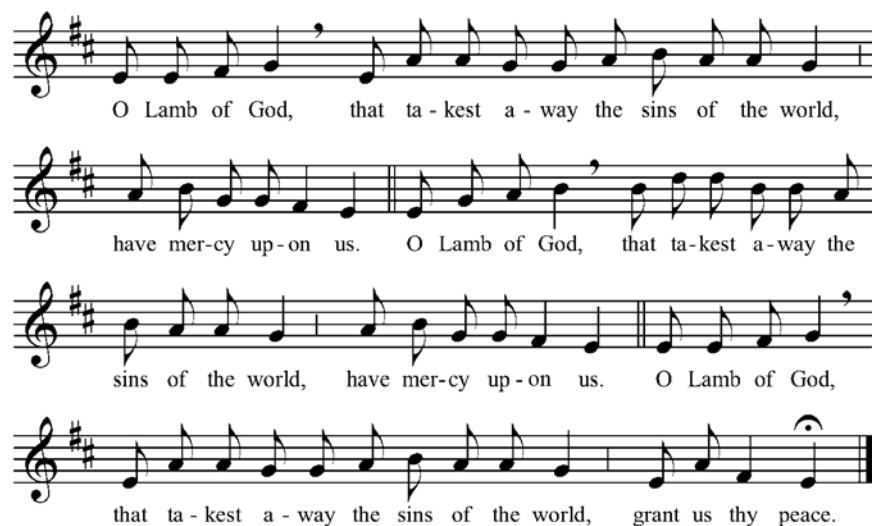
People and Celebrant

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.)



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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Then may be said

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

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

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

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

ANTHEM “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.

Text and Music: Andrew Carter. © 1986 Oxford University Press, New York.

HYMN 57 "Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Decending"



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

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

HYMN “Soon and Very Soon”

1. Soon and ver - ry soon— we are goin' to see the King—
 2. No more cry - in' there— we are goin' to see the King—
 3. No more dy - in' there— we are goin' to see the King—
 4. Soon and ver - y soon— we are goin' to see the King—

Soon and ver - y soon— we are goin' to see the King—
 No more cry - in' there— we are goin' to see the King—
 No more dy - in' there— we are goin' to see the King—
 Soon and ver - y soon— we are goin' to see the King—

Soon and ve - ry soon— we are goin' to see the King—
 No more cry - in' there— we are goin' to see the King—
 No more dy - in' there— we are goin' to see the King—
 Soon and ve - ry soon— we are goin' to see the King—

Hal-le-

lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, — we're goin' to see the King! — - Hal - le -

lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

HYMN "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"



Text: Helen H. Lemmel; Music: *Lemmel*, Helen H. Lemmel, Public domain.

After Communion, the Celebrant says


Let us pray. (BCP p. 339)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.


THE BLESSING

All stand.


HYMN 5 (1940 Hymnal)..... "Lo, He Comes"



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de-scend-ing, Once for our sal-va-tion slain;
2 Ev-'ry eye shall now be-hold him, Robed in dread-ful ma-jes-ty;



Thou-sand thou-sand saints at-tend-ing Swell the tri-umph of his train:
Those who set at naught and sold him, Pierced, and nailed him to the tree,



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Christ the Lord re- turns to reign.
Deep-ly wail-ing, deep-ly wail-ing, Shall the true Mes-si-ah see.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
|| With what rapture ||
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
|| Alleluia! ||
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1758, alt.; Music: St. Thomas.

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 Margaret and Jim Hutton, on the anniversary of their birthdays

by their children and grandchildren

In memory of Theodore (John) Pujol on the anniversary of his birthday
by Ophelia Pujol



BIRTHS

- Aug. 10 Sloane Frances Steele
 Daughter of Alley and David Steele
- Dec. 2 Kilburn William “Key” Doyle
 Son of Gretchen and Douglas Doyle
 Grandson of Sheryl and Doug Doyle, and
 Cheryl and Brad Duff
 Great-grandson of Shirley Cheesman and
 Anita Doyle
- Dec. 2 Bennett Ellis Parkey
 Daughter of Blaine and Will Parkey
 Granddaughter of Dana and Bob Parkey



SYMPATHY

- Dec. 5 John Thomas McMahon
 Katherine Whitelaw Stanton

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

SERMON NOTES

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALMPsalm 80:1-7

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE EPISTLEHebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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:

Shelly Bain	Brittney Jacobson	Jim Stokes
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Missy Belote	Helen Joyner	Paul Stumpff
Anne Berry	Muriel Kearby Albaral	Nancy Talbot
Alli Blackman	Paige Laird	Paul Therrien
Cory Blackman	Amy Lee	Bart Tomlinson
Grace Blake	Stan Leong	H. Michael Tyson
John and Dianne Brock III	Shawn Levenson	Randy Vander Naillen
Jane Cabes	Nancy Liles	Becky Wareing
Elinor Christian	Martha Ann Linden	Charles Warren
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Robertta Lloyd	Mary Waters
Beth Costa	Ryan Logan	Derry Wilkens
Gail Davis	Jaclyn Manning	James Wilkerson
Mac Davis	Jo Nell Marshall	Eric Zoerb
Sue Davis	Jeffrey Martinson	Ben
Tommy W. Davis	BD McAndrew	Betsey
Louis DelHomme	Michelle McStravick	Elizabeth
Bobby deSosa	Hal Means	Henry
Betty DeVerter	Len Menefee	Jane
Chase Dixon	Benice Nwabueze	Kathryn
Nancy Doss	Judy and Jay O'Connor	Laura
Jim Easterling	Jim Paddock	Lorrie
Stacey Elliott	Troy Phillips	Marilyn
Matt Fryar	Jimmy Prentice	Mark
Brad Gallion	Ophelia Pujol	Matthew
Max Goodloe	Barbara Quackenbush	Oran
Hollis, McKay and	Rocky Robinson	Patsy
Rand Grace	Robert Rosales	RC
Shea Guinn	Jimmy Sackllah	Sally
Gladys Halbouty	Brady Samuelson	Thomas
Walesk Harvey	Jim Sanitato	Victor and Barbara
Elizabeth Hill	Ellie Schilling	Woody
Mollie Hill	Helen and Jim Shaffer	
Jeff Holden	Patsy Shappley	
Elizabeth Holderfield	Clif Shoemake	
Wayne Hollis	Richard Smith	
Debra Ibarra Mayfield	Bob Spencer	

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 vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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Lt. Col. Julian Benton
1st Lt. Benjamin Brown
Lt. Col. Chris Davis
Wesley Dodd
James Drury III
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