

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY

February 13, 2022



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

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD,
JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "*Come, follow Me...*" (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

I want to personally invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.



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

Prayers Before Worship

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Please continue to take CORONA virus precautions. We encourage all who visit our campus to be fully vaccinated. If not vaccinated, we request you wear a mask while on our campus; or continue to participate in the variety of virtual offerings for worship, education and fellowship. Please note that anyone not abiding by these recommendations is doing so at his or her own risk. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Sunday School will not be offered today so all may participate in Outreach Sunday activities.



**A DAY
OF SERVICE**
10-11 A.M.
in the Activity Center
and Children's Life Center

Assemble goody bags for The Landing

The Landing helps survivors of human trafficking and exploitation.

Prepare hygiene kits for The Beacon

The Beacon is a day shelter in downtown that provides meals, laundry services and other assistance for the homeless.

Pack care kits for Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services

ECHOS works with 30 public agencies and non-profit organizations to provide food and key social services.

Assemble shower kits for Lord of the Streets

LOTS helps to rebuild the lives of homeless and to the marginalized by providing clothing, food and services.

Create St. Valentine bags for Mission of Yahweh

The Mission of Yahweh offers life-changing programs for women and children to end the cycle of homelessness and dependency.

Prepare packages for Undies for Everyone

Undies for Everyone provides new underwear for children living in poverty or crisis.

Package goody bags for Senior Rides and More

Senior Rides and More volunteers reach out to isolated and housebound seniors throughout the city by providing life-sustaining services.

Make camper craft kits for cancer patients at Texas Children's Hospital

The Periwinkle Foundation develops and provides programs that positively change the lives of children, young adults and families challenged by cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

Make get well cards for Faith in Practice patients

Create get well cards for Faith in Practice patients in Guatemala with St. Martin's World Missions ministry. The organization provides medical care to the poor.

Cut shoe patterns for Sole Hope

Join St. Martin's World Missions ministry and cut shoe patterns out of denim material for Sole Hope. The organization makes shoes for vulnerable children in Uganda.

For more information about Outreach Ministries, please call 713-985-3811 or email outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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

FEBRUARY 13-19

Adults

Adult Confirmation Class with the Rev. Dr. Chad Martin

Sunday, Feb. 13

10:15-11 a.m. | Online this week only



This class is for adults desiring to learn about the Episcopal Church and what makes the Anglican heritage unique. Adults also have the opportunity to prepare for confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church.

*For more information about Adult Confirmation,
email Dania Lainez at dlainez@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Feb. 14

9 a.m.-noon | Activity Center, Upper Hall East



Saintly Stitchers fill St. Martin's with pew kneelers and other gifts for worship spaces.

For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at lnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Education for Ministry

Tuesday, Feb. 15

6:30-8:30 p.m. | Welcome Center



EfM is a challenging and affirming four-year study developed and administered by the University of the South's School of Theology. For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay at smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Feb. 16

Noon-3 p.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall East



St. Clare's Guild undertakes a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at lnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

OSL Healing Ministry Study Group

Wednesday, Feb. 16

4:30-6 p.m. | via Zoom



Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as a licensed OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, Feb. 16

7-9 p.m. | Welcome Center



Join our young adults as they explore the Alpha Film Series during this spring semester. There will be a 20-minute video, discussion, prayer and, of course, dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb. 17

7-9 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal Hall



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

Sterling's Market

Saturday, Feb. 18 | Rain or Shine

9 a.m.-noon | Corner of Woodway and Sage



The mission of Sterling's Market at St. Martin's Episcopal Church is to glorify God through sharing the Gospel and the bounties of the earth with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors. Find Mardi Gras gifts and crafts for you and love ones this Saturday. For more information and to volunteer, contact info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Feb. 17

7-8 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



This men's group meets for fellowship, mutual support and Bible study. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions. For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Chad Martin at cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Feb. 17

8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center



Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Women

Christian Life Study

Tuesday, Feb. 15 – Evening Group

6:30–8 p.m. | via Zoom

Thursday, Feb. 17 – Morning Group

9:30–11:30 a.m. | Parish Life Center, Children's Life Center and via Zoom



This friendly and loving group of women meets over the course of the year to target various topics in the Bible to deepen faith. For more information, contact the Rev. Marty Bastian at lgallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org or visit clsbiblestudy.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Feb. 15

9-11:30 a.m. | Via Zoom



Knit and crochet shawls to be blessed for those in need of prayer. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at lnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, Feb. 16

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



Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for a book study of "Motherhood: Being Grounded in Christ" by Patty Pell. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Blanket Ladies

Wednesday, Feb. 16

10-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room



Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at lnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Feb. 16

6:30–8 p.m. | Student Life Center



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

HOLY EUCHARIST

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

VOLUNTARY "Prelude"

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

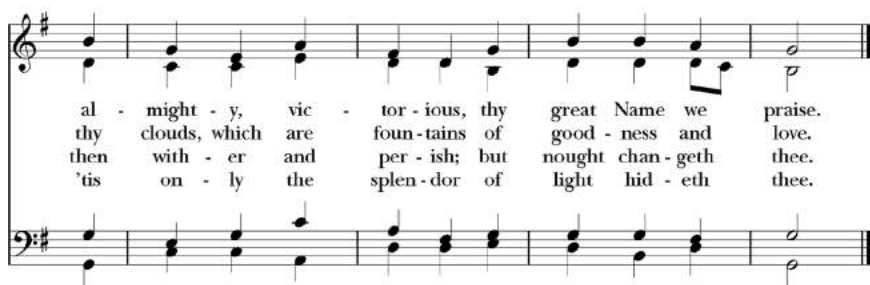
*HYMN 423 "Immortal, Invisible"

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

**indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshipers*



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.; Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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.**

GLORIA (*said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.*)



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847); Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800–1880).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

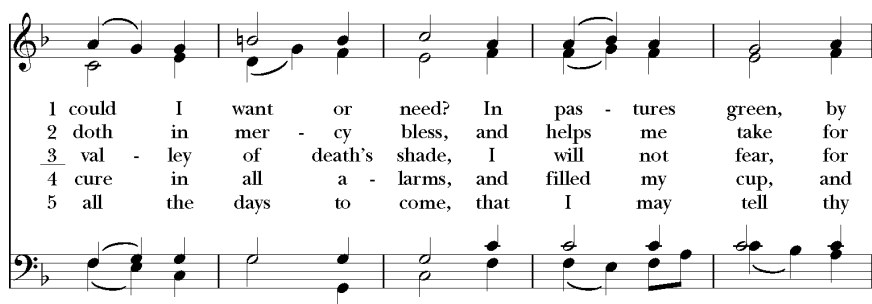
All stand.

HYMN 663 (vs. 1-3)

“The Lord My God My Shepherd Is”



1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how
 2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and
 3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the
 4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -
 5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for



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1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.
 2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.
 3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.
 4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.
 5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984); para. of Psalm 23; Music: *Crimond*, melody Jesse Seymour Irvine (1836–1887); harm. *Hymnal* 1982.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELLuke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 37.

HYMN 663 (vs. 4-5)

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “The Blessed Life”
The Rev. Alex D. Graham III

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 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.

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.

DOCENT GUILD INSTALLATION

(9 a.m.)

The sponsor and candidates stand facing the Minister.

The Minister says

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission and reaffirm these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to ministry in the Docent Guild of St. Martin's Church.

The Minister asks the sponsor

Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

Sponsor: I believe they are.

The Minister then says

You have been called to the ministry of a Docent in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidates: I will.

Minister: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Candidates: I will.

Minister: Let us pray. *(silence)*

God of all wisdom and knowledge, give your blessing and guidance to all who teach through their work as Docents in your Church, that by word and example they may lead those whom they teach to the knowledge and love of you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission and reaffirm you as Docents of St. Martin's Church.

DOCENT GUILD

Maurine Alfrey, Elionne Belden, Kathy Bennett, Gerald Beathard, Heidi Binet, Carole Bullock, Catherine Cobb, Ann Cox, Kristin Early, Lynn Edwards, Janet Farr, Kay Handly, Judy Jones, Kathryn Kent, Sara Anne Kerley, Dianne Kilday, Jayne Land, Cynthia Lathrop, Bunny McClendon, Susie McCulloch, Margaret Mebus Frances Moore, Jeanne Neu, Shelly Newton, Cynthia Partlow, Susan Phelps, Mary Ann Roady, Susan Rovello, Fran Smith, Jennifer Succi, Carlene Warren



Faith
in
LITERATURE

EVENING GROUP

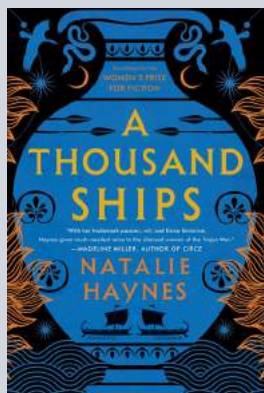
Tuesday, Feb. 15

7–8:30 p.m.

Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom

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

For more information, contact Dania Lainez at dlainez@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



Thursday, Feb. 17 • 6-8 p.m.

Parish Life Center Kitchen

St. Martin's hosts cooking classes with professional chefs designed for all skill levels, and perfect for those interested in sharpening their culinary skills and sharing in fellowship.

Menu includes:

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Lemon Risotto and more

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



ECHOS Shred Day

Saturday, Feb. 19 | 9 a.m.-noon
9600 S. Gessner

Drive up, get a receipt and volunteers will unload your car for you! It's that easy! Businesses and individuals are welcome. *A minimum \$15 donation to Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services (ECHOS) is requested*; the amount should reflect the quantity of shredding you bring. All documents are shredded securely on site and shredding certificates will be provided upon request.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.

GIVE BLOOD

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Blood Drive

Monday, Feb. 21 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

FREE COVID-19 Antibody Test with Donation

Appointments are required to donate during this time. Please go online to schedule at bit.ly/smeclblooddrive or contact Victoria Tidwell at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center: 832-602-9350 or vtidwell@giveblood.org

EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.



Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center



THE GATHERING

For church members and others in our community who experience memory loss

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This program meets on the fourth Monday of each month 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Bagby Parish Hall.



For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen at 713-301-4786 or kattellepsen@me.com.



Sunday, June 26 – Saturday, July 2

Apply before March 15

We will work with missionary Kurt Ackermann and Sus Hijos to build a house, feed the homeless and spend time with the forgotten youth of San Salvador.

Students must submit an application and be active participants in Student Ministries' Programs to be considered for the trip.

Submit your application at

<https://bit.ly/2022HSMissionTrip>

Lent 2022

Ash Wednesday Services Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, March 2

7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. | The Church

7 p.m. Riverway | Parish Life Center

Thursday Afternoon Adult Lenten Series Desert Island Devotions

Thursdays, March 3-April 7

4-5 p.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

Lenten Quiet Day

Psalms for Living

Saturday, March 5

9 a.m.-noon | Parish Life Center

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays, March 9-April 13

4:30-5:30 p.m. | The Church

Wednesday Evening Adult Lenten Series Encounters on the Road

Wednesdays, March 9-April 6

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist | The Church

5:45-6:15 p.m. Dinner | Bagby Parish Hall

6:30-7:30 p.m. Program | Bagby Parish Hall

The Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd, Guest Preacher

Sunday, March 20

8 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. | The Church

Theology for Life

with the Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd

Sunday, March 20

10:15-11 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

Parish Dinner and Film Screening of "The Search for the Last Supper"

by Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts

Friday, March 25

5:30-7:30 p.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts Presentation, Discussion and Book Signing

Saturday, March 26

3-5 p.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts, Guest Preacher In Search of the Kingdom of God

Sunday, March 27

9 and 11:15 a.m. | The Church

All Adults Sunday

with Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts

Sunday, March 27

10:15-11 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

Stripping of the Palms

Tuesday, April 5

1-4 p.m. | Student Life Center

Palm Cross Making

Wednesday, April 6

8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. | Student Life Center

HOLY WEEK

Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday, April 10

8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist | The Church

9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist and dramatic re-enactment | The Church

9:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist and dramatic reading at Family Table | Parish Life Center

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Riverway | Parish Life Center

Maundy Thursday Liturgy and

Stripping of the Altar

with Jon Meacham

Thursday, April 14

7 p.m. | The Church

Good Friday Liturgy

with Jon Meacham

Friday, April 15

Noon | The Church

St. Martin's Parish Choir presents

"The Seven Last Words" by Théodore Dubois

with Jon Meacham

Friday, April 15

6 p.m. | The Church

Good Friday Contemporary Worship


Friday, April 15

7 p.m. Riverway | Parish Life Center

Upcoming ads for Lenten events will have more details and registration information.



A Very Special Lenten Retreat *Icon Writing* **with Teresa Harrison**



March 7-11
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.




St. Martin's will host renowned instructor Teresa Harrison for a five-day course in the ancient technique of icon writing.

Participants will write their own icons using acrylic paint and gold leaf, a medium that resembles the traditional egg tempera.

Registration fee of \$495 includes all art supplies, but students will need to bring a small desk lamp and an apron or smock.

Space is limited. Register soon at bit.ly/iconography2021

Easter Flowers



Remember a loved one by ordering lilies to decorate The Church and Parish Life Center at Easter. All requests received by 5 p.m. Friday, March 18, will be included in the worship booklet available at all Easter services. Names submitted after the deadline will be printed in worship booklets in weeks following Easter. Make your flower dedication online at bit.ly/easteraltarflowers

For more information, email Dania Lainez at dlainez@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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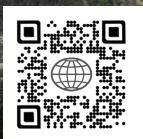
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AN THEM "Blessed is the Man"
Jane Marshall

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by the streams of water.

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AT THE PRESENTATION

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People (said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



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

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The Celebrant continues (BCP p. 341) (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(BCP p. 336)*

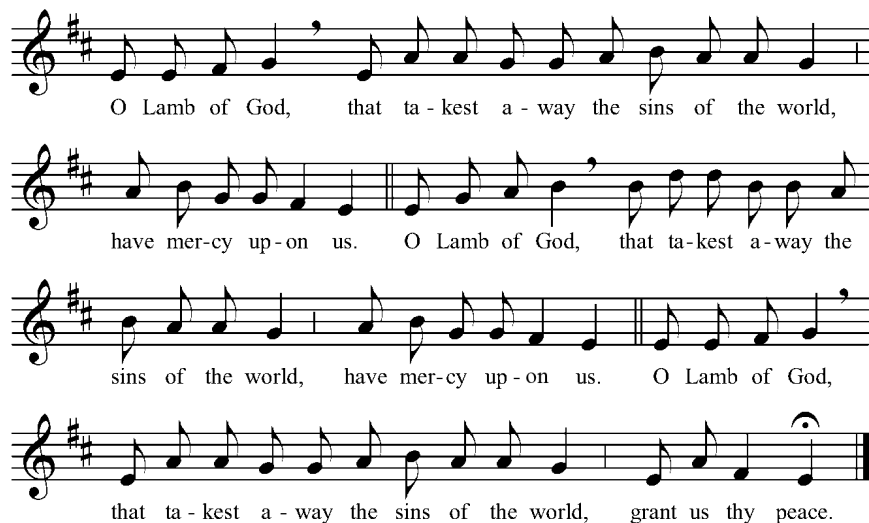
People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



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Then may be said

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

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

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

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

ANTHEM “Jesu! Dulcis Memoria”

Richard Shephard

Jesu! dulcis memoria; Dans vera cordis gaudia; Sed super mel, et omnia Dulcis eius presentia. Nil canitur suavius, auditur nil iucundius, nil cogitatur dulcius, quam Jesu, Dei Filius. Jesu, spes paenitentibus, quam pius es petentibus, quam bonus te quaerentibus sed quid invenientibus? Jesu dulcedo cordium, fons vivus, lumen mentium, excedens omne gaudium et omne desiderium. Nec lingua valet dicere nec littera exprimere expertus potest credere quid sit Jesum diligere. Amen.

Jesu! The very thought is sweet; in that dear name all heart joys meet; but O, than honey sweeter far the glimpses of his presence are. No word is sung more sweet than this, no sound is heard more full of bliss, no thought brings sweeter comfort nigh, than Jesus, Son of God most high. Jesu, the hope of souls forlorn. How good to them for sin that mourn! To them that seek thee, O how kind! But what art thou to them that find? Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts! Thou font of life, thou light of men! From the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again. No tongue of mortal can express, no pen can write the blessedness: he only who hath proved it knows what bliss from love of Jesus flows. Amen.

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HYMN "On Eagle's Wings"

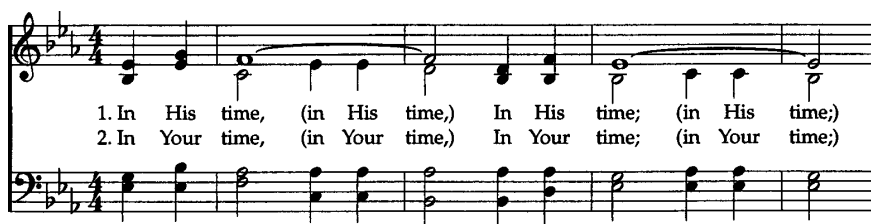
1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life, Say to the Lord: "my refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!"



2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear, Under his wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**
3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. **Refrain**
4. For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways. Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

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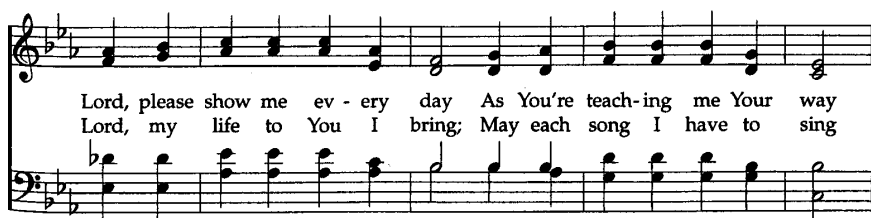
HYMN "In His Time"



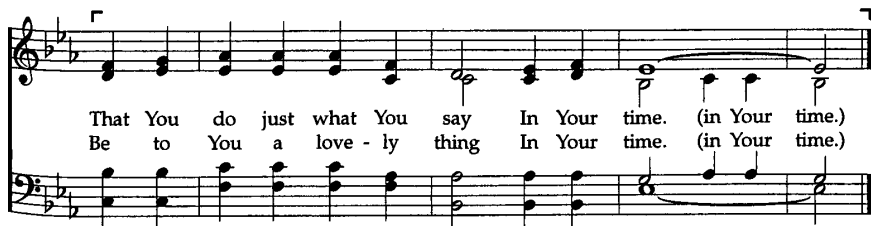
1. In His time, (in His time,) In His time; (in His time;)
2. In Your time, (in Your time,) In Your time; (in Your time;)



He makes all things beau - ti - ful in His time. (in His time.)
You make all things beau - ti - ful in Your time. (in Your time.)



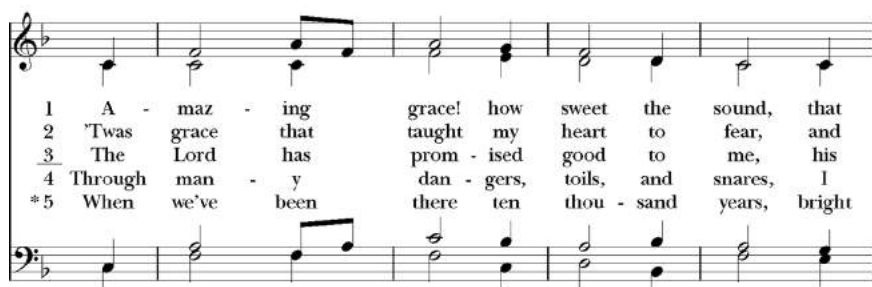
Lord, please show me ev - ery day As You're teach - ing me Your way
Lord, my life to You I bring; May each song I have to sing



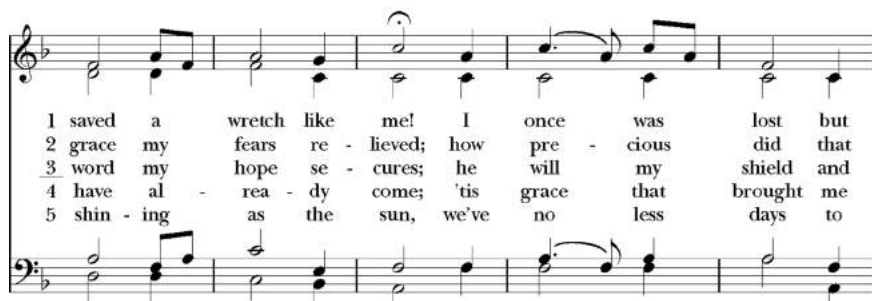
That You do just what You say In Your time. (in Your time.)
Be to You a love - ly thing In Your time. (in Your time.)

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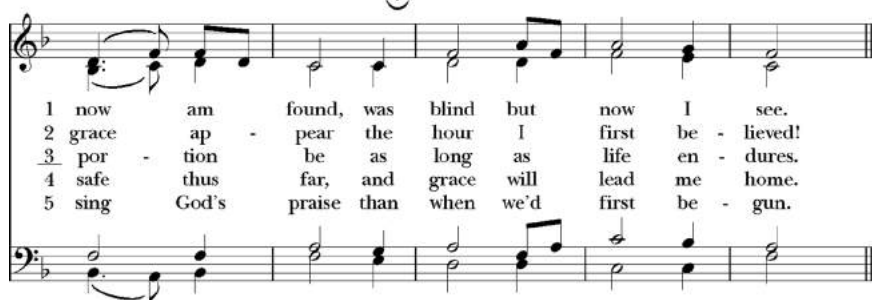
HYMN 671 "Amazing Grace"



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).

After Communion, the Celebrant says

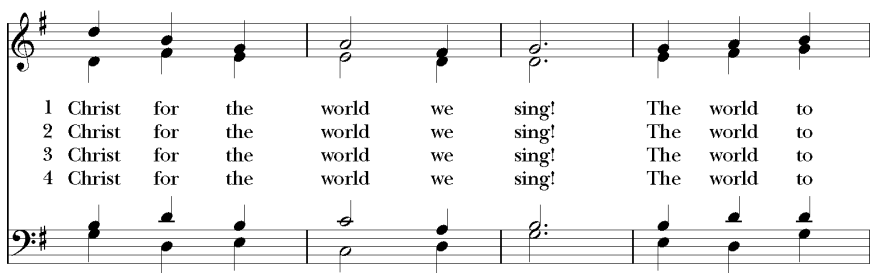
Let us pray. (BCP p. 339)

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

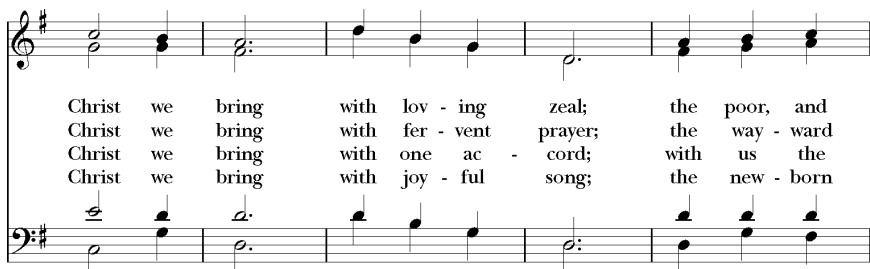
THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 537 "Christ for the World We Sing"



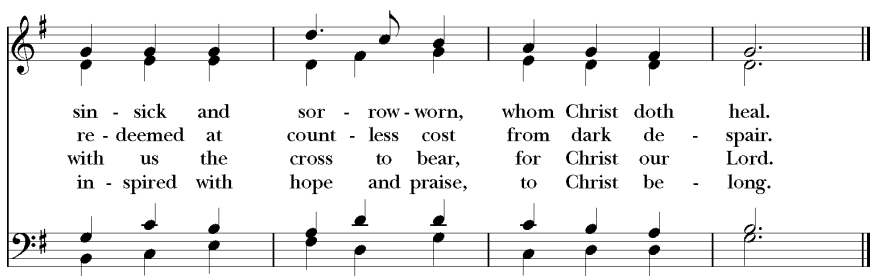
1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to



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.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Isabel Aiello and Allegra Aiello
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In thanksgiving for the dedicated members of the St. Martin's Docent Guild

In memory of John Gresham Minniece III on the anniversary of
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BIRTHS

Jan. 5 John Thomas "Jack" Wooldridge III
Son of Meredith and John Wooldridge, Jr.
Grandson of Ann and John Wooldridge
Great Grandson of Marjorie and Raleigh Johnson



WEDDINGS

Feb. 5 Caroline Marie Doyle and John Jeffrey Herrin, Jr.



SYMPATHY

Jan. 21 Walter William Burke

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SERMON NOTES

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENTJeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

THE PSALMPsalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Individuals are included on the *Continuing Prayers* list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

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Missy Belote	Paige Laird	Paul Therrien
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Alli Blackman	Amy Lee	H. Michael Tyson
Cory Blackman	Stan Leong	Randy Vander Naillen
Grace Blake	Shawn Levenson	Becky Wareing
John and Dianne Brock III	Nancy Liles	Charles Warren
Jane Cabes	Martha Ann Linden	Mary Waters
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Elizabeth Hill	Patsy Shappley	Woody
Mollie Hill	Clif Shoemake	
Jeff Holden	Richard Smith	
Elizabeth Holderfield	Bob Spencer	
Wayne Hollis	Margaret Stewart	
Debra Ibarra Mayfield	Jim Stokes	
Ronnie Jacobe	Aaron Strong	

Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks before Easter and All Saints' Day. Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. To put someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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