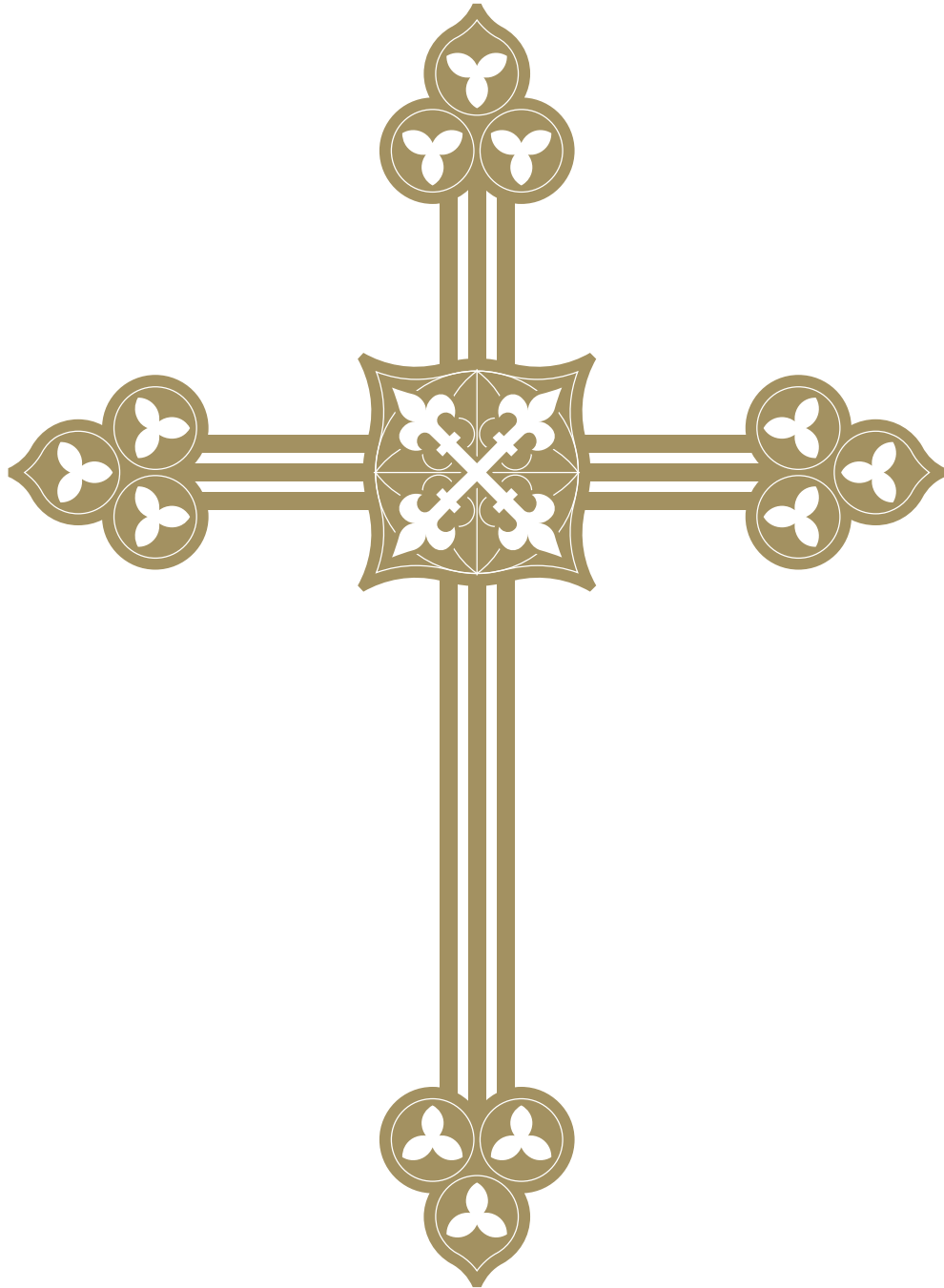


BUILDING FOR THE AGES

AUGUST 22, 2021



BUILDING FOR THE AGES

A Service for Dedication and Consecration of the Parish Life Center, Children's Life Center and Crosswalk Garden

9 A.M.

WELCOME – The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

When all are ready, the Bishop says the following or similar words

Through the ages, Almighty God has moved his people to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places for the ministry of his holy Word and Sacraments. With gratitude for the building of the Crosswalk Garden, Children's Life Center and the Parish Life Center, we are now gathered to dedicate and consecrate them in God's Name. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. Receive the work of our hands in these places, now to be set apart for your worship, the building up of the living, and the remembrance of the dead, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER AND
CROSSWALK GARDEN – The Rev. Alex D. Graham III

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Accept and bless this Children's Life Center and Crosswalk Garden to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Standing at the door of the church, the Bishop says

Let the door(s) be opened.

The door is opened. With the pastoral staff the Bishop marks the threshold with the sign of the cross saying
Peace be to this house, and to all who enter here: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL SONG

The congregation standing, the Bishop begins the Prayer for the Consecration of the Church

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People: The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Everliving Father, watchful and caring, our source and our end: All that we are and all that we have is yours. Accept us now, as we dedicate this place to which we come to praise your Name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illuminate and to bless your people.

P R A Y E R – The Rev. Martin J. Bastian

Lord Jesus Christ, make this a temple of your presence and a house of prayer. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service.

The Rector continues

Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may grow closer to you through joy and through suffering. Be with us in the fullness of your power as new members are added to your household, as we grow in grace through the years, when we are joined in marriage, when we turn to you in sickness or special need, and, at the last, when we are committed into the Father's hands.

Bishop: Now, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, sanctify this place;

People: **For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

Bishop: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

People: **And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.**

The Bishop moves to the Font, lays a hand upon it, and says

Father, we thank you that through the waters of Baptism we die to sin and are made new in Christ. Grant through your Spirit that those baptized here may enjoy the liberty and splendor of the children of God.

V. There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

R. One God and Father of all.

We dedicate this Font in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Facing the Font, the Bishop says

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Grant, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop proceeds to the Lectern, lays a hand upon it, and says

Father, your eternal Word speaks to us through the words of Holy Scripture. Here we read about your mighty acts and purposes in history, and about those whom you chose as the agents of your will. Inspired by the revelation of your Son, we seek your present purposes. Give us ears to hear and hearts to obey.

V. May the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our heart,

R. **Be acceptable to you, O Lord our God.**

We dedicate this Lectern in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Bishop then says

Almighty God, the whole world is filled with the radiance of thy light; accept our offering of these stained glass windows to thy praise and glory. Grant that as the light shines through them, so our lives may show forth the beauty of thy manifold gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Luke 2:42-52

Read by Ursella Rylander

When Jesus was 12 years old, they went up to the feast as usual. After the feast was over, his parents left to go back home. The boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But they were not aware of it. They thought he was somewhere in their group. So they traveled on for a day. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. They did not find him. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courtyard. He was sitting with the teachers. He was listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at how much he understood. They also were amazed at his answers. When his parents saw him, they were amazed. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been worried about you. We have been looking for you everywhere." "Why were you looking for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he meant by that. Then he went back to Nazareth with them, and he obeyed them. But his mother kept all these things like a secret treasure in her heart. Jesus became wiser and stronger. He also became more and more pleasing to God and to people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

SONG

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPELMark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to Jesus. They wanted him to place his hands on them to bless them. But the disciples told them to stop. When Jesus saw this, he was angry. He said to his disciples, "Let the little children come to me. Don't keep them away. God's kingdom belongs to people like them. What I'm about to tell you is true. Anyone who will not receive God's kingdom like a little child will never enter it." Then he took the children in his arms. He placed his hands on them to bless them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

THE HOMILY "The Power of Promise"

The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

THE CREED *(stand) (sung two times)*

Band: We believe in God the Father,

People: **We believe in God the Father,**

Band: We believe in Christ, the Son,

People: **We believe in Christ, the Son,**

Band: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

People: **We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

Band: We are the Church and we stand as one.

People: **We are the Church and we stand as one.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Let us pray to God the Father for His Church and the world. We pray for the people of God all over the world.

People: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our church, our city and our school.

People: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those who are sick, sad or in trouble.

People: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our moms and dads and our families.

People: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray and thank God for all his blessings in our lives as we worship him today.

People: **Loving God, we bless your name.**

Leader: With each other and all the saints, here and in the life to come, we trust our lives to you and pray.

People: Loving God, we worship you. Amen.

After a period of silence, the Bishop concludes with the following prayers

Almighty God, all times are your seasons, and all occasions invite your tender mercies: Accept our prayers and intercessions offered in this place today and in the days to come; through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which have beautified this place and furnished it for the celebration of your holy mysteries. Accept and bless all we have done, and grant that in these earthly things we may behold the order and beauty of things heavenly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop then says

Let us now pray for the setting apart of the Altar.

The Bishop goes to the Table and, with arms extended, says

We praise you, Almighty and eternal God, that for us and for our salvation, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be born among us, that through him we might become your sons and daughters.

Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

We praise you for his life on earth, and for his death upon the cross, through which he offered himself as a perfect sacrifice.

Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

We praise you for raising him from the dead, and for exalting him to be our great High Priest.

Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

We praise you for sending your Holy Spirit to make us holy, and to unite us in your holy Church.

Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

The Bishop lays a hand upon the Table, and continues

Lord God, hear us. Sanctify this Table dedicated to you. Let it be to us a sign of the heavenly Altar where your saints and angels praise you for ever. Accept here the continual recalling of the sacrifice of your Son. Grant that all who eat and drink at this holy Table may be fed and refreshed by his flesh and blood, be forgiven for their sins, united with one another, and strengthened for your service.

Blessed be your Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; now and for endless ages. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY SONG

AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE *(stand)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

People: You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

Celebrant: In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

People: He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Celebrant: On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

People: Father, we do this in remembrance of him; his Body is the bread of life.

Celebrant: At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: "Drink this, all of you; this is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me."

People: Father, we do this in remembrance of him; his Blood is shed for all.

Celebrant: As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

People: As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Celebrant: With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voices to join the eternal song of Heaven:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in God's name offering salvation, announcing his reign! Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant Says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION SONGS

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your Table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through your Son our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE BLESSING

All stand.

FINAL SONG

Process to the Narthex.

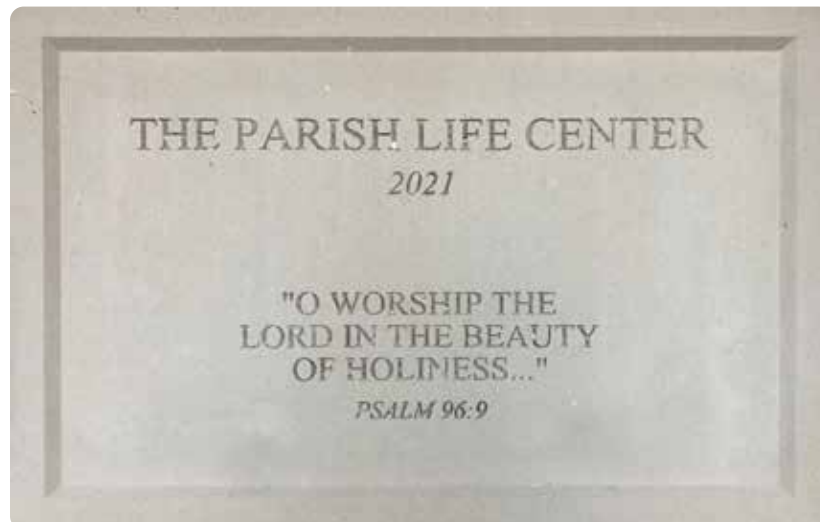
THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

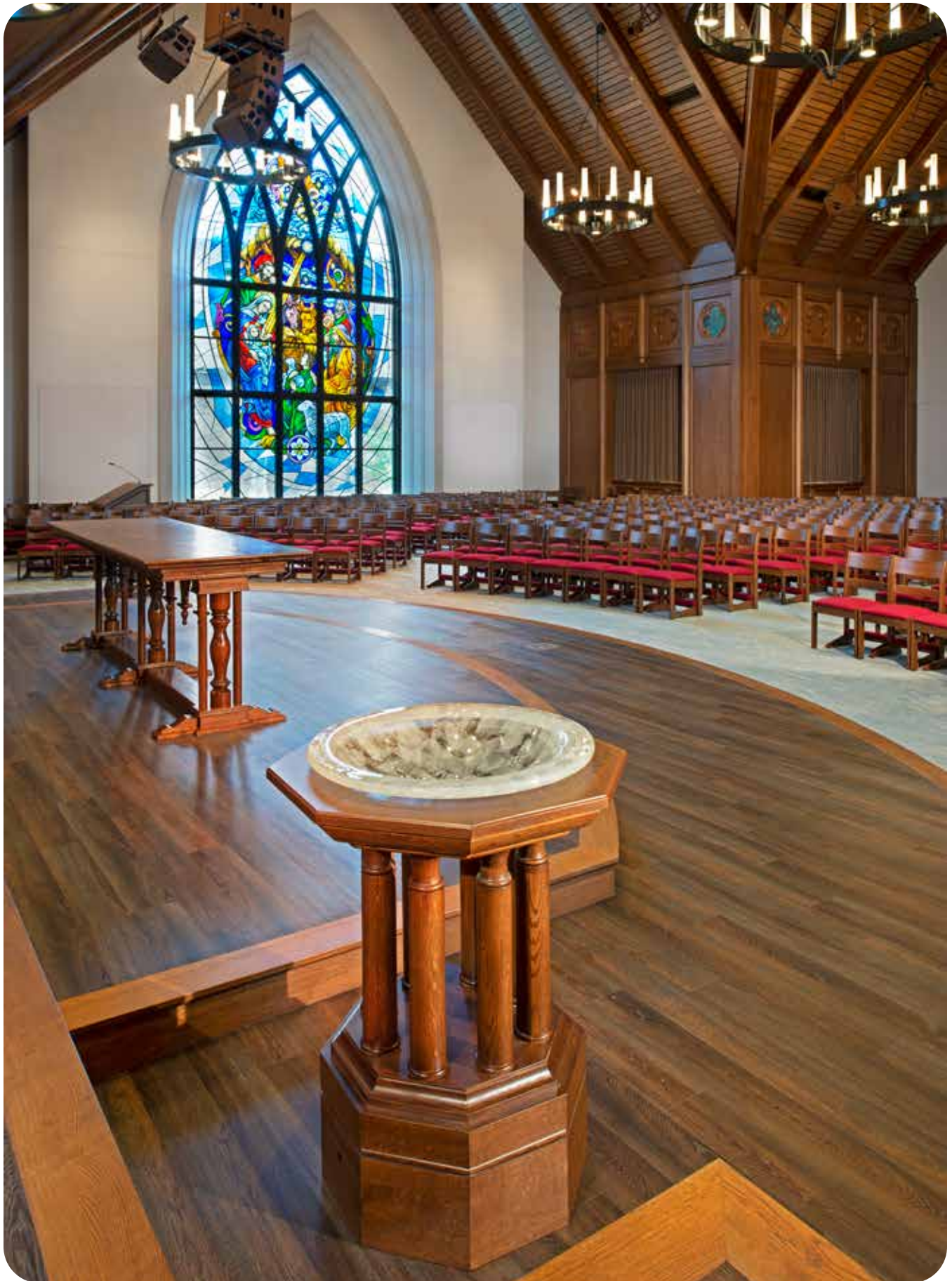
Please join us at 10:30 a.m. on The Church Plaza for Building for the Ages special recognitions.

THE PARISH LIFE CENTER

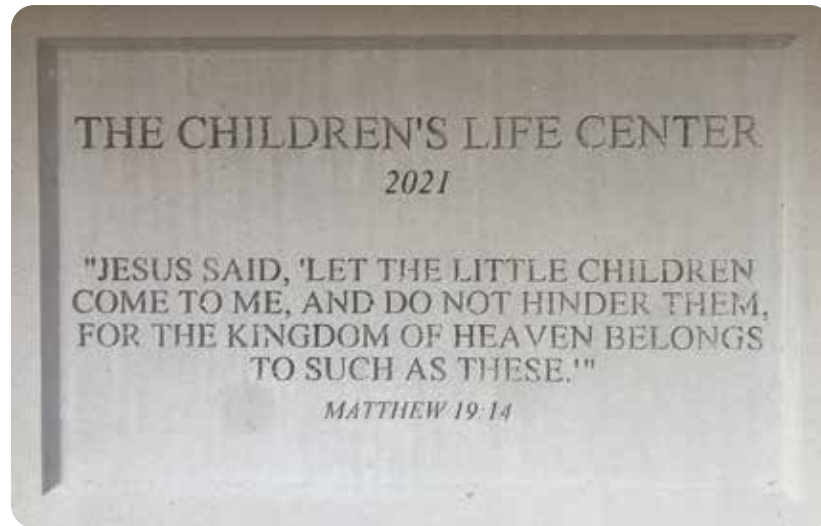


While Christ Chapel anchors the western side of the Campus and The Church anchors the center, the anchor of the eastern part of the Campus is the beautiful Parish Life Center. This facility provides a larger, flexible worship space that can serve as many as 700 adults, students and children for the Family Table and Riverway, St. Martin's new contemporary service that will debut Aug. 29. The Parish Life Center's narthex can accommodate another 100 worshipers. The Parish Life Center will serve as home to a number of groups, such as Christian Life Study, will provide space for small concerts, performances and Adult Christian Education offerings, and it also includes a kitchen. The Parish Life Center will serve admirably as the hub for younger parishioners and young family worship, fellowship and education.





THE CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER



The new Children's Life Center addresses the needs and education of our youngest parishioners. Conveniently connected to the Parish Life Center by a lobby and the Crosswalk Garden, this building includes a controlled check-in and entry to nurseries for infants and toddlers, Sunday School rooms for children in kindergarten through 5th grade, and small activity and performance pods.





THE CROSSWALK GARDEN



BUILDING FOR THE AGES

Special Recognitions

10:30 A.M.

WELCOME	The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.
WORDS OF THANKS	The Honorable James A. Baker, III and Mrs. Susan Garrett Baker Mr. Neil and Mrs. Maria Bush
SPECIAL THANKS	The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. thanks Jackson & Ryan Architects Tellepsen Builders Building for the Ages Campaign Co-Chairs and Leadership Committee Master Planning Committee Building Committee Finance Committee Landscape Committee Prayer Committee Stained Glass Window Committee Chuck Nelson, Project Manager

UNVEILING OF BRONZE BAS-RELIEF FOR PASTORAL CARE CENTER

FINAL BLESSING The Right Rev. Don A. Wimberly

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Maker of all things in Heaven and Earth, we offer our profound gratitude for the many blessings bestowed upon all your children and today especially the members of St. Martin's Episcopal Church here in Houston, Texas.

We thank you God that You put it in the hearts of our forebears to establish this Church in the Year of our Lord 1952; and that for these many years, You have continued to bless St. Martin's as she carries out the ministry of making and growing disciples of Your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We offer our gratitude for all those who have supported the Building for the Ages Campaign building project and their gifts of talent, time and treasure; and we pray that others gathered here, those who have yet to make a like commitment and those in generations to come, will be inspired to follow their sacrificial leadership.

And now, God, our Heavenly Father, as St. Martin's stands on the brink of its 70th year of service to You and Your people, we ask that You would bless and sanctify the new and renovated buildings and grounds we celebrate today:

Christ Chapel, the Pastoral Care Center, The Music Center, the Chapel Reception Hall, the Bride's Parlor, the Payne Administration and Outreach Centers, the Parish Life Center, the Children's Life Center, St. Martin's Preschool, the Welcome Center, the Gift Shoppe, St. Martin's Library, the Christus Garden, the Crosswalk Garden, the Peace Garden, the Pastoral Garden, the Chapel Reception Garden, the Nativity Garden, the Church Plaza, and the Maintenance and Central Plant; and all the stained glass windows, carvings, fountains, walkways, trees, furniture and landscaping that adorn and beautify these areas.

May all of these be received as Your gifts, and be used to Your glory and the glory of Your Kingdom. May they draw all those who step upon this Campus into a deeper relationship with You so that they will be empowered by Your Holy Spirit to go into the world to spread the Christian hope that is found in the Good News of the forgiveness and love that is found in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Finally, Lord, before we begin our worship this morning, bless us we pray, with the might of Your Spirit, that in Christ and with Christ and through Christ, we may become the children of light and servants of Your love that You call us to be.

All of this, we ask in the powerful and precious name of our Lord and Savior, the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please join us at 11:15 a.m. in The Church for the Building for the Ages celebratory Holy Eucharist.



THE BAKER AND BUSH BAS-RELIEFS

Sculpted by Chas Fagan



Capturing the likenesses of Secretary and Mrs. Baker was a joy. Thankfully, they were willing to pose for me—from a very long distance—with the help and photographic skills of John Williams.

Sculpting a bas-relief portrait involves applying thumb strokes of clay that eventually build upon each other to reveal the dimension and details of the face. I love watching as the likenesses gradually rise off the surface and come to life.

The design mirrors that of my earlier medallion of President and Mrs. Bush. The final bronze piece was cast using the classic “lost-wax” method. The foundry that executed the metal work, Carolina Bronze, is the same foundry that I used to create the large bronze statues for both the Bush and the Baker Monuments in Houston.

*Chas Fagan
2021*

IN RECOGNITION OF OUR SPECIAL GUESTS



The Honorable James A. Baker, III

James A. Baker, III served as the 61st U.S. Secretary of State under President George H.W. Bush, as the 67th Secretary of the Treasury under President Ronald Reagan, and as White House Chief of Staff to Presidents Reagan and Bush. He also served as Under Secretary of Commerce to President Ford. He led five presidential campaigns from 1976 to 1992. Baker graduated from Princeton University and received his J.D. with honors from The University of Texas School of Law. He is presently a senior partner

in the law firm of Baker Botts. Baker was born in Houston in 1930. He and his wife, Susan Garrett Baker, currently reside in Houston, and have eight children and 19 grandchildren.

Susan Garrett Baker

Susan Garrett Baker is a founding member of the National Alliance to End Homelessness, which began around her dining table in 1983. She and Tipper Gore founded the Parents' Music Resource Center, which convinced major recording companies to voluntarily label violent and sexually explicit music. In 1999, Susan helped organize "A Gathering of Friends" in Amman, Bethlehem and Jerusalem to celebrate the 2000th birthday of Jesus of Nazareth. She has served on the boards of several organizations, including BakerRipley (formerly Neighborhood Centers, Inc.) and the Houston Food Bank.

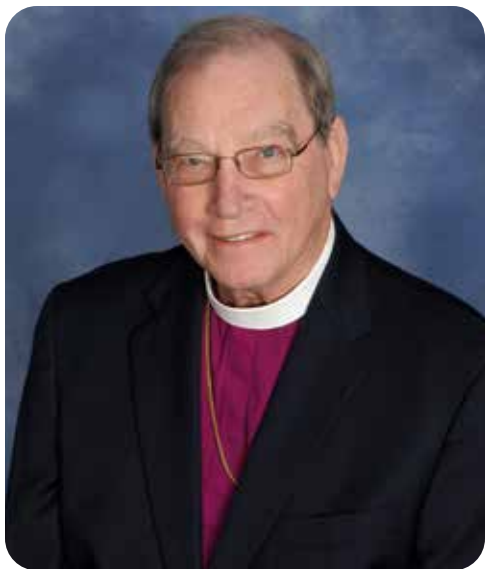


Neil Bush and Maria Bush

Neil and Maria Bush live in Houston and are blessed with six wonderful children and four beautiful grandchildren. Neil is an International business development executive who is engaged in various Bush family legacy charities. He is Chairman of Points of Light, formed by his father from the White House over 30 years ago to promote voluntary service. Neil is Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M and Chairman of the George H.W.

Bush Foundation for U.S. China Relations.

Maria manages a portfolio of rental apartments and is active in the Houston community. Maria and Neil chair the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation.



The Right Rev. Don A. Wimberly

The Right Rev. Don A. Wimberly is retired from full-time ministry and lives in Roswell, Ga., with his wife, Wendy. He is the former Diocesan Bishop of two Episcopal dioceses: Texas and Lexington, Ky. Wimberly was ordained to the priesthood in 1971 and served parishes in New York, Louisiana, Kansas and Florida before becoming Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington. He then served as Assistant Bishop in Texas for three years before his 2002 election as Bishop of the Diocese of Texas. He served in that role for seven years.

Born in Baton Rouge, La., in 1937, he attended Louisiana State University and later earned a master of divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. He holds doctor of divinity degrees from VTS and the University of the South, Sewanee, where he served as chancellor from 1997 to 2003.

The Wimberlys have two children who live in the Atlanta area and two grandchildren.

For matters pertaining to parish visits, please write to bishopsassistant@episcopalatlanta.org.



Consecration of The Church in 2004 with Bishop Wimberly and the Rev. Dick Elwood

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**President George Bush and Mrs. Barbara Bush were faithful members and supporters of St. Martin's. They played a crucial role in the Building to Bless, Fulfilling the Blessing, Building for Life and Building for the Ages Campaigns. They both passed into eternal life in 2018 and their funerals were held at St. Martin's Church, Houston; the funeral for Mrs. Bush was held on April 21, 2018, and the funeral for President Bush was held on December 6, 2018.*

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*****In Grateful Recognition***

Randall Grace was an active and faithful member of St. Martin's, serving as Vestry Junior Warden in 2017, then serving on several of the committees for the Building for the Ages Campaign, including the Master Planning Committee, Building Committee and Campaign Committee. Randall passed into eternal life in March 2021, and we are grateful for his legacy of service, generosity and ministry at St. Martin's.

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BUILDING FOR THE AGES

Celebratory Holy Eucharist

11:15 A.M.

VOLUNTARIES “Grand Choeur Dialogué” by Eugene Gigout
“Prelude in D” by Johann Sebastian Bach
“Solemn Entry” by Richard Strauss
“The Church’s One Foundation” by Dan Miller
“Fanfare” by C.S. Lang

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

HYMN 525 “The Church’s One Foundation”

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long-ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839–1900); Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818–1876).

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.**

AT THE GLORIA

ANTHEM *Messiah*, "Hallelujah"
 George Frederic Händel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become The Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. And He shall reign forever and ever, Hallelujah! King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Text: Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(BCP p. 232)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(kneel)*

The Celebrant says the Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONJoshua 3:5-8, 11-16a

Read by Rhonda Fanning

Then Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." To the priests Joshua said, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass on in front of the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went in front of the people. The Lord said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.' The ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap." When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

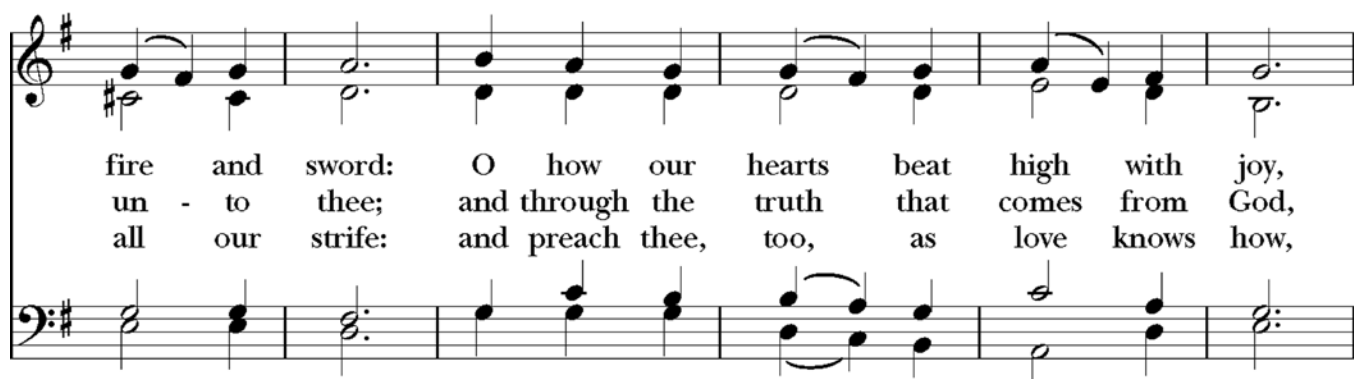
People: **Thanks be to God.**

People stand.

HYMN 558 (vs. 1-2) "Faith of Our Fathers"



1 Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 Faith of our fa - thers! faith and prayer shall win all na - tions
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! we will love both friend and foe in



fire and sword: O how our hearts beat high with joy,
 un - to thee; and through the truth that comes from God,
 all our strife: and preach thee, too, as love knows how,

Refrain



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word:
 man-kind shall then in - deed be free. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by kind - ly deeds and vir - tuous life.



ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814–1863), alt.; Music: *St. Catherine*, Henri Frederic Hemy (1818–1888); adapt. and arr. James G. Walton (1821–1905).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE G O S P E L Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

H Y M N 558 (vs. 3) "Faith of Our Fathers"

1 Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 Faith of our fa - thers! faith and prayer shall win all na - tions
3 Faith of our fa - thers! we will love both friend and foe in

fire and sword: O how our hearts beat high with joy,
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Please be seated.

THE HOMILY *"The Faith That Sets Us Free"*
The Right Rev. Don A. Wimberly and the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

THE NICENE CREED *(BCP p. 327)*

Celebrant and People

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the
 Virgin Mary,
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again according to
 the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
 and he shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and
apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission
of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(BCP p. 387, Form III) (kneel)*

Minister and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Anglican Communion; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our Bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector; for Bishop Don Wimberly and for all bishops, priests and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

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 those in the hospitals,__; for those whom our prayers have been requested,__; for those on our Continuing Prayer List; for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers,__; for the dearly departed,__; and we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind.

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)

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A period of silence is kept.

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.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM "The Holy City"
Stephen Adams

Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair, I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there. I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang, Methought the voice of Angels from Heaven in answer rang. "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!" And then methought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang, Hushed were the loud Hosannas the little children sang; The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill, As the shadows of the cross arose upon a lonely hill. And once again the scene was changed; new earth there seemed to be, I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea; The light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide, And all who would might enter, and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night, or sun to shine by day, It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away.

Text: F. E. Weatherly, 1976 ed., (Original copyright 1892).

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the fifth staff also ends with a double bar line.

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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.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Celtic Alleluia*



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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 "Gaelic Blessing" John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you, Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you, Deep peace of the gentle night to you, Moon and stars, pour their healing light on you, Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you, Deep peace of Christ to you.

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HYMN "Alleluia, He Is Coming"



1 I looked up and I saw the Lord a - com - ing,
 2 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - weep-ing,
 3 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - dy - ing,
 4 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - ris - ing,



I looked up and I saw the Lord a - com - ing down the road.____
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - weep-ing for my sins.
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - dy - ing on the cross.
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - ris - ing from the grave.



Al - le - lu - ia, He is com-ing,_____



Al - le - lu - ia, He is here. Oh!_____ Al - le -



lu - ia, He is com-ing,_____ Al - le - lu - ia, He is here.____

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HYMN "How Great Thou Art"



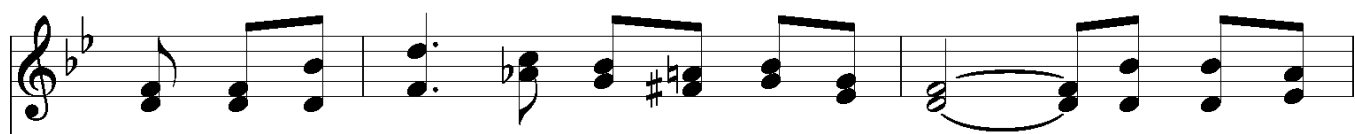
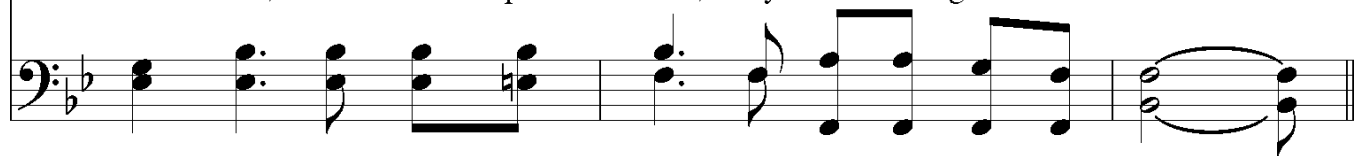
1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



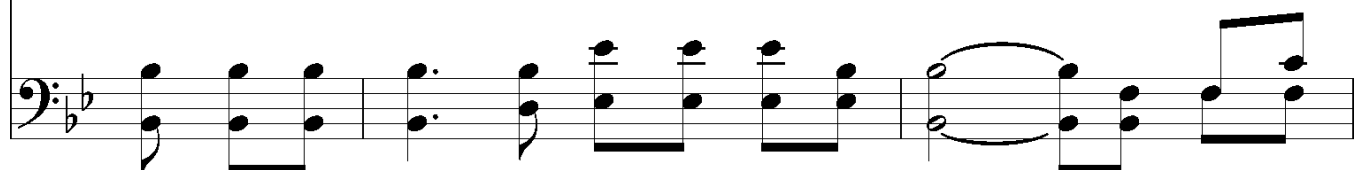
1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou



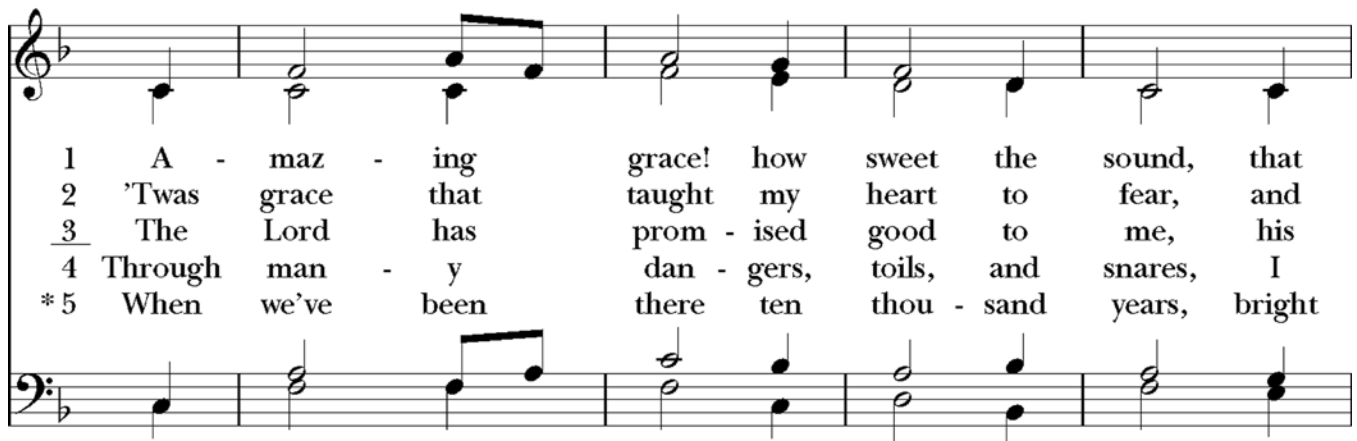
art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art! —

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The key signature has two flats (B-flat major). The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The score consists of two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of music, and the second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The piano part features a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

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HYMN "Amazing Grace"



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 * 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Words: John Newton (1725–1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus; Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851–1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919); Copyright: Music: Harmonization copyright © 1974 by Abingdon Press. Used by permission..

HYMN “Surely the Presence of the Lord”

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can

feel His might - y pow - er and His grace. I can

hears the brush of an-gel's wings, I see glo-ry on each face;

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

Text and Music, Lanny Wolfe; © 1977 Lanny Wolfe Music, (admin. By Pathway Music, Cleveland, TN). CCLI #805314.

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

People stand.

HYMN 537 "Christ for the World We Sing"

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the
Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813–1886); Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792–1892).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY “Toccata” by Charles-Marie Widor

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

Please join us for Campus tours after this service.

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the ministries of the Right Rev. Don A. Wimberly and Mrs. Wendy Wimberly, for all those Clergy who have served St. Martin's over the years, for the Rev. Dr. J. Thomas Bagby, the Right Rev. Claude E. Payne, the Rev. Dr. Laurence A. Gipson, and the Rev. B. Massey Gentry

In thanksgiving for the 55th wedding anniversaries of Sharon and Lovell Aldrich and Martha and Bill Smith

In memory of Mary Gray and Earl Lester, Jr. on their wedding anniversary by Linda and John Griffin, Laura and Jack Schuhmacher, and Allison and Philip Lorenzo

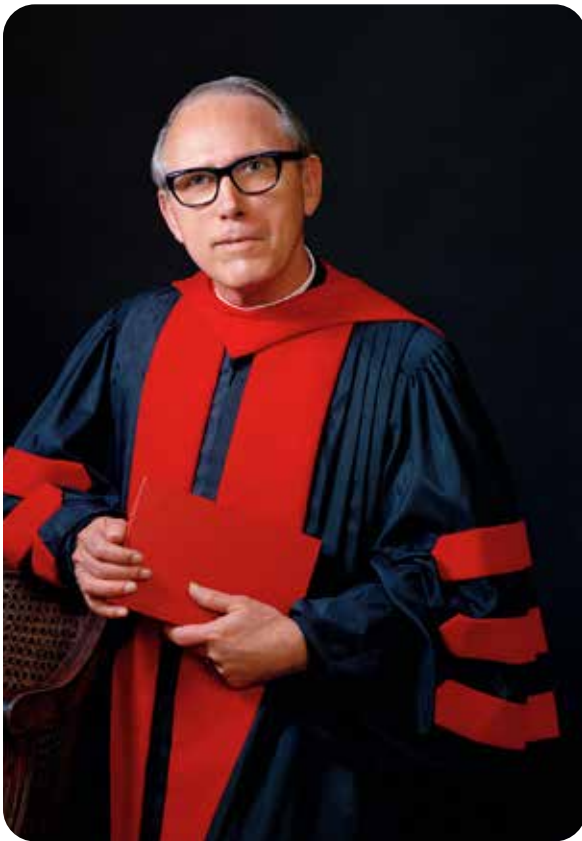
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Spencer and Allen Spencer, Jr. by Anna Spencer Joffrion



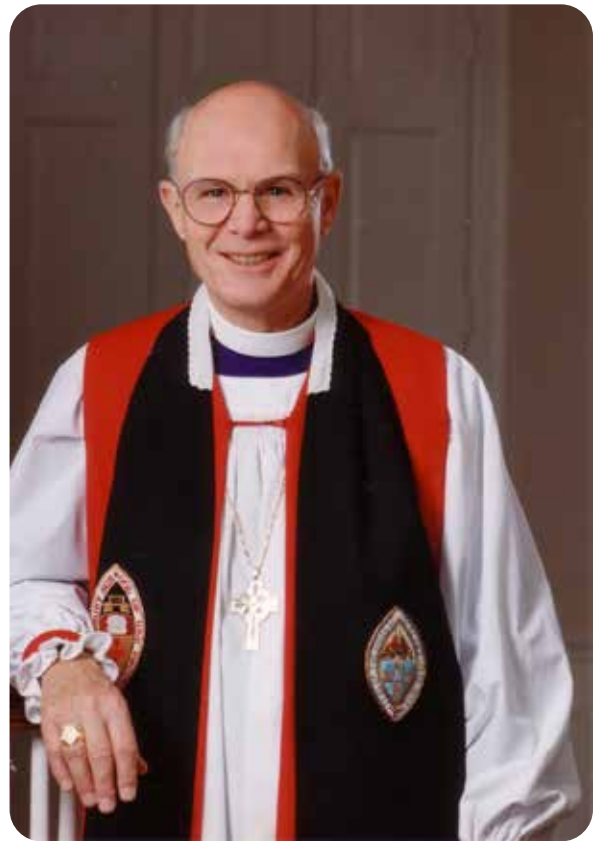
BAPTISMS

Aug. 14 "Anna Page" Hill Denby

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



FIRST RECTOR ~ 1952-1983
The Rev. J. Thomas Bagby
Passed into eternal life July 6, 1998



SECOND RECTOR ~ 1983-1994
The Right Rev. Claude E. Payne



THIRD RECTOR ~ 1994-2007
The Rev. Dr. Laurence A. Gipson
Passed into eternal life July 29, 2021



FOURTH RECTOR ~ 2007-PRESENT
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

The Very Reverend Dr Robert Willis DL
DEAN OF CANTERBURY

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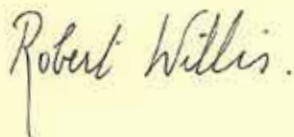
Wednesday 30th June 2021

Dear Members of Saint Martin's

It is my great pleasure to enclose the Canterbury Crosses, which were carved by Ian Gartside, one of the Cathedral's most experienced artisans. They are worked in Caen stone, retrieved from the building during restoration works to the North Quire Aisle flying buttresses, some of the very earliest evidence of Gothic architecture in England.

Caen stone originates from the Plein de Caen in North West France and was the building material of choice for prestigious construction after the Norman Conquest. These particular pieces were probably placed in the building during the 12th century and we are delighted that they will now find a home with you at Saint Martin's.

This comes with our prayers for the community at Saint Martin's and our very best wishes.



Robert Willis

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THE RIGHT REVEREND CLAUDE E. PAYNE

Dearly Beloved of St. Martin's,

Joy is the reward of a Christian calling. In the parable of the talents, the one who in faith invests was rewarded with the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your master". Joy was at the heart of Jesus' mission. The Letter to the Hebrews says this and the process to attain it beautifully: "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.....let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him, endured the cross, disregarding the shame....." Joy was our Lord's final goal, and in following him it is meant to be ours as well.

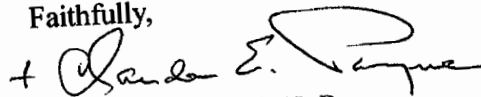
As you climax the cross of envisioning, financing and construction of the new and renovated facilities at St. Martin's, I pray you experience the holy joy of a job well done. The is the reward that comes to those who step out in faith.

Barbara and I salute you on this dedicatory occasion. While the passage of time makes travel a virtual impossibility for us, please know how proud we are of what you have accomplished. We spent ten wonderful years with many when I was your rector, and another ten as your bishop. We cherish those years and the many deep and abiding associations we were privileged to have with those of you who were there then. And we rejoice with the coming of so many more of you who have built upon the legacy of excellence for which St. Martin's has always striven. We further salute your esteemed rector whose vision and leadership, along with staff and vestry, have made this dedication a reality.

St Luke records the Lord on one occasion appointed seventy to go ahead of him on mission. Later the account says, "The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us'." As you transition from the ministry involving brick and mortar, and also from the pandemic of Coved-19, you are more fully equipped to pursue those gospel joys that come from having lives transformed through divine power and guidance, namely Jesus Christ. As with times of old, the harvest is plenteous. The reward is joy on earth as it is in heaven.

May God bless you now and always.

Faithfully,



The Rt. Rev. Claude E. Payne
2nd Rector of St. Martin's
VII Bishop of Texas



The Right Reverend C. Andrew Doyle
Bishop of Texas

August 1, 2021

Dear St. Martin's Parish:

I write with love and gratitude. For over 68 years you have faithfully served the communities of the city of Houston. Your growing ministry programs for worship, discipleship, fellowship, pastoral care, and outreach have touched many lives and will continue to do so for years to come.

I congratulate and commend you on the vision and fortitude to bring to fruition the newest building projects on your campus, made possible by the extensive Building for the Ages capital campaign. The numerous projects that were recently completed are:

- Parish Life Center
- Christ Chapel
- The Music Center
- Pastoral Care Center
- Children's Life Center

and more. These great efforts and accomplishments will afford you greater ability to reach the community and meet its needs.

I'm grateful for those who dream big for God's kingdom. I am especially grateful to the Campaign's honorary co-chairs, the Honorable and Mrs. George H. W. Bush, and the Honorable and Mrs. James A. Baker, III.

Thanks be to God for those who find myriad ways to serve the least and lost. Thanks be to God for raising up among us leaders and caretakers who see a need and seek to meet it in creative ways. Thanks be to God for St. Martin's Parish.

Faithfully yours,

C. Andrew Doyle

C. Andrew Doyle, D.D.
IX Bishop of Texas

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cc: The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson
The Right Rev. Héctor F. Monterroso

GREAT MOMENTS IN ST. MARTIN'S HISTORY



Article in The Houston Chronicle by Jack Schoop about Dr. Bagby being called as First Rector of St. Martin's

GREAT MOMENTS IN ST. MARTIN'S HISTORY



*Old Church groundbreaking
1954*



*Old Church construction
1958*



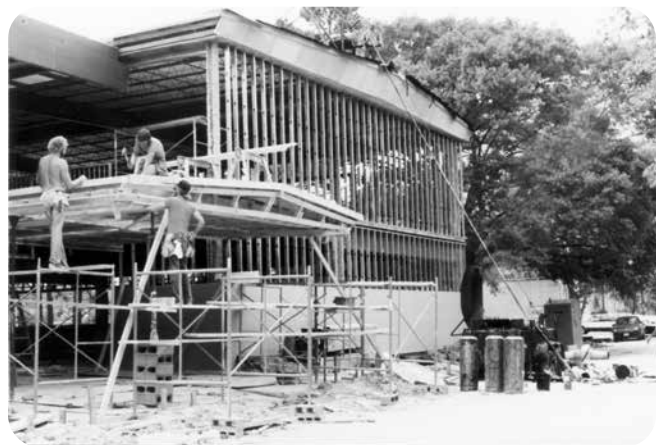
*Old Church cornerstone
1958*



Original Parish Hall



*Wayside Chapel rendering
1977*



*Activity Center construction
May 1985*

GREAT MOMENTS IN ST. MARTIN'S HISTORY



*President and Mrs. Bush and the Rev. Claude Payne with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher
July 8, 1990*



*Building to Bless groundbreaking
for The Church, Bagby Parish Hall,
Cloister Garden and Playground*



*The Church construction
January 24, 2003*



*Building for Life groundbreaking for
Student Life Center, Scout Center and
Hope and Healing Center & Institute
April 10, 2011*



*Sam Waterston, Lord Carey and Dr. Levenson
Lessons and Carols service December 2, 2012*

GREAT MOMENTS IN ST. MARTIN'S HISTORY



*5005 Woodway
purchase April 2012*



*Building for Life dedication
Student Life Center, December 2, 2012*



*Scout Center
December 2012*



*Hope and Healing Center & Institute
December 2012*



*St. Martin's 9,000th Baptised member
Peggy England, September 10, 2015*

GREAT MOMENTS IN ST. MARTIN'S HISTORY



*Points of Light service
October 18, 2015*



*Astronaut Eugene Cernan's funeral
January 24, 2017*



*First Lady Barbara Bush's funeral
April 21, 2018*



*President George H.W. Bush's funeral
December 6, 2018*



*Building for the Ages reveal
March 5, 2019*



*Building for the Ages groundbreaking
March 5, 2019*

PARISH LIFE CENTER AND CHRIST CHAPEL FACTS



The Jesus Teaching with the Little Children Window (shown above) in the north lancet of the Parish Life Center is 16'-8" wide and 16'-10" tall. The Jesus' Birth Window, or All Parish Window (shown on page 9), in the east lancet is 16'-8" wide and 32'-4" tall. The Jesus Teaching in the Temple Window (shown on page 8) in the west lancet is 16'-8" wide and 32'-4" tall.

The Parish Life Center seats 748.

Beautiful, hand-hewn crosses, as seen to the right, come from the stone masonry at Canterbury Cathedral in England. Specially made for St. Martin's by highly skilled masons, they will become part of the altars in Christ Chapel and the Parish Life Center, fitting into specially made recessed chambers. These spiritual and artistic treasures link St. Martin's new worship spaces to centuries of Anglican tradition.



There are 14 stained glass windows in Christ Chapel, plus the Rose Window, and it seats 210.



DID YOU KNOW?



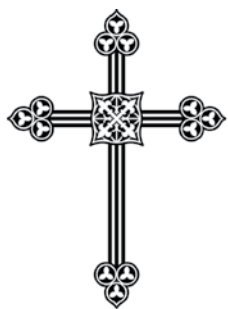
- St. Martin's is the largest Episcopal Church in the United States.
20% growth since 2007
- There are 133,000 individual pieces of stained glass in The Church (Rose Window shown to the left).
- About 25% of St. Martin's annual budget has gone to outreach efforts since 2007.
- About \$42 million have been given to outreach efforts since 2007.
- The pre-COVID annual average of Outreach volunteer participation on- and off-Campus was 3,951.
- The pre-COVID annual average number of events on Campus was 17,007.
- The pre-COVID annual average number of meals served at Café St. Martin's was 53,000.
- Our pre-COVID average Sunday worship attendance was 1,445.
- Our average online worship attendance in 2020 was 2,300.
- The pre-COVID average of weekly clients served at the Hope and Healing Center & Institute was 800.
- The pre-COVID average annual number of clients served at the Hope and Healing Center & Institute was 41,600.
- There are 40 recovery and support groups that meet on Campus.
- Twenty-eight trees were taken down during Building for the Ages.
- Sixty new trees were planted during Building for the Ages.
- St. Martin's Campus totaled 249,496 square feet prior to Building for the Ages.
- A total of 20,241 square feet was demolished during Building for the Ages.
- A total of 58,049 square feet was renovated during Building for the Ages.
- A total of 65,554 square feet was added during Building for the Ages.
- St. Martin's Campus is now 293,809 square feet.
- St. Martin's Campus covers 15 acres.
- Six new meditation and reflection gardens were added during Building for the Ages:

Pastoral Garden
Nativity Garden
Chapel Reception Garden

Peace Garden
Christus Garden
Crosswalk Garden



"Come Unto Me"
The Crosswalk Garden
Rosalind Cook, Crested Butte, Colorado



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