

# THANKSGIVING DAY

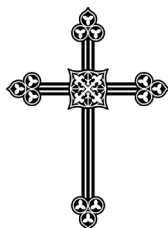
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*November 26, 2020*



## 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**

NOVEMBER 29–DECEMBER 5

**SUNDAY, NOV. 29**

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, St. Martin's will not offer Christian Education classes on Sunday, Nov. 29.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2**

## **St. Martin's 20s & 30s "Hot Topics"**

7:30 p.m. via Zoom



What does Jesus have to say to us about today's relevant "hot" topics? How should followers of Jesus think and respond to a world so thoroughly divided over issues of politics, economics, sex and race? Join us as we examine how Jesus handled relevant issues in his own day.

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

## **Life Groups**

6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Middle School ID: #949 5175 4882

High School ID: #962 9273 1076



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

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

# HOLY EUCHARIST

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VOLUNTARY ..... “Now Thank We All Our God”

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Dr. David Henning, Director of Music and Parish Organist*

*All stand following the greeting.*

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

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

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

*The Celebrant says*

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(BCP p. 246)*

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

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

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

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# HYMN 397 (vs. 1 and 3)... "Now Thank We All Our God"

Annamarie Zmolek, Christine Mahaffey, Patrick Perez, Joel Williams,  
Jan Cornelius LeClair, and Ben LeClair  
St. Martin's Parish Choir

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice, es,  
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever-more.

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586–1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt., Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598–1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847).

## THE LESSON ..... 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*All stand.*

# HYMN 321 (vs. 1).... "My God, Thy Table Now is Spread"

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - less  
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren  
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 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1–3, Philip Doddridge (1702–1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731–1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740–1816).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL ..... Luke 17:11–19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then



one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HYMN 321 (vs. 4)... "My God, Thy Table Now is Spread"

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - less  
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THE SERMON ..... “Giving Thanks”  
*The Rev. Alex D. Graham III*

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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 LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

*(BCP p. 837) (kneel) (responsively)*

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely  
bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of thy creation, in earth and  
sky and sea,

**We thank thee, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,  
revealing the image of Christ,

**We thank thee, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and  
our friends,

**We thank thee, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

**We thank thee, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

**We thank thee, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering  
and faithful in adversity,

**We thank thee, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
**We thank thee, Lord.**

For the communion of Saints, in all times and places,  
**We thank thee, Lord.**

Above all, we give thee thanks for thy great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
**To him be praise and glory, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

**T H E P E A C E** *(stand)*

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

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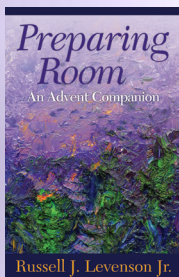
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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



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– The Very Reverend Dr. Ian Markham, Dean and President,  
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## CHRISTMAS SALE NOV. 30–DEC. 10



**Sundays**

**9 a.m.–noon**

**Monday through Thursday**

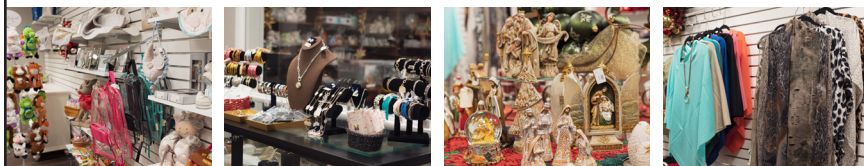
**10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

**PRIVATE APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE.**

Contact St. Martin's Gift Shoppe at  
[giftshoppe@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:giftshoppe@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or  
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Jewelry • Women's Clothing • Christmas Items • Christmas Gifts

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# GIVE BLOOD.ORG

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

**Tuesday, Decemeber 1  
Wednesday, December 2  
Thursday, December 3**

**9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
717 Sage Road  
Bagby Parish Hall**



*Artemio, blood recipient*

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



**Share your  
donation story**



**EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.**

**@commitforlife | #commitforlife**

# Blue Christmas



*A Service of Wholeness and Healing*

*with the Rev. Jane P. Ferguson*

**Wednesday, December 2**

**5 p.m. via Zoom | [bit.ly/oslservice](https://bit.ly/oslservice)**

The holidays are times of joy and celebration—yet sometimes that's the opposite of where life has taken us. In a year with various hardships from the coronavirus pandemic, natural disasters as well as personal griefs of various kinds, we can feel anything but full of Christmas spirit. This Blue Christmas service offers a unique and reflective space to come to God with whatever is on your heart, knowing He is acquainted with grief and able to take our sorrow (1 Peter 2:24). Prayer ministry will be available via breakout rooms.

*If you plan to attend, please have a candle and lighter ready for the service.*

For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay at  
713-985-3823 or [smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## The Christmas Gift



**Saturday, Dec. 5 | Free admission | Registration required**  
**To register, visit [bit.ly/ecwchristmasparty](https://bit.ly/ecwchristmasparty)**

The St. Martin's Episcopal Church Women and Children's Ministry invite families with children through age 12 to a drive-through Christmas event! From a live nativity scene to sweet treats and a visit from Santa, this will be a meaningful and festive experience. Come as you are and stay in your car. With a focus on the Christmas Gift, we invite each car to bring an unwrapped toy (for ages 10-17) or Target/Walmart gift card that will support the children served by Houston's DePelchin Children's Center and Christian Community Service Center.

Event Chairs: Annie Kerr and Ali Montgomery

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at 713-830-4110 or  
[kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org).



## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

# Christmas Shoebox Program

**Seafarer's Christmas Shoebox Drop Off | Student Life Center porte cochère**

**Sunday, December 6**

**9 a.m.-noon**

**Tuesday, December 8**

**8 a.m.-6 p.m.**

**Wednesday, December 9**

**8 a.m.-6 p.m.**

**Seafarer's Christmas Shoebox Wrapping Party | Student Life Center**

**Tuesday, December 15 | 4:30-6 p.m.**

*At Christmastime, the Houston International Seafarers Center, a St Martin's World Missions partner, passes out wrapped shoeboxes filled with many useful items.*

*Their mission is to show the spirit of hospitality and service so that recipients might experience Christ's love and grace. Please join in the mission.*

*Fill a shoebox with toiletries, playing cards, travel soaps, postcards, new socks, small games, hard candies and other items that would be appreciated on a long trip at sea.*



*For more information about what to fill your shoe boxes with, where to drop them off or to sign up for our wrapping party, contact [worldmission@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:worldmission@stmartinsepiscopal.org).*

Please Join Us for the Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's

# Annual Toy Drive

**Monday, Dec. 7 | 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Student Life Center Porte-cochère**

In the spirit of the season, the ECW is hosting a drive-through event to help meet the needs of children in our community. Please join us by dropping off an unwrapped toy for ages 10-17 (i.e. board games, puzzles, Legos, craft kits) or gift card (\$20 from Walmart, Target or Kroger) for children served by Houston's DePelchin Children's Center and Christian Community Service Center. Thank you for your generosity!

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at 713-830-4110 or [kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org).





# ADVENT QUIET DAY

9 a.m. | Saturday, Dec. 12 | via Facebook and YouTube

This year hear the stories of the fruits and blessings our Clergy have experienced through God's love. They will remind us how Jesus' birth will bring the reconciliation of all things.

After the event, the program will be available at any time for your convenience.

*Sponsored by*



For more information, contact Tracee Martin at 713-985-3811 or [tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org)



## *Gifts for Christ Chapel*

As construction moves ahead at a brisk pace on campus, parishioners have a number of opportunities to make special gifts in memory of or in thanksgiving for individuals in their lives. If you have an interest in subscribing Hallmark Silver Communion pieces for Holy Eucharist in Christ Chapel, or are interested in learning more about various opportunities with lasting impact for this and future generations, contact Carol Gallion at [cgallion@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:cgallion@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# WAYS TO GIVE



## TEXT TO GIVE

Text SMEC to 73256



## ONLINE

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## MAIL

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



## ESTATE PLANNING

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



## TRANSFER OF ASSETS

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

## 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).

# THE OFFERTORY

## ANTHEM ..... "For the Beauty of the Earth" John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies, For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies: Lord of all to thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise. For the beauty of each hour, Of the day and of the night. Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all to thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise. For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all to thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise. For each perfect gift of thine To our race so freely given, Graces human and divine, Flowers of earth and buds of heaven: Lord of all to thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

Text: E.S. Pierpoint (1835-1917).

## AT THE PRESENTATION

### DOXOLOGY ..... *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *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.

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

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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.*



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## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS *(BCP p. 337)*

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

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

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

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

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

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

## THE BLESSING *(BCP p. 339)*

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

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN 717** (vs. 1 and 3)..... "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with four parts and a piano line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, the third system covers the third line, and the fourth system covers the fourth line. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation for the voices.

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of  
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the  
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from  
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing; land where my  
no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy  
all the trees sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal  
lib - er - ty, to thee we sing; long may our

fa - thers died, land of the pil - grim's pride,  
rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;  
tongues a - wake, let all that breathe par - take,  
land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let freed - om ring.  
my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808–1895); Music: *America*, from *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1745.



# THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

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

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