FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 3, 2022



Mary Magdalene 1616 - Carlo Dolci - 1686 Florence, Italy

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

June J. Luna, Jr. +

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

APRIL 3

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. Sharron L. Cox

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

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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 Dr. Phil Tallon, Ph.D. Dean of School of Christian Thought, Houston Baptist University A Convented Life Livert

A Converted Life: Heart

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 Dr. David Peterson

Growing in Christ: Fasting and Meditation 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. Robert Wareing

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 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.

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.



APRIL 4-9

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, April 4 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, April 5 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, April 6 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, April 6 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.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, April 6 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, April 7 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, April 9 | 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, April 7 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, April 7 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, April 5 – Evening Group 6:30–8 p.m. | via Zoom Thursday, April 7 – 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, April 5 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, April 6 9:15–10:30 a.m. | Student Life Center



The Moms' Group will be joining the Altar Guild and others in making palm crosses for the Palm Sunday service. Please bring scissors. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Blanket Ladies

Wednesday, April 6 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, April 6 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.

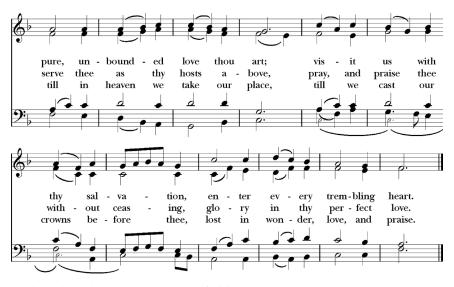
VOLUNTARY"Melody"

York Bowen

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



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



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

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

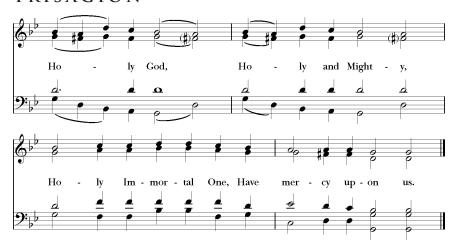
The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

(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 alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONPhilippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

All stand.



Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748); Music: Rockingham, from Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731–1807).

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 45.



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Please be seated.

THE SERMON "What Saints and Sinners Have in Common" *The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.*

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 327) (stand)

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.





On Saturday, March 26, the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas, presided over our Confirmation service. Please join us in congratulating those we welcomed to the Episcopal Church by confirmation, reception and reaffirmation.

ADULTS

Reaffirmed	
Carol L	ouico Cilos

Carol Louise Giles

Received

Emily Borling
Kristee N. Irby
Peter Martinez
Edward C. Miller
Katharine E. Rider
John A. Randolph
Deborah V. Stuckey
Kevin M. Stuckey

Confirmed

Kenneth Beadell Kimberly Chernosky David W. Childress

Confirmed

Frances K. Childress
Lila I. Flores
Robert E. Giles
James P. Harris
Pamela P. Harris
Tanaz S. Jabbari
Courtney A. Jett
Joseph S. Jett
Albert S. Keller
Mary L. Plumhoff
Rebecca A. Randolph
Grant M. Sadler
Ashley M. Scoggins
Zachary W. Scoggins

Elizabeth C. Strait

Colt K. Tenpenny

STUDENTS CONFIRMED

Elliot Anderson Allison Moss
Mac Baker IV Draden Moss
Will Burba III Caroline Mould
Camille Canterbury Farris Murchison
Mary Rose Canterbury Fletcher Murchison

James Cox Parker Nelson
George Donnelly Jackie O'Donnell
Alexander Donnelly Trip O'Donnell
Warren Dooley Loulie Parker
Dade Dooley Carlton Payne
Amelia Earle Mary Clare Pincu

Maggie Earle Lucy Roche

Grace Essalih Shepherd Simons

Elizabeth Gormley K Simmons Rand Grace Leslie Soper

Thomas Guilanshah Jonathan Sweeten

Kacey Harvin Ellie Tellepsen
Natalie Harvin Roc Tenpenny

Henry Lanier Josephine VanHoutan

Harol Lofton Johnny Walters Claudia Matti Maddie Wynn

Kate McWherter

If you have questions about confirmation for students, please email students@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

If you have questions about confirmation for adults, please email dlainez@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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.

Please bring your scissors.

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





Tuesday, April 5 | 4 p.m.
Parish Life Center Kitchen



Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.





St. Martin's International OSL Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

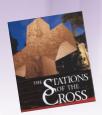
Next Service

Wednesday, April 6 | 5 p.m. Parish Life Center or via Zoom bit.ly/oslservice

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays through April 6 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. Holy Week, April 11-14 | 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The Church



Available online at bit.ly/smeclent

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.



ENCOUNTERS on the ROAD

JESUS AND THE END OF THE ROAD

Luke 23:32-49

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?

APRIL 6

Holy Eucharist | The Church5:30 p.m. Dinner | Bagby Parish Hall......6 p.m. Program | Bagby Parish Hall6:30 p.m.



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

THURSDAY LENTEN SERIES

Chapel Reception Hall APRIL 7 | 4-5 p.m.



LISA R. NEILSON

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!



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.





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

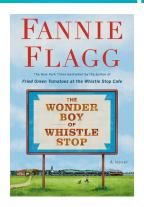
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP RIVERWAY

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

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



DAY GROUP



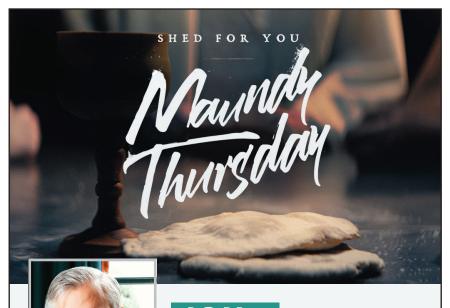
1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, April 13 Children's Life Center, Room 132 and Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom

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.



Don't miss the Rev. Dr. Christopher Beeley, Director of the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies at Duke University, on Palm Sunday at the morning traditional services. He will deliver a short homily in the 8, 9 and 11:15 a.m. services in The Church. Dr. Beeley, a long-time friend of St. Martin's, also serves as the Jack and Barbara Bovender Professor of Theology, Anglican Studies and Ministry at Duke. He holds a bachelor's degree from Washington and Lee University, a Master's of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School and a Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame.



JON MEACHAM

Thursday, April 14
7 p.m. | The Church
Service will be livestreamed.

Join us in The Church for Maundy Thursday Liturgy with author and historian Jon Meacham and the Parish Choir. Stripping of the Altar; Traditional Worship Service with Holy Eucharist. The Worship service concludes outdoors near the Wayside Chapel and Great Cross.

Meacham's insight on history, theology and culture are apparent in his biographies of U.S. Presidents including George H.W. Bush and Andrew Jackson.



St. Martin's Parish Choir performs the Seven Last Words of Christ by Théodore Dubois. The seven words (or phrases) are

taken from the combined accounts of the four Gospels and draw the listener in to the final moments that Jesus experienced on the cross.

Join us on Good Friday and hear Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian Jon Meacham as he preaches at noon and 6 p.m. Includes Traditional Worship Service with Eucharist. Meacham's insight on history, theology and culture are apparent in his biographies of U.S. Presidents including George H.W. Bush.







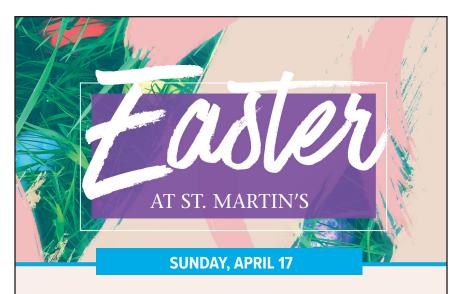
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Children's Ministry

August 1-4 | Monday-Thursday

Registration: bit.ly/vbs2022sing

Registration closes 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, unless spaces fill before the deadline.



The Sunday of the Resurrection

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST HOSTED BY ST. MARTIN'S VESTRY 8-11 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

EASTER SUNDAY TRADITIONAL SERVICES

7, 9, 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. | The Church | Holy Eucharist; festive music by the Parish Choir, Gloria Dei Organ, brass and tympani.

The 11:15 a.m. service will be livestreamed.

FAMILY TABLE

8 and 9:15 a.m. | Parish Life Center

STUDENT MINISTRIES EASTER EGG HUNT

10:15-11 a.m. | Student Life Center All middle school and high school students are invited to a traditional Easter Egg Hunt with a Student Ministries twist.

RIVERWAY SERVICE

11:15 a.m. | Parish Life Center

CHILDCARE

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



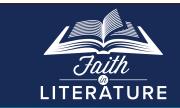
For church members and others in our community who experience memory loss

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.



EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, April 26 7—8:30 p.m. Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom



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

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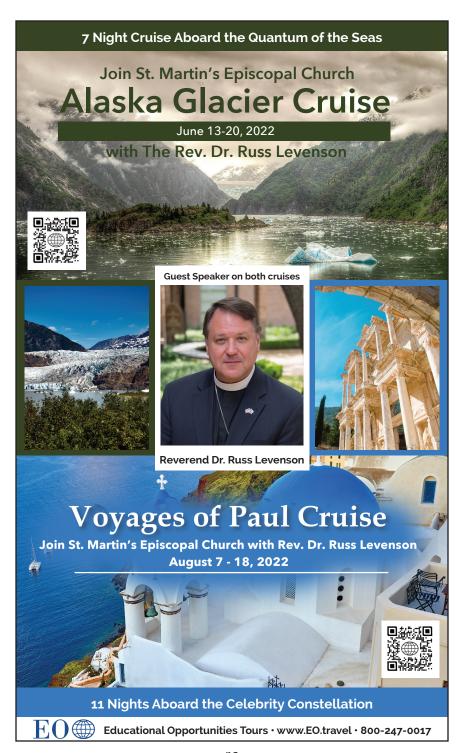
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HOLY EUCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS



Receive Bread

by placing your right palm on top of the left.



Please Do Not

hold your fingers up to receive the Bread.



Decline Bread or Wine

by crossing your arms across your chest.



Guide Chalice

with your hands.



Self Intinction

use the intinction vessel on the side of the Chalice.



THE OFFERTORY

O Salutaris Hostia, quae coeli pandis ostium, bella premunt hostilia, da robur, fer auxilium. Uni trinoque Domino sit sempiterna gloria, Qui vitam sine termino nobis donet in patria.

O Redeeming Sacrifice, which opens the gate of heaven: enemies threaten wars; give us strength, send aid. To Thy great name be endless praise Immortal Godhead, One in Three; Oh, grant us endless length of days, In our true native land with Thee.

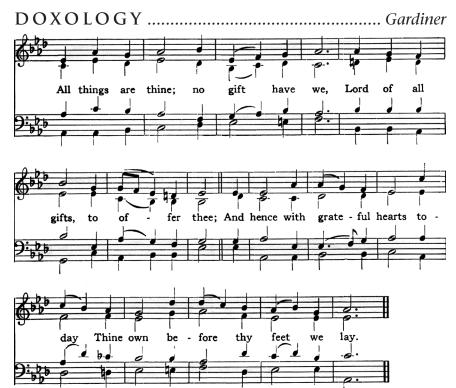
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AT THE PRESENTATION (stand)

(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)

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.

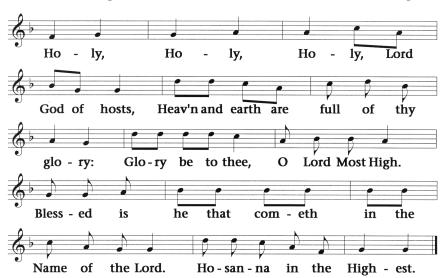
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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)

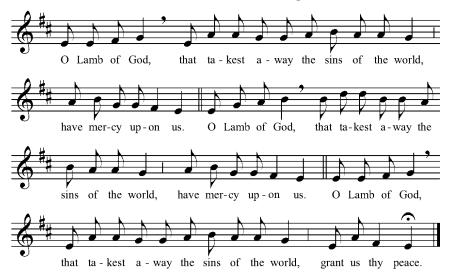
People and Celebrant

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. Communion of one kind continues to be full Communion in the Episcopal Church. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine. Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit cum sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. Amen.

Hail True Body, born of the Virgin, who, having suffered was sacrificed on the cross for humankind; from whose pierced side flowed water and blood. For us let it be a foretaste in the trial of death.

Music: Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921). Edited by Anne-Marie Forbes.



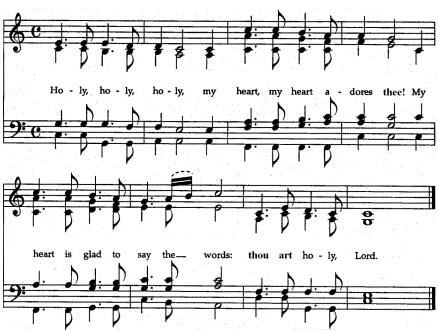
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6 Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871); Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868).





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After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel) 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.



Words: Ray Palmer (1808–1887); Music: Olivet, Lowell Mason (1792–1872).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

RECOGNITIONS



GREENERY GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of Nan Luckett Williams, on the anniversary of her birthday by Casey, Will, Henry and Caroline Hedges



SYMPATHY

March 28 John B. Brock III

SERMON NOTES





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OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT.....Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

THE PSALMPsalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev. Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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 Jeff Holden Cia Baze Wayne Hollis **Bob Spencer** Jack Beeson Jack Hunnell Jim Stokes Missy Belote Ronnie Jacobe, Jr. Aaron Strong Susan Strother Anne Berry Brittney Jacobson Alli Blackman John Jamail Paul Stumpff Shirlee Jamail Cory Blackman Nancy Talbot Grace Blake Muriel Kearby Albaral Paul Therrien Dianne Brock Millie Tonn Paige Laird H. Michael Tyson Harry Burrow Sherman Lasker **Jane Cabes** Randy Vander Naillen 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 Mac Davis James Wilkerson Roberta Lloyd Eric Zoerb Sue Davis Ryan Logan Tommy W. Davis Jaclyn Manning Ben Louis DelHomme Jeffrey Martinson Betsey Bobby deSosa **BD McAndrew** 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 Mayfield Family Troy Phillips Lorrie Matt Fryar Jimmy Prentice Marilyn **Brad Gallion** Ophelia Pujol Mark Max Goodloe Barbara Quackenbush Matthew Nancy Gore Rocky Robinson Oran Hollis, McKay and Robert Rosales Patsv Rand Grace Jimmy Sackllah RC Shea Guinn **Brady Samuelson** Sally Gladys Halbouty Jim Sanitato Thomas Walesk Harvey Victor and Barbara Ellie Schilling

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.

Helen and Jim Shaffer

Clif Shoemake

Willie

Woody

Elizabeth Hill

Mollie Hill

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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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