Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

February 20, 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

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.

June J. Luna, Jr. +

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

Prayers Before Worship

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

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

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

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

FEBRUARY 20

Prayer Hour

Contemplative Prayer Hour

10:15-11 a.m. | Bride's Parlor

Those who wish to deepen their contemplative prayer practices can gather between services for contemplative prayer and Christian meditation. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay, Ph.D.

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

This class is a Clergy-led coffee and discussion following the 8 a.m. service. Each class focuses on one of the lectionary readings for the day.

Theology for Life with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. *Ephesians: The Body of Christ Made for a Purpose* 10:15-11 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

What is the Biblical "secret" to making all relationships work? Today, Dr. Levenson unpacks the joy found in "liberating relationships" through the gift of this secret as revealed in Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Family Life Class

Breakfast Club 10:15-10:45 a.m. | Parish Life Center

This is a slightly shorter class for parents of younger families and that meets after the Family Table service three times a month-twice for class and once for a breakfast social.



NEW







Seekers with the Rev. Dick Elwood 10:15-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room

This class is for more senior parishioners for fellowship and lectionary-based Bible study.

For more information about Adult Christian Education, email Lori Rivera at Irivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Adult Confirmation Class with the Rev. Dr. Chad Martin 10:15-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall

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.

7-I-7 Students

Episcopal Youth Community 10:15-11 a.m. | Student Life Center

Grades 6-12 are welcome to join Student Ministries for coffee, lemonade, donuts and conversation about the Scriptures shared in worship.

For more information about 7-1-7 Students email Student Ministries at students@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Youth Choir

10:15-11 a.m. | Rehearsal in Student Life Center

St. Martin's Youth Choir is for young people who like to sing. Through

the fellowship of music, Youth Choir members enjoy community as they deepen their walk with Christ.

For more information about Youth Choir email Carole Nelson at cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.









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Children's Ministry

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

We have engaging lessons, curriculum and content for both preschool and elementary school. Childcare is available during all morning services for infants through four-year-olds as well.

For more information about Children's Ministry email Holli Kight at hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Choristers

8:30-9 a.m. | Rehearsal in Children's Life Center 9:15 a.m. | Family Table service in Parish Life Center

St. Martin's Choristers, for children in grades 1-5, make joyful and beautiful music while affording them a special place in the worship services at St. Martin's.

For more information about Choristers email Carole Nelson at cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

FEBRUARY 21-26 Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Feb. 21 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 Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Education for Ministry

Tuesday, Feb. 22 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. 23 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 Ineilson@ stmartinsepiscopal.org.

OSL Healing Ministry Study Group

Wednesday, Feb. 23 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. 23 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. 24 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. 26 | 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 loved ones this Saturday. For more information and to volunteer, contact info@sterlingsmarket.org.









Men

Men of St. Martin's Thursday, Feb. 24 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. 24 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

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Christian Life Study Tuesday, Feb. 22 – Evening Group 6:30–8 p.m. | via Zoom Thursday, Feb. 24 – 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 Igallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org or visit clsbiblestudy.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Feb. 22 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 Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, Feb. 23 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.

MEN ST. MARTIN'S









Blanket Ladies Wednesday, Feb. 23 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 Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-I-7 Students

Life Groups Wednesday, Feb. 23 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.

7-1-7 Students and Children's Ministry



Youth Choir and Choristers Pizza Practice Wednesday, Feb. 23 5–6:30 p.m. | Parish Life Center



For more information about Youth Choir and Choristers, email Carole Nelson at cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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 "Sicilienne" Maurice Duruflé

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

*HYMN 390 "Praise to the Lord"



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



Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.; Music: Lobe den Herren, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

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 Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Please be seated.

THE LESSONPsalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong. For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away. Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches. Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire. Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass. He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes. Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil. For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there. But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. The Lord will help them and rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Reader:The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 435 (vs. 1-2) "At the Name of Jesus"

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Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817–1877), alt.; Music: *King's Weston*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958); Copyright: Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

Deacon:	The Holy Gospel of our L	Lord Jesus	Christ
	according to Mark.		
People:	Glory be to thee, O Lord.		

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Deacon:The Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 33.

HYMN 435 (vs. 5-6) "At the Name of Jesus"

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON"The Rule That Matters Most" The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. morning services

THE SERMON "Is My Jesus Enough?" The Rev. Jane P. Ferguson evening service

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.



OUTREACH MINISTRIES



CCSC Work Day

Saturday, Feb. 26 | 9 a.m.–noon 3434 Branard, Houston, TX 77027

Organize and distribute food at the Emergency Services location for the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). CCSC assists the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy, and provides a back-to-school and Christmas program for low-income children.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.



TO SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER, VISIT BIT.LY/VOLUNTEER_STERLINGSMARKET



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



TUESDAY, MARCH 1 5-7:30 P.M. <u>BAGBY PARISH HALL</u>

All Parishioners are invited to attend this family gather that includes a traditional pancake dinner along with red beans and rice, live entertainment, children's activities and more. Fireworks are on tap after dinner.

TICKETS

ADULTS: \$10 | CHILDREN: \$5 | FAMILY TICKET*: \$30

*Parents with children age 15 and under

Get your tickets online at bit.ly/SMECShroveTuesdayDinner

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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 5:30-6:30 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

St. Martin's Parish Choir presents "The Seven Last Words" by Théodore Dubois with Jon Meacham *Friday, April 15* Noon and 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

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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 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.



WAYS TO GIVE



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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM "Christ's Flock"

Martin Shaw

In Christ's own flock let love be surely placed, From Christ's own flock let concord hate expel: Of Christ's own flock let love be so embraced, As we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell. Christ is the author of all unity, From whence proceedeth all felicity. O sing unto this glittering glorious King, O praises bring from every living thing: Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring. Alleluia!

Words: Francis Kinmelwershe (1540?-80?). Music: Martin Shaw. © 1953 by Martin Shaw. G. Schirmer Inc.

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.



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.)



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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 glutenfree wafer.

ANTHEM"Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake" Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge. But forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and ever more. Amen.

Text: J. Bull, Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations.



Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt.; Music: Toplady, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872).



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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 657"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"



Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788); Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887).

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

On the occasion of their marriage by Lila Irene Ontiveros and Charles Randall Flores In thanksgiving for the Rev. Robert E. Wareing on the 40th anniversary of his ordination In loving memory of Mary Stuart McHenry Baker by James A. Baker, III; James A. Baker, IV; Stuart McHenry Baker; John Coalter Baker; and Douglas Bland Baker In memory of Marvin Chernosky by Pam Radford and Stacie Cokinos In loving memory of the February birthdays of Cleo Barksdale, Kathryn Williams Horton and Nancy Lynn Horton by their grandson, son and brother, Laurence Barksdale Horton In memory of Thomas Flory

by the Flory Family

In memory of Sells Neuhaus on our wedding anniversary by Becky Neuhaus



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OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come-so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. When the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, "Joseph's brothers have come," Pharaoh and his servants were pleased. Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your animals and go back to the land of Canaan. Take your father and your households and come to me, so that I may give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you may enjoy the fat of the land.' You are further charged to say, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. Give no thought to your possessions, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours."

THE EPISTLE1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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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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 vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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