#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

#### March 27, 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*.

## ST. MARTIN'S

## MARCH 27

#### Adults

All Adults Sunday with Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts

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

All Adult Sunday School classes will meet together to hear from Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts, humanities scholar, bestselling author and awardwinning filmmaker. For more information about Professor Isbouts, please refer to the Announcements section of this booklet.



For more information about Adult Christian Education, email Amanda DeViney at adeviney@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 28-APRIL 2

#### Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, March 28 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 29 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 30 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 30 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 30 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 30 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 31 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.



ST. CLARE'S Needlepoint Guild









#### Sterling's Market Saturday, April 2 | 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. For more information and to volunteer, contact info@sterlingsmarket.org.

#### Men

#### Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, March 31 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 31 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 29 - Evening Group 6:30-8 p.m. | via Zoom Thursday, March 31 – 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.

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#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, March 29 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 31 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 30 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.







## 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.

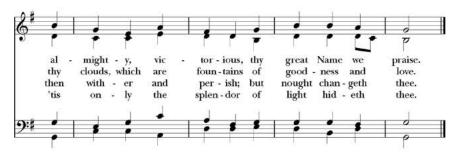
VOLUNTARY ...... "Psalm Prelude" Herbert Howells

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

\*HYMN 423 ....."Immortal, Invisible"



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



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

Begin on page 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.

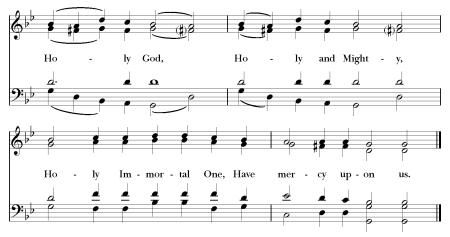
#### The Celebrant stands and says

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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Please be seated.

#### THE LESSON ......1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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

All stand.

\*HYMN 441 (vs. 1 and 3) .... "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"



Words: John Bowring (1792-1872); Music: Rathbun, Ithamar Conkey (1815-1867).

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

THE GOSPEL..... Luke 6:20-21, 27-31

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

The Gospel for 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. is on page 41.



\*HYMN 441 (vs. 5)..... "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Words: John Bowring (1792–1872); Music: Rathbun, Ithamar Conkey (1815–1867).

Please be seated.

THE SERMON ....."Lost and Found" The Rev. Dr. Chad T. Martin 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

THE SERMON ..... "In Search of the Kingdom of God" Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts

9 and 11:15 a.m.

#### 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 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.





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

jpisbouts.org

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

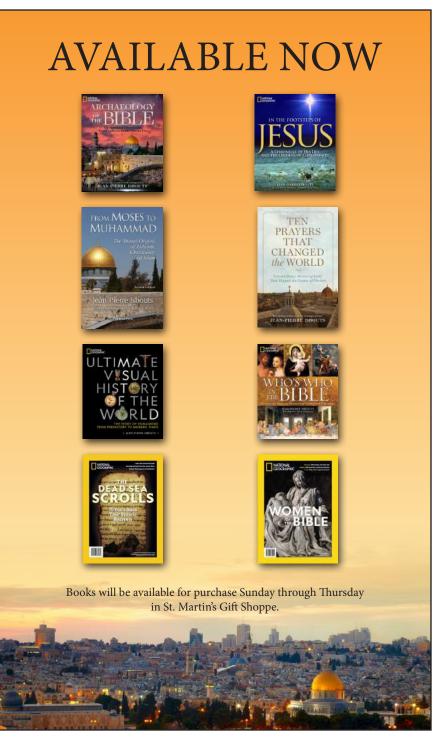
New archaeological discoveries as well as literary exegesis suggest a portrait of a man that does not always match what church tradition has told us. In this talk, Professor Jean-Pierre Isbouts will seek to bridge the gap between the two, and show that scientific discovery can actually bring us closer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

Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts is a humanities scholar, bestselling author and awardwinning filmmaker, specializing in European history, the culture of the Near East and Renaissance art. A doctoral professor at Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, CA, he gained worldwide renown with his 2006 book "The Biblical World," which became an international bestseller and is now in its fourth print. This success led to a series of National Geographic books, including the bestsellers "In the Footsteps of Jesus" (2011) and "The Story of Christianity" (2014).

Prof. Isbouts has been featured on a number of radio and television shows, including, most recently, the December 2015 BBC TV special on Leonardo da Vinci, and the upcoming documentary The Mona Lisa Code for PBS.

His new book is "Ten Prayers that Changed the World, from Abraham to Gandhi." Published by Random House and National Geographic, it is supported by a major nationwide publicity campaign. His other 2016 book is "Young Leonardo," which argues that Leonardo was not the favored court artist in Milan that traditional scholarship holds him to be.





# THEGATHERING

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.

## **OUTREACH** MINISTRIES



## **MOSM Kids' Meals**

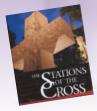
#### Tuesday, March 29 | 5 p.m. Parish Life Center Kitchen

Come prepare sandwiches with Men of St. Martin's 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.

Wednesdays through 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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#### JESUS, PILATE AND BARABBAS Luke 23:1–25

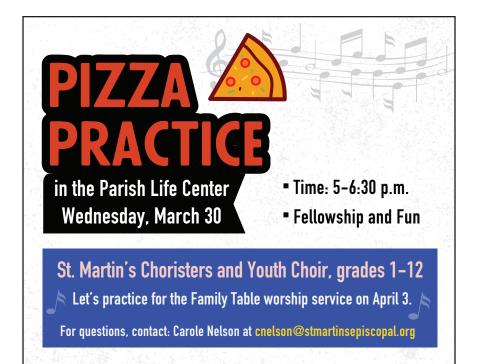
This series will follow Jesus' interactions with different people on the road to the cross as found in Luke's Gospel. What do these encounters teach us about our relationship with Jesus today?

#### **MARCH 30**

Holy Eucharist | The Church ......5:30 p.m. Dinner | Bagby Parish Hall ......6 p.m. Program | Bagby Parish Hall ......6:30 p.m.



THE REV. DR. RUSSELL J. LEVENSON, JR.



THURSDAY LENTEN SERIES Chapel Reception Hall MARCH 31 | 4-5 p.m.



SHARRON L. COX

### DESER ISLANI DEVOTIONS

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!





#### Saturday, April 2 9 a.m.–noon | Rain or shine Corner of Sage and Woodway

Proceeds benefit St. Martin's Outreach Ministries in our community.

> 346-335-8650 info@sterlingsmarket.org



#### SATURDAY, APRIL 2 | 10 A.M. CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

#### Book Study: "The House that God Built" By Jeffry L Seif and Zola Levitt

This readable and entertaining discussion begins with the Tabernacle of the Wilderness and covers all the Temples. The past, present and future of the house of God on Earth are clearly explained, a vital and important part of God's plan, which should be understood by every Bible student.

For more information, please contact Tracee Martin at tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.





St. Martin's Welcomes Back BISHOP MIKE HILL SUNDAY, APRIL 3 | 11:15 a.m. RIVERWAY SERVICE PARISH LIFE CENTER

The Rt. Rev. Mike Hill, the 55th Bishop of Bristol returns to St. Martin's on Sunday, April 3, at 11:15 a.m. to preach at Riverway in the Parish Life Center.

He was Archdeacon of Berkshire before being appointed Bishop of Buckingham and later became the 55th Bishop of Bristol. He was born in Manchester and educated at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge and at Ridley Hall, Cambridge.



## **STRIPPING OF THE PALMS**

Tuesday, April 5 1 – 4 p.m. | Student Life Center

Before crosses can be made, the palm leaves must be stripped and divided. All are invited to help with this preparation.

## **MAKING PALM CROSSES**

#### Wednesday, April 6 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Student Life Center

All are welcome to join members of the Altar Guild as they make palm crosses to be distributed on Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday. This annual tradition is a fun and meaningful time of fellowship and service.

For more information, please contact Barbara Piana at 713-830-4116 or bpiana@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



St. Martin's is offering scholarships for higher education to our graduating high school seniors.

Applications can be found at stmartinsepiscopal.org/student-ministries. The submission deadline is Friday, April 8. Recipients will be informed Saturday, April 30, and celebrated on Senior Recognition Sunday, May 15.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

## CELEBRATE OUR KING Religiour St. Martin's

#### **APRIL 10**

#### **TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

8 a.m. and 6 p.m. | Holy Eucharist and Reading of the Passion | The Church

9 and 11:15 a.m. | Dramatic Re-enactment and Reading of the Passion and Holy Eucharist | The Church *The 11:15 a.m. service will be livestreamed.* 

#### FAMILY TABLE

9:15 a.m. | Holy Eucharist and Dramatic Reading | Parish Life Center

#### **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP RIVERWAY**

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

Childcare is available during all morning services for infants and children through age four.





## WAYS TO GIVE



#### TEXT: Text SMEC to 73256

**ONLINE:** stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving

MAIL: St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 717 Sage Road, Houston, TX 77056

**BEQUESTS:** Contact: Director of Development, Ashley Pratka at apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 346-335-8658

**TRANSFER OF ASSETS:** Pledging and setting up a recurring gift online helps you and the church budget.

LEARN MORE AT: STMARTINSEPISCOPAL.ORG/GIVING

#### THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ......"Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Mark Milosovich

Let us break bread together on our knees, let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together on our knees, let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us thank God together on our knees, let us thank God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Solo verse: O memoriále mórtis Domini, Pánis vívus vítam práestans hómini, Práesta méae ménti de te vívere, Et te ílli simper dúlce sápere.

Translation: O remembrance of my Lord's death, Living Bread that givest life to mankind, Grant that my soul may find its life in Thee, And ever savor Thy sweetness.

Words: Latin text from "Adoro Te" by St. Thomas Aquinas. Music: African-American Spiritual and 13th Century Plainchant, arr. by Mark Milosevich. © 1988, 1990 by Theodore Presser Co. All Rights Reserved.

#### 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.



Text, John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; Music, Gardiner, William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815; By permission of Houghton Mifflin Company.

#### 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.)



John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

#### 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)

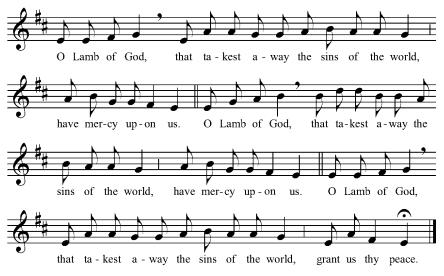
People and Celebrant

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 ...... "Seek to Serve" Lloyd Pfautsch

May I live in the world as one who always seeks to serve. May I live as one who knows the love of God. Lord, teach me how to live and how to serve. With my ears may I hear. With my eyes may I see. With my lips may I speak. May your Word be heard through me. Thus as I live each day may love sustain the will to serve. Amen.

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## THE CUP RETURNS!

We will resume celebrating Holy Eucharist with Bread and Wine in all services next Sunday, April 3.

(Communion of one kind continues to be a full communion in the Episcopal Church.)

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HYMN 671 ..... "Amazing Grace"



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HYMN ....."As the Deer"



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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.

\*HYMN 149 ....."Eternal Lord of Love"



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### THE DISMISSAL

# A Minister says the dismissalPeople:Thanks be to God.

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

## RECOGNITIONS

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	Oct. 29, 202	I Thomas Sealy Burch Son of Hilary and Patrick Burch Grandson of Lita and George Sealy IV Great Grandson of George Sealy III Great Grandson of Carlita Laurent
	Jan. 7	Lily Olivia "Lottie" Todd Daughter of Ashton and Hunter Todd
	March 14	Robert Elton Anderson Son of Kellen and Ben Anderson
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Jan. 8 Alta Jean Weyland

March 14 Joyce Marie Percival Cumley

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

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT ......Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

THE PSALM ..... Psalm 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said," I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

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From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

#### THE GOSPEL.....Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe-the best one-and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.""

### 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.

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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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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