THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 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*.

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

MAY I

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.

8+ with the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay, Ph.D. 8:55-9:25 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

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

Theology for Life with Dr. Ben Blackwell, Ph.D. Director of Houston Theological Seminary, Houston Baptist University One Faith Among Many 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 Mr. David Lumpkins Growing in Christ: Service 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.

Adults



THEOLOGY





Creative Spaces with Dr. Matt Stanford

Mental Health in the Modern Age 10:15-11 a.m. | Vestry Conference Room

This class looks at life, faith and prayer in different ways, examining contemplative spirituality, contemporary life and more.

Family Life Class with the Rev. Alex Graham III

How to Study the Bible Part 2: Observation 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.









Adults

Monday, May 2 10 a.m.-noon | Activity Center, Upper Hall East

Saintly Stitchers

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.

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.

MAY 2-7









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Education for Ministry

Tuesday, May 3 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, May 4 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, May 4 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, May 4 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, May 5 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 Dr. David Henning at dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.











Sterling's Market Saturday, May 7 | Rain or Shine 9 a.m.-1 p.m. | 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, May 5 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 Dania Lainez at dlainez@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, May 5 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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, May 3 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, May 4 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, May 4 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 Picnic Wednesday, May 4 6:30–8 p.m. | Student Life Center LIFEgroups

Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join the final Life Group meeting of the year for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. Students are welcome to come early and hang out or use the quiet space to do homework any time after school on Wednesdays. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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

VOLUNTARY "We Thank Thee, O God" Johann Sebastian Bach

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

*HYMN 460 "Alleuia! Sing to Jesus"







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



Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898); Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887).

Begin on page 323 of "The Book of Common Prayer" (BCP)

Celebrant:Alleluia. Christ is risen.People:The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.



GLORIA (said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

The Celebrant says the Collect

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONActs 9:1-20

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell

from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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

All stand.

HYMN 343 (vs. 1-2)....."Shepherd of Souls"



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

THE GOSPEL...... John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 41.

HYMN 343 (vs. 3-4)....."Shepherd of Souls"



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Please be seated.

THE SERMON "God's Ways..." The Rev. Sharron L. Cox

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 327)

Celebrant and People I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried: and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 387, Form III) (kneel)

Minister and People pray responsively Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Anglican Communion; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our Bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector; for all bishops, priests and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; for all who serve in our armed forces and their families; for persecuted Christians; for the security and safety of all those in Ukraine; for victims of terror attacks; for an end to war and conflict; for victims of natural disasters; for first responders; for those suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus; for health care workers; for those in the hospitals,__; for those whom our prayers have been requested,__; for those on our Continuing Prayer List; for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers,__; for the dearly departed,__; and we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind.

I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly or in the privacy of their hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (BCP p. 394)

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People (BCP p. 331)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen. Priest stands and says (BCP p. 332)

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

THE PEACE (stand)

Celebrant:The peace of the Lord be always with you.People:And with thy spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

FAMILY DINNERS

Sunday, May 1 | 5-7 p.m. Student Life Center

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

Please email students@stmartinsepiscopal.org to RSVP so that we may have an accurate headcount for dinner.





Mother's Day Giving Tree Cards

The Giving Tree, a branch of St. Martin's Outreach Ministries, offers Parishioners and the surrounding community the opportunity to honor a loved one for Mother's Day through a heartfelt gift that empowers a worthy organization while touching hearts and changing lives.

GIVING TREE CARDS

Celebrate Mother's Day with family and friends by making a donation in their honor to your favorite ministry. Click on the Giving Tree web banner at stmartinsepiscopal.org and fill out the form by Friday, May 6. The card shown above will be personalized and mailed to each person on your list. If you need assistance, email outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Kids' Meals

Tuesday, May 3 | 4 p.m. Parish Life Center Kitchen

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

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.



🗸 FREE 3-Week Program

The Savvy Caregiver program will help you understand dementia, its effects on behavior, and how to develop personalized strategies for dementia caregiving and decision making.

Wednesdays, May 4, 11 and 18 Chapel Reception Hall | 12:30–2:30 p.m. St. Martin's Episcopal Church | 717 Sage Rd.

Contact Sharon Cantrell

scantrell@amazingplacehouston.org 713-440-8177

AmazingPlaceHouston.org

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR

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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.

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Next Service Wednesday, May 4 | 5 p.m. Parish Life Center or via Zoom bit.ly/oslservice

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

Tenor Recital

with ANGEL ROMERO



Friday, May 6 7 p.m. | The Church Accompaniment by Dr. Alina Klimaszewskia Free and Open to the Public

Angel Romero is an accomplished and award-winning tenor whose career includes stints at The Pittsburgh Opera, The Santa Fe Opera and the Central City (Colorado) Opera. Romero holds a bachelor's degree from Houston Baptist University and a master's degree from the prestigious Yale University School of Music. He serves as the administrative assistant for the music department and Children's choirs at St. Martin's.



The group ends the year with Holy Eucharist and reflections.

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

A Fond Farewell and Thank You



Holli Kight



Tom and Haley Lynch



Beth Ollenburger

Sunday, May 8 • 10–11 a.m. Crosswalk Garden



6 p.m. | Student Life Center and Online

Learn about the mission and core values of St. Martin's and broaden your understanding of our ministries and your role in the Church during this membership class that will include an instructed Eucharist, a presentation by St. Martin's Rector, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., and a question-andanswer session by Kathy Johnson, Director of Membership.

Reservations are required. To RSVP, contact Kathy Johnson at 713-985-3834 or kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org by 5 p.m. Sunday, May 8.



SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 15 | 10 a.m. | Student Life Center

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022!

It is our privilege each year, as our high school students prepare for graduation, to honor, encourage and pray for them as members of our church family, to celebrate their accomplishments and send them forward with our blessing.

Please join us in recognizing this milestone in our graduating seniors lives!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) Children's Ministry

Children born by 01/01/2018 through those entering 5th grade this fall.

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 Bible will come alive in Ephesus, Corinth, Athens, and Crete as you sail from Venice to explore the Greek Isles.

bit.ly/VoyagesofPaulCruise22



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February 25 - March 8, 2023

Led by the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., DMIN, the Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D., the Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV, Ph.D., and Mr. Ossama Matter



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THE OFFERTORY

A N T H E M "Exultate Justi" Lodovico Grossi da Viadana

Exsultate justi in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio. Confitemini Domino in cithara. In psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi. Cantate ei canticum novum. Bene psallite ei in vociferacione.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones: it is fitting for the upright ones to give praise. Acknowledge the Lord with the harp. Sing to him with a psaltery of ten strings. Sing to him a new song. Sing praises to him well with a loud voice.

Psalm 32:11; 33:1-4. Arrangement © 2000 Christopher Moore.

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.

DOXOLOGY Easter Hymn



Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 340) (stand)

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People:	It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People (said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



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The Celebrant continues (BCP p. 341) (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 336)

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant:Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;People:Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM Celtic Alleluia



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

During the season of Easter, the Prayer of Humble Access is not a part of our public liturgy. You are invited to use it for your private preparation before receiving Communion.

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. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

A N T H E M "Gaelic Blessing" John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you, Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you, Deep peace of the gentle night to you, Moon and stars, pour their healing light on you, Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you, Deep peace of Christ to you.

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HYMN"Glorify Thy Name"



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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. At 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 255 "We Sing the Glorious Conquest"

1 We sing the glo - rious con-quest be - fore Da - mas - cus' gate, 2 0 Voice that spoke with - in him; O strong, re - prov - ing Word: 3 Your grace, by ways mys - ter-ious, our sin - ful wrath can bind, when Saul. the church's spoil-er came spread - ing fear and hate. Love that sought and held him a pris - oner 0 of his Lord; and in those least ex - pect-ed true ser - vants you can find. n. God's light shone down from hea - ven and broke a - cross the path. help know your king-ship that us to we, in ev - ery hour, In dis ci - ples to share your cross and us you seek crown



Words: John Ellerton (1826–1893), alt.; Music: Munich, melody from Neu-vermehrtes und zu Ubung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch, 1693; adapt. And harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal **People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia. ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Personal prayers are available at the west Side Chapel after this service.

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage by Caroline Elizabeth Clarke and William Preston Taulbee III

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Thomas Burch by Hilary and Patrick Burch

In memory of Larry Sikes by the Sikes-Bartlett families



BAPTISMS

April 23 Isabelle Hart Rosenberg Grace Alston Kluttz

April 24 Ann Macari Coleman



SYMPATHY

April 16 Wadiha "Dee" Farris Fargood Gilbert

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

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THE PSALM Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me. O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favor for a lifetime. Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning. While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear. I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying, "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper." You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

THE EPISTLE Revelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Individuals are included on the *Continuing Prayers* list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

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Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks before Easter and All Saints' Day. Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. To put someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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