#### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

#### March 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.



#### 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*.

# ST. MARTIN'S

#### MARCH 20

#### Adults

#### 8+ with the Rev. Wesley Arning

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. Michael Lloyd

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: Praying with Scripture 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**

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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### **MARCH 21-26**

#### Adults

#### Saintly Stitchers

Monday, March 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, March 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.

#### **Church Tours**

Wednesday, March 23 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 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, March 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, March 23 7-9 p.m. | Children's Life 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, March 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, March 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. Spring is in the air, so pick up some seeds and dirt at the info tent. For more information and to volunteer, contact info@sterlingsmarket.org.

#### Men

#### Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, March 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, March 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

#### **Christian Life Study**

Tuesday, March 22 – Evening Group 6:30–8 p.m. | via Zoom Thursday, March 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 lgallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org or visit clsbiblestudy.com.

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Tuesday, March 22 9-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room



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 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.

#### **Blanket Ladies**

Wednesday, March 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, March 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.

#### 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 ...... "Cantilene" Louis Vierne

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

\*HYMN 690 ....."Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"



<sup>\*</sup>indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshipers



Words: William Williams (1717–1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722–1796), alt.; Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873–1932).

Begin on page 319 of "The Book of Common Prayer" (BCP)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (kneel)

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We

do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

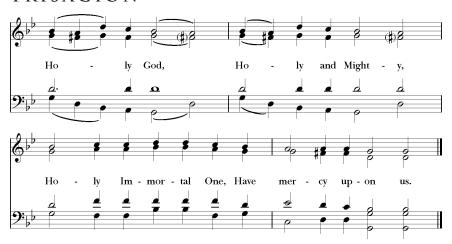
#### The Celebrant stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

(8 a.m.)

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, **People: Have mercy upon us.** 

#### TRISAGION



Title: The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: *Trisagion*; Music: Ver. *Hymnal* 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924).

#### 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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 .....Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed,

I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you." God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 41.



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Please be seated.

#### THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd, Ph.D.
Principal of Wycliffe Hall

#### 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 (kneel) (responsively)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For our Anglican Communion; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for all bishops, especially Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, Bishops of the Diocese; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Joe, our Governor, Greg, our Mayor, Sylvester, the Congress, the Courts, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those in hospitals \_\_\_\_\_\_, and those who have requested our prayers \_\_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For other concerns of our Parish, especially for all who serve in our armed forces and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace throughout the world, for the security and safety of all those in Ukraine, for the victims of terror attacks, and for the protection of our Christian brothers and sisters who face danger or persecution for their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For those impacted by natural disasters, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For first responders, for those suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus and for health care workers, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar greenery\_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_\_, and we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Martin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

#### To thee, O Lord our God.

#### Silence

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Grant to thy people, O Lord, grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and in thy mercy graciously fulfill our petitions, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE PEACE (stand)

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

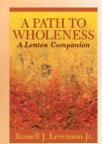
People: And with thy spirit.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

#### SEASONAL BOOK BY THE REV. Dr. RUSSELL J. LEVENSON JR.

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



### A Path to Wholeness A Lenten Companion

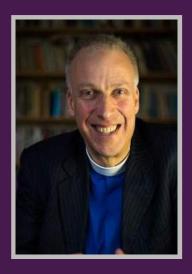
For those seeking inspiration and devotion for Lent and beyond, A Path to Wholeness is an invitation to Lenten observance through Biblical passages and reflections.

"Russ Levenson's Lenten devotions breathe with the air of a seasoned pastor and preacher. With his characteristic wit and Southern charm—and many, many good stories—Levenson brings

the gospel to life. Above all, he shows what it looks like to devote one's life to the only one who deserves our allegiance, Christ Jesus our Savior. One could look for no better path to wholeness."

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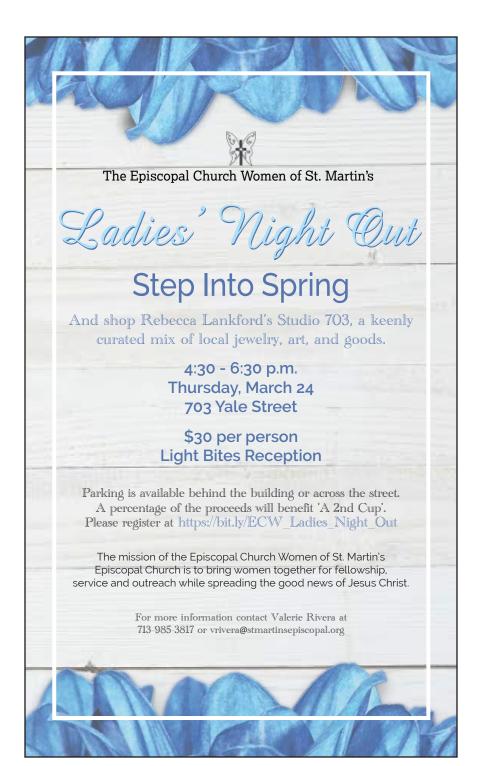


Guest Preacher
THE REV. DR. MICHAEL LLOYD
SUNDAY, MARCH 20

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

Theology for Life – A Converted Life | Bagby Parish Hall 10:15-11 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd is the Principal of Wycliffe Hall since his appointment in 2013. He was formerly the chaplain at The Queen's College, at the University of Oxford, and the Chaplain and Director of Studies in Theology at Christ's College at Cambridge University. Dr. Lloyd has taught theology and doctrine at the University of Oxford, Cambridge University and St Paul's Theological Centre, London. He has published the popular book, "Café Theology" and has a particular interest in the doctrine of evil, the problem of pain. He holds a bachelor's degree in Theology from Durham University, graduating in 1983 with first-class honors as a member of St John's College. He also holds a master's degree from Cambridge University and Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Oxford.



# **GIVE BLOOD**

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

#### **Blood Drive**

Monday, March 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/smec\_march\_blood\_drive or contact Jessica Munoz at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center: 832-602-9350 or jmunoz@giveblood.org

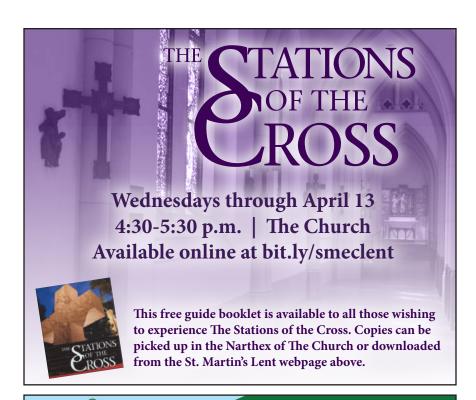
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# BISHOP DOYLE'S 360° TOUR BE WITH THE PEOPLE 2022

#### PLEASE RSVP NOW!







### ENCOUNTERS on the ROAD

#### **JESUS, PILATE AND BARABBAS**

Luke 23:1-25

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?

#### MARCH 23

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

Dinner | Bagby Parish Hall ...............6 p.m.

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



RUSSELL J. LEVENSON, JR.



# THURSDAY LENTEN SERIES Chapel Reception Hall MARCH 24 | 4-5 p.m.



THE REV. DR. **SUSE McBAY, Ph.D.** 

### DESERT ISLAND

You are stranded on a desert island. You have a Bible, a notebook and a pen. Food and supplies are not an issue. You are allowed one album, one book and one other item to take with you in order to fuel and feed your relationship with God. What would you take? In this series, each of our Clergy will share their answers of what they would take to help them and why. Come along and hear their stories!

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Saturday, March 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.



# St. Martin's hosts International Humanities Scholar Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts

Professor Isbouts is a humanities scholar, National Geographic author and award-winning filmmaker, specializing in the art and archaeology of the Near East and the Mediterranean Basin. His website is jpisbouts.org.

#### **VISIT HIGHLIGHTS:**

Dinner and Screening of the documentary, *The Search for the Last Supper Friday, March 25* 

5:30-6:30 p.m., Dinner (registration required; cost is \$15 per person) 6:30-8 p.m., Screening followed by Q&A (no registration required)

Bagby Parish Hall

Leonardo DaVinci's fresco of the Last Supper is perhaps the most famous sacred work in the world but the sad fact is, the fresco is damaged beyond repair. Is there a way to discover what it once looked like? Visit bit.ly/IsboutsDinner to register for the dinner by Thursday, March 24. If you are only attending the screening, no registration is required.

#### Presentation, Discussion and Book Signing: Building Bridges of Faith between Judaism, Christianity and Islam

Saturday, March 26 · 3-5 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Today's headlines would suggest that tensions between Jews, Christians and Muslims are at an all-time high. In this talk, Professor Jean-Pierre Isbouts will identify some amazing areas of common ground in faiths and practices. His books will be available for purchase on Sunday in Bagby Parish Hall during the Sunday School hour leading up to his visit and at the event

#### Sermon in The Church

Sunday, March 27 · 9 and 11:15 a.m.

What is this Kingdom of God? What are the meanings of Jesus' parables on the subject? Why do we, like the Apostles, sometimes struggle to understand this?

#### All Adults Sunday: Reconciling the Jesus of History with the Christ of Faith

Sunday, March 27 · 10:15 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

New archaeological discoveries as well as literary exegesis suggest a portrait of a man that does not always match what church tradition has told us. In this talk, Professor Jean-Pierre Isbouts will seek to bridge the gap between the two, and show that scientific discovery can actually bring us closer to the Christ of faith.





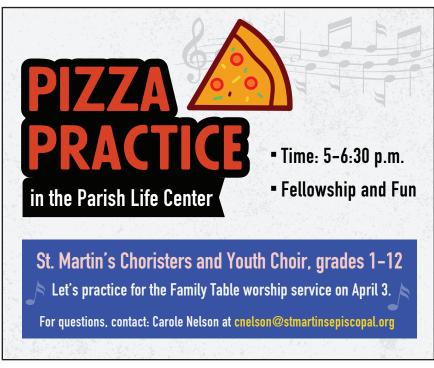
For church members and others in our community who experience memory loss

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.



#### **STUDENT MINISTRIES**

# SANANIO

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

**JUNE 12-17, 2022** 



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**JULY 10-16** 

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#### THE OFFERTORY

God the Great, the Almighty, protect our Ukraine. Bless her with freedom and light of your holy rays. With light of learning and knowledge, enlighten us, your children. In pure love for our country, God, let us grow. We pray to God Almighty, protect beloved Ukraine. Grant our people all your grace and abundance. Grant us freedom, grant us good fortune, bless us with a good and kind world. Bless our people, O God, with happiness for ever and ever.

Words by Oleksandr Konysky (1836-1900). Music by Mykola Lysenko (1842-1912).

#### 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. **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.

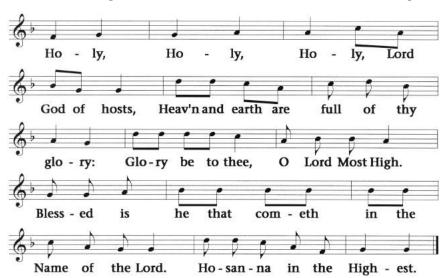
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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)

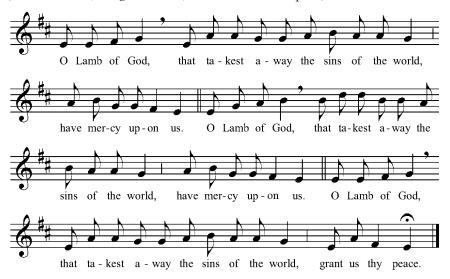
#### People and Celebrant

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.

### ANTHEM ....."If Ye Love Me" Thomas Tallis

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. Ev'n the Spirit of truth, that He may abide with you forever.

Text: John 14: 15-17. © HW Gray.





Words: Will L. Thompson (1847–1909) Music: Will L. Thompson.



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HYMN .....""They'll Know We Are Christians"



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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

All stand.

 $$H\,Y\,M\,N\ 6\,2\,3$$  "O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be"



Words: Peter Abelard (1079–1142); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.; Music: *Q quanta qualia*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

#### THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

## RECOGNITIONS

GREENERY GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD In thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd

BIRTHS
March 9 Gwyneth "Gwen" Mary Weiss

SYMPATHY

March 2 Virginia White Joiner

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

Daughter of Marshall and Cody Weiss

## SERMON NOTES

## OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

#### THE PSALM .......Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water. Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory. For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise. So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name. My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches. For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

#### THE EPISTLE ...... 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

## 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:

Richard Smith Shelly Bain Wayne Hollis Cia Baze Jack Hunnell **Bob Spencer Jack Beeson** Ronnie Jacobe, Jr. Jim Stokes Brittney Jacobson **Aaron Strong** Missy Belote Anne Berry John Jamail Susan Strother Alli Blackman Shirlee Jamail Paul Stumpff Nancy Talbot Cory Blackman Helen Joyner Paul Therrien Grace Blake Muriel Kearby Albaral Millie Tonn Dianne Brock Paige Laird Sherman Lasker H. Michael Tyson Harry Burrow Randy Vander Naillen **Jane Cabes** Amy Lee Elinor Christian Stan Leong Becky Wareing Higdon Compton, Jr. Shawn Levenson Charles Warren Beth Costa Nancy Liles Mary Waters Gail Davis Martha Ann Linden Derry Wilkens **Iames Wilkerson** Mac Davis Roberta Lloyd Sue Davis Eric Zoerb Ryan Logan Tommy W. Davis Jaclyn Manning Ben Jeffrey Martinson Louis DelHomme Betsey BD McAndrew Bobby deSosa Elizabeth Betty DeVerter Michelle McStravick Henry Chase Dixon Hal Means Jane Nancy Doss Len Menefee Kathryn Benice Nwabueze Fred Dupy Kim Jim Easterling Judy and Jay O'Connor Laura Stacey Elliott Jim Paddock Leslie Troy Phillips Matt Fryar Lorrie Brad Gallion Jimmy Prentice Marilyn Max Goodloe Ophelia Pujol Mark Nancy Gore Barbara Quackenbush Matthew Hollis, McKay and Rocky Robinson Oran Rand Grace Robert Rosales Patsv Shea Guinn Jimmy Sackllah RC Gladys Halbouty **Brady Samuelson** Sally Walesk Harvey **Jim Sanitato** Thomas Elizabeth Hill Ellie Schilling Victor and Barbara Mollie Hill Helen and Jim Shaffer Willie

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.

Woody

Clif Shoemake

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## CONTINUING PRAYERS

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme Lt. Col. Julian Benton 1st Lt. Benjamin Brown Lt. Col. Chris Davis Wesley Dodd James Drury III James Eilers Major Parker Firestone Capt. Dom Flatt Nathan Fordice 1st Lt. Will Golinkin LCDR Bradley R. Hoffman Capt. Cody Horr Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell Dallas Wayne Hunter Staton Jobe Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs Krystal Martinez PV2 Wills Masterson 1st Lt. Ben Matthews Ensign Ben Morris 1st Lt. Jack Mullen

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Please circle the name of any loved one that you would like to remain on our Continuing Prayer list, tear out this sheet of your bulletin and place it in the Prayer List box in the Narthex. You may also email Valerie Rivera at vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

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