# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### March 6, 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.

Bunner J. Luma, 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*.

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

# MARCH 6

### Gathering

#### Contemplative Hour

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

Those who wish to deepen their contemplative walk can gather between services for prayer and sharing. 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. Wesley Arning

A Converted Life: Strength 10:15-11 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

This class features a series of Biblical, theological and historical topics that engage the mind and heart in worship of God and living a life of faith.

Life in Christ with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. Growing in Christ: Prayer

10:15-11 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

The class will look at what it means to be a disciple of Christ in the present age, from who Christ is to the message He shared and how we might follow Him today.









#### Family Life Class with the Rev. Alex Graham III

*Grace-Centered Parenting* 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.

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

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

For more information about Adult Christian Education, email 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.

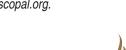
For more information about 7-1-7 Students email Student Ministries at students@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

#### 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.











### 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.

### Church Tour Today

The Church will be open for visitors, and the Docent Guild offers a formal tour after the 11:15 a.m. service today. To schedule a group tour, please contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.









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

Saintly Stitchers Monday, March 7

Tuesday, March 8 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.

#### **Church Tours**

Wednesday, March 9 10:45-11:15 a.m. | Christ Chapel 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | The Church

The Church and Christ Chapel will be open for visitors. The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a group tour, please contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@ stmartinsepiscopal.org.

#### St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, March 9 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, March 9 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. CLARE'S

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# MARCH 7-12



#### St. Martin's 20s & 30s Wednesday, March 9 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, praver and, of course, dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

#### Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 10 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, March 12 | 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. It's rodeo time! Wear your boots and hats, and pick up a bandana at the info tent. For more information and to volunteer, contact info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Men

#### Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, March 10 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, March 10 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.











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#### Women

#### Christian Life Study

Tuesday, March 8 – Evening Group 6:30-8 p.m. | via Zoom Thursday, March 10 – 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, March 8 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, March 9 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, March 9 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.

#### 7-1-7 Students

#### Life Groups Wednesday, March 9 6:30-8 p.m. | Student Life Center

Students in grades 6-12 connect with their peers for fun activities and areat 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.







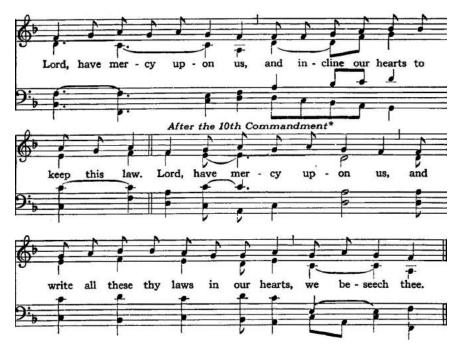




Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

The Celebrant greets the People.

DECALOGUE (said at 8 a.m.; sung at 6 p.m.) (kneel)



God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me. **Refrain** 

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them. **Refrain** 

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

# Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain. **Refrain**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Refrain

Honor thy father and thy mother. Refrain

Thou shalt do no murder. Refrain

Thou shalt not commit adultery. Refrain

Thou shalt not steal. Refrain

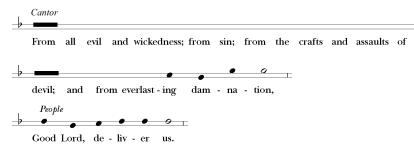
Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. **Refrain** 

Thou shalt not covet.\*After the 10th Commandment

John Merbecke and George C. Martin.

#### THE GREAT LITANY (chanted at 9 and 11:15 a.m.) (kneel)

| Cantor                       | People   |
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| O God the Father, Creator    | of heaven and earth, Have mer-cy up-on us.   |
| Cantor                       | People   |
| O God the Son, Redeeme:      | r of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.<br>People  |
| O God the Holy Ghost, Sanc   | tifier of the faith-ful, Have mer-cy up-on us.<br>People   |
| O holy, blessed, and gloriou | is Trinity, one God, Have mer-cy up-on us.   |
| Cantor                       |  |
|                              | fenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither<br>are us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast<br>ood, and by thy mercy |
|                              | People   |



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(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity, **Good Lord, deliver us.** 

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, **Good Lord, deliver us.** 

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment, **Good Lord, deliver us.** 

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared, **Good Lord, deliver us.** 

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation, **Good Lord, deliver us.** 

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost, **Good Lord, deliver us.** 

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, **Good Lord, deliver us.** 

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. (This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

#### We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

#### We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

#### We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

#### We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

#### We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

#### We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

#### We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

#### We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.** 

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

#### We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.** 

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind, **We beseech thee to hear us**, **good Lord**.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

#### We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

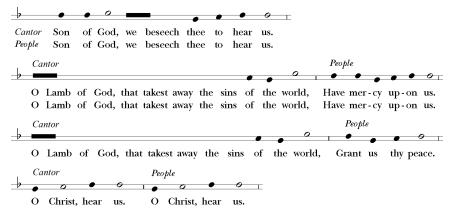
That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

#### We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of Martin and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom, **We beseech thee to hear us**, **good Lord**.



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#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

| Celebrant: | The Lord be with you. |
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| People:    | And with thy spirit.  |
| Celebrant: | Let us pray. (kneel)  |

#### The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

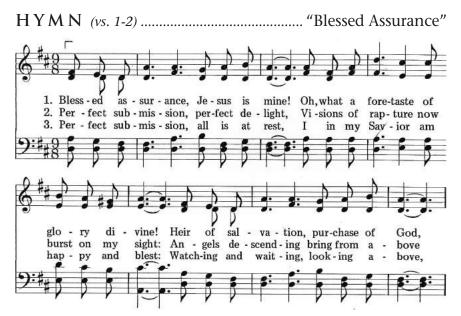
Please be seated.

#### THE LESSON ...... Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

#### All stand.



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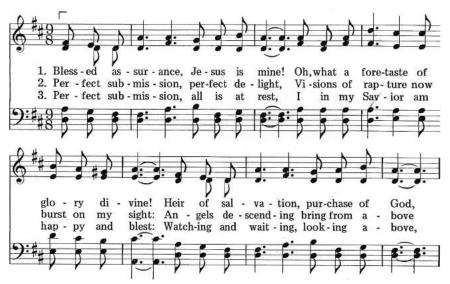
Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL.....Luke 4:1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

HYMN (vs. 3)..... "Blessed Assurance"



The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 37.



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Please be seated.

#### THE SERMON "From Uncertain Hope to Blessed Assurance" 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.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (kneel)

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)

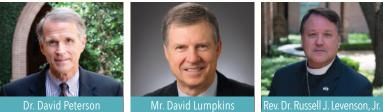
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; 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





This spring, Dr. David Peterson, Mr. David Lumpkins, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. and others will discuss "Growing in Christ" and "Sharing Christ."

Class meets 10:15-11 a.m. in the Chapel Reception Hall

#### SCHEDULE

| March 6  | "Prayer" – The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.   |  |
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| March 13 | "Personal Study of Scripture" – Mr. David Lumpkins   |  |
| March 20 | "Praying with Scripture" –<br>The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.                                      |  |
| March 27 | "All Adults Sunday" – Jean Pierre Isbouts  |  |
| April 3  | "Fasting and Meditation" – Dr. David Peterson  |  |
| April 10 | "Spiritual Guides" – Dr. David Peterson,<br>Mr. David Lumpkins and the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. |  |

(We will each take 10 minutes to discuss our favorite Christian books and why.)

| April 17      | Easter   |
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| April 24      | "Worship" – Dr. David Peterson   |
| May 1         | "Service" - Mr. David Lumpkins   |
| May 8         | "Sabbath, Silence and Rest" –<br>The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. |
| May 15        | "Stewardship" – Mr. David Lumpkins                                     |
| <b>May</b> 22 | "Evangelism" – The Rev. Wesley Arning                                  |





Sunday, March 6 | 5-7 p.m. Student Life Center

Students in 6th-12th grade and their families are invited to a quarterly Sunday dinner hosted by Student Ministries. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other and spend time in community with the whole family.

Please register at bit.ly/springfamdin so that we may have an accurate headcount for dinner.

# OUTREACH MINISTRIES



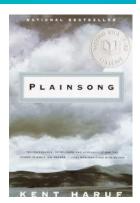
# Kids' Meals

#### Tuesday, March 8 | 4 p.m. Parish Life Center Kitchen

Come prepare sandwiches to help Kids' Meals, which provides and distributes nutritious lunches to hungry preschool children throughout Houston. St. Martin's makes more than 10,000 sandwiches for children annually. For more information about Kids' Meals, visit kidsmealshouston.org.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.





# DAY GROUP

### 1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, March 9 Children's Life Center, Room 132 and Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom

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.

Wednesdays, March 9-April 13 4:30-5:30 p.m. | The Church Available online at bit.ly/smeclent

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This free guide booklet is available to all those wishing to experience The Stations of the Cross. Copies can be picked up in the Narthex of The Church or downloaded from the St. Martin's Lent webpage above.

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This series will follow Jesus' interactions with different people on the road to the cross as found in Luke's Gospel. What do these encounters teach us about our relationship with Jesus today?

#### **SEDER MEAL • MARCH 9**

Holy Eucharist | The Church ....5:30 p.m. Dinner | Bagby Parish Hall .....6:00-6:30 p.m. Program | Bagby Parish Hall ....6:30-7:30 p.m. Registration: bit.ly/2022lentensedermeal



DAVID A. LYON Senior Rabbi, Congregation Beth Israel

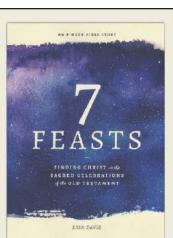
# Christian Life Study

#### MORNING GROUP

Thursdays | 9:30 a.m. Parish Life Center and via Zoom

The CLS Day Group will begin its last study on March 10 with the book, "7 Feasts" by Erin Davis. This last study goes through April 21 and the CLS will conclude with Sharing Day on April 28. All women are welcome to join the group–even if they have never ever attended a CLS meeting.

This is a great way to discover CLS and the depth of what brings women to join what this last section and end up joining full year in the Fall.



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

### ICONOGRAPHY OPEN HOUSE with Teresa Harrison

**Thursday, March 10** 2–4 p.m. Scout Center



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#### THE OFFERTORY

#### ANTHEM ...... "Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee" Johannes Brahms

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren, sei stille, wie Gott es fügt, so sei vergnügt mein Wille. Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen? Der Eine steht allem für, der gibt auch dir,das Deine. Sei nur in allem Handel ohn' Wandel, steh' feste, was Gott beschleußt, das ist und heißt das Beste. Amen.

Let nothing ever grieve thee or oppress thee: Be still and trust God's good will. Why brood all day in sorrow, worrying about tomorrow? God stands for all and will give you grace and mercy. Be steadfast in all that you do and stand firm; What God decrees brings peace. Amen.

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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.



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#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 333) (stand)

| Celebrant: | The Lord be with you.                 |
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| 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 was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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. 334) (kneel)*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with 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)

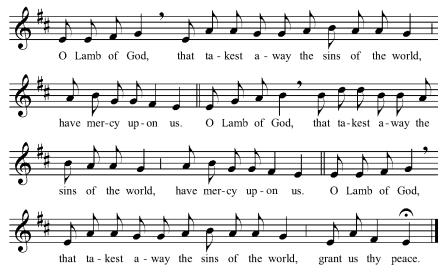
#### People and Celebrant

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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#### 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.

#### A N T H E M ...... "Create in Me, O God, a Pure Heart" Johannes Brahms

*Schaffe in mir, O Gott, ein rein Herz, un gib mir einen neuen, gewissen Geist.* 

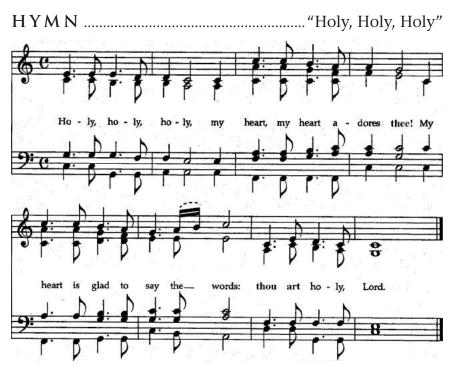
# Create in me, O God, a pure heart, and grant a right spirit within me.

Text: Psalm 51. Music: Johannes Brahms. Op. 29, No. 2. Edited by John Finley Williamson. © 1931 by G. Schirmer, Inc.

HYMN 685 ..... "Rock of Ages"



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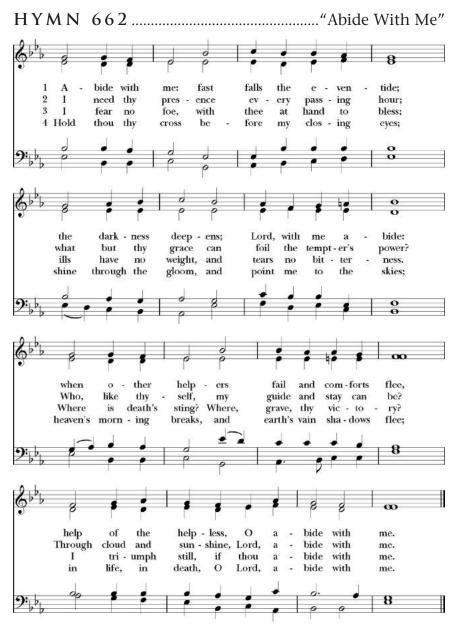
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*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray. (*BCP p. 339*)

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.

LENTEN BLESSING

Please be seated.



Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1847); Music: Eventide, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

#### THE DISMISSAL

# *A Minister says the dismissal***People:** Thanks be to God.

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

# RECOGNITIONS

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### SERMON NOTES

"Jesus said [to the thief on the cross], 'Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." Luke 23:43

"Most **assuredly**, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." John 5:24

"Most *assuredly*, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life." John 6:47

"For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much **assurance**." I Thessalonians 1:5

"Continue in the things which you have learned and been **assured** of." II Timothy 3:14

*"We desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end." Hebrews* 6:11

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith."

Hebrews 10:22

"By this we know that we are of the truth, and shall **assure** our hearts before Him." I John 3:19

"For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Romans 10:13\*

\* All quotes are from the New King James Version of scripture. Bold emphasis and italics is Dr. Levenson.

"A Prayer of Surrender"

"Dear Lord Jesus, here I am. I want to live without fear, without uncertainty. I confess now with my lips that your are Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised you from the dead. I am claiming the promise that all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Jesus, I am calling out to you with my heart, and my life – they are now Yours... Do with them, with me, what You will. Thank you Lord Jesus. Amen."

# OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT ......Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

#### T H E P S A L M ..... Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty. He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust." Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation, there shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet. Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my Name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

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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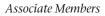
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