

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

May 29, 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

FROM THE RECTOR

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD,
JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "*Come, follow Me...*" (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

I want to personally invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.



The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., Rector

Prayers Before Worship

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

NOTICE: St. Martin's is a gun-free campus.

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

MAY 29

Christian Education for Adults, Children's Ministry and 7-1-7 Students will not be offered today in observance of Memorial Day. Please join us next Sunday, June 5, when Christian Education classes resume.

St. Martin's Campus will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen Tuesday, May 31.

MAY 30-JUNE 4

Adults

Church Tours

Wednesday, June 1

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, June 1

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 lnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 2

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, June 4 | 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.

Women

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, May 31

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 lnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Blanket Ladies

Wednesday, June 1

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 lnelson@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 "Rhosymedre"

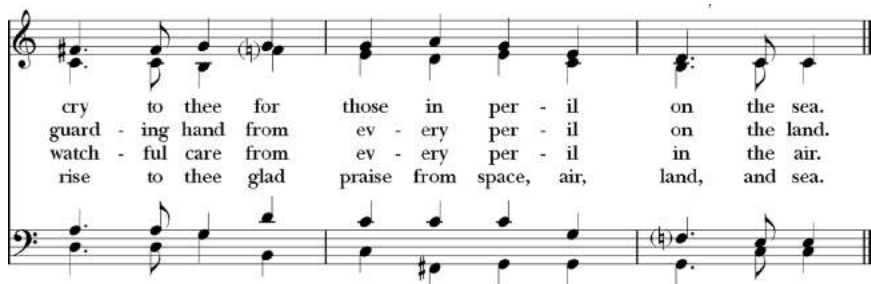
Ralph Vaughn Williams

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

*HYMN 579 "Almighty Father, Strong to Save"

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
3 O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, our peo - ple shield in
rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -
firm - a - ment; O Wind of hea - ven, by thy might save
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -
own ap - point - ed li - mits keep: O hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

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



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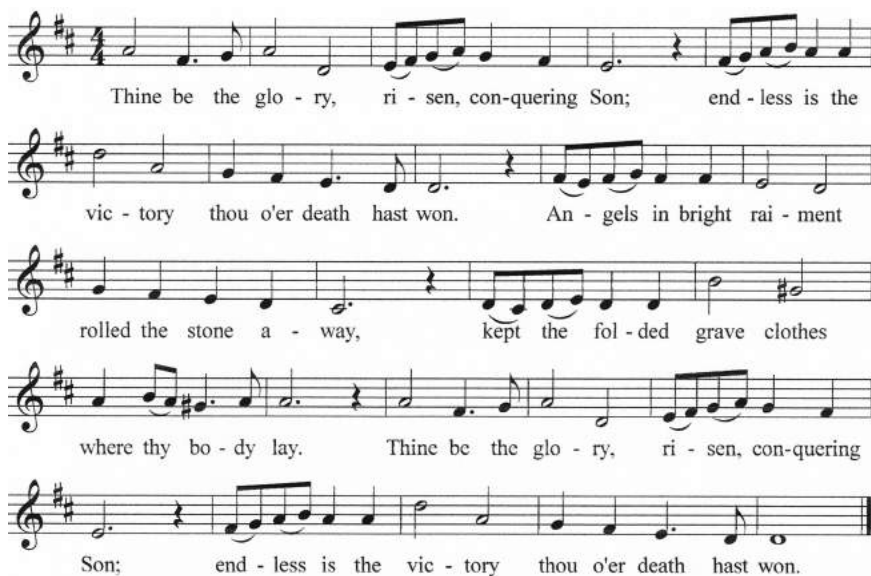
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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.**

G L O R I A (*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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Revelation 22:8-21

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me; but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!" And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy. See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book:

if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

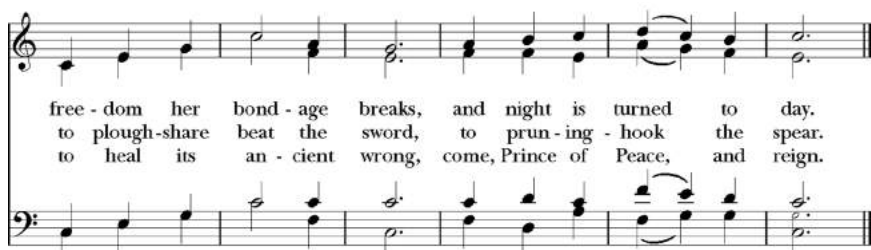
HYMN 542 (vs. 1-2) "Christ is the World's True Light"



1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
 2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
 the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
 cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;



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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 17:20-26

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 33.

HYMN 542 (vs. 3) "Christ is the World's True Light"



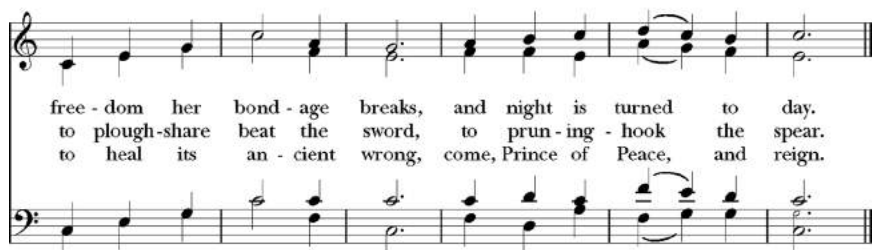
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free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON“The Mathematics of Divine Judgement”
The Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay, Ph.D.

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 for 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.**

T H E P E A C E *(stand)*

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

SERVE IN WORSHIP

Whether you feel called to serve up front or behind the scenes, there are many wonderful opportunities to use your gifts and help others connect with God at St. Martin's. If you are interested in serving in one of our worship ministries or have any questions, please contact us.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Worship Services Coordinator

Barbara Piana at 713-830-4116 or

bpiana@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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Save the Date! Garden Day

Tuesday, June 14 | 9 a.m.
St. Martin's Playground

Come put hands to dirt as we collectively grow our faith and explore the question of how God calls each of us to be His stewards of all His creation. You can plant seeds in a pot and then take it home to nurture it and watch it grow. This interactive event will be facilitated by Will Scheel of Plant With Purpose, a St. Martin's world mission partner that currently empowers more than 60,000 farming families around the world.

Contact worldmission@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.

Student Beach Adventure

FOR GRADES 6-12

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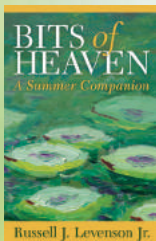
PASSION CAMP 2022

JULY 10-16

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Registration deadline May 31

SEASONAL BOOK BY THE REV. DR. RUSSELL J. LEVENSON, JR.

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



Bits of Heaven *A Summer Companion*

"In this wonderful, refreshing, and powerful book, an experienced Rector holds your hand and takes you through the eternal truths that can shape and enhance a life. With humor and anecdote, he helps you understand the gift of faith. As you plan your summer, this is a must read addition. With this book, Russ Levenson is becoming the finest writer of devotional texts in the Episcopal Church today."

– *The Very Reverend Ian Markham, Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary*

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– *Jon Meacham, Former Editor and Chief of Newsweek and Executive Editor and Executive Vice President of Random House*

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SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR

Healing and Wholeness



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, June 1 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center or via Zoom
bit.ly/oslservice

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

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' NIGHT IN

717
STUDENTS

An eve of movies, crafts, food
and friendship

DATE/TIME: Friday, June 3 | 5:30–9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Student Life Center

REGISTRATION:

Florence Ritchie | fritchier@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Registration deadline: Wednesday, June 1



Saturday, June 4
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Rain or shine
Sage and Woodway

INDOOR POP UP MARKET



BAGBY PARISH HALL



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15 | 3-7 P.M.



Food outside for your
dining enjoyment.



Proceeds from Sterling's Market benefit outreach ministries in our community.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR

THE REV. ROBERT E. WAREING



SUNDAY, JUNE 5 | BAGBY PARISH HALL

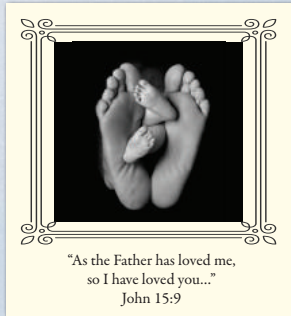
Immediately following the 11:15 a.m. traditional service.

Please join us in Bagby Parish Hall and celebrate Robert's time here and his many accomplishments.

While we are sure we will see Robert and Pat from time to time, let us gather and give thanks for the remarkable work they have done for us!



The Giving Tree



Father'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 Father's Day through a heartfelt gift that empowers a worthy organization while touching hearts and changing lives.

GIVING TREE CARDS

Celebrate Father'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 Monday, June 6. The card shown above will be personalized and mailed to each person on your list. If you need assistance, email outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org



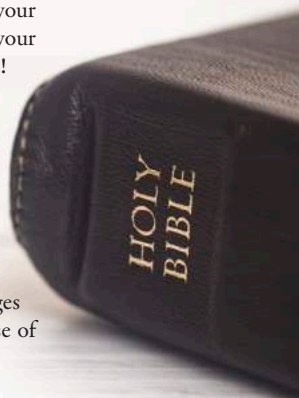
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 7
WELCOME CENTER | 7-8 P.M.

How would you like to find a place where you can define your faith, refine your faith, articulate your faith, and live your faith? If you've ever wanted any of these, EfM is for you! Education for Ministry, (EfM) is a both a challenging and affirming four-year study developed and administered by the University of the South's School of Theology with world-wide groups who worship and study in a community of 12 participants and two mentors.

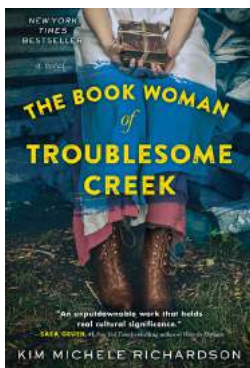
Consisting of the study of the Old and New Testaments, Church history, theology and liturgy, the seminar meets weekly from September to May. Each participant engages in his/her own spiritual journey as well as sharing in those of fellow group members.

For more information, contact:

Amanda DeViney | adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org | 713-830-4110



DAY GROUP



1-2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, June 8
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 Amanda DeViney at adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Paris and Normandy River Cruise on the Seine

with Guest Speakers the Rev. Dr. Russell Levenson, Jr.
and Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

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Activity Center



St. Martin's Activity Center has a new lineup of weekly group fitness activities led by expert personal trainers. From Family Line Dancing and Fitness Boot Camps to Senior Strength Training and Yogalates, there's something for everyone and it's all free! Bring your friends and explore these exciting additions to life at St. Martin's.

All programs are 45 minutes long with an optional 15-minute cool-down period. All classes are set up on a first-come, first-served online registration system. Try any of our classes for free as we enjoy a soft launch of our new programs. (We reserve the right to charge for future classes.)

Please visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter to view and register for classes.

FREE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

WAYS OF TRANSFORMING THROUGH WILDERNESS: PANDEMIC, LOSS, GRIEF

JUNE 9

Thursday | Noon-1 p.m.
HHCI Auditorium

PRESENTED BY:



TIM VANDUIVENDYK, D.MIN., M.DIV., BS
VICE PRESIDENT OF SPIRITUAL CARE WITH MEMORIAL
HERMANN HEALTH SYSTEM, RETIRED CHAPLAIN, LPC, LMFT



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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “The Call”
Kevin Riehle

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast; Such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes His guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move; Such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

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AT THE PRESENTATION

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

WAYS TO GIVE



TEXT: Text SMEC to 73256

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DOXOLOGY *Easter Hymn*

Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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.)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -

— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.

ANTHEM “Ride On, King Jesus!”

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can-a hinder me. I was but young when I begun, no man can a hinder me. Ride on, King Jesus, ride on! No man can-a hinder me. The river of Jordan He did cross, no man can a hinder me. If you want to find your way to God, The gospel highway must be trod. Oh, Ride on, King Jesus. No man can a hinder me.

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HYMN "They Will Know We Are Christians"

Unison

1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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HYMN "Holy, Holy"

1. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly,
 2. Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther, We're so
 3. Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, We're so
 4. Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - rit, Come and
 5. lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -

ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y; And we
 glad to be your chil - dren gra - cious Fa - ther, And we
 glad that you've re - deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus, And we
 fill our hearts a new Ho - ly Spir - it, And we
 lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, And we

lift our hearts be fore— you as a tok - en of our love, Ho - ly,
 lift our hearts be-fore— you as a tok - en of our love, gra - cious
 lift our hearts be-fore— you as a tok - en of our love, pre - cious
 lift our voice be-fore— you as a tok - en of our love, Ho - ly
 lift our hearts be-fore— you as a tok - en of our love, Hal - le -

1. - 4. 5.
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. 2. Gra - cious
 Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther. 3. Pre - cious
 Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus. 4. Ho - ly
 Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it. 5. Hal - le
 lu - jah, hal - le lu - jah.

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HYMN “Glorify Thy Name”

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
 2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
 3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. (BCP p. 339)

The People may join in saying this prayer

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.

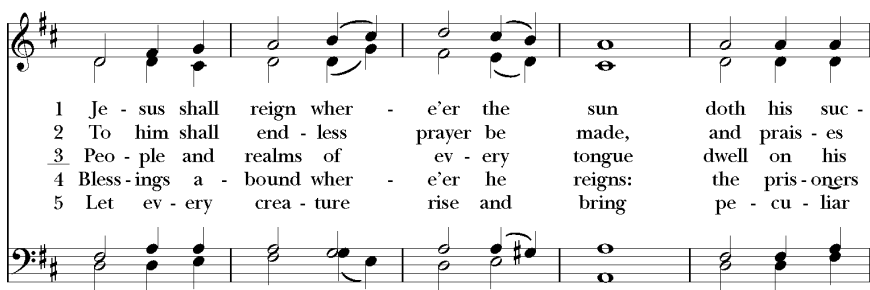
At 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

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.

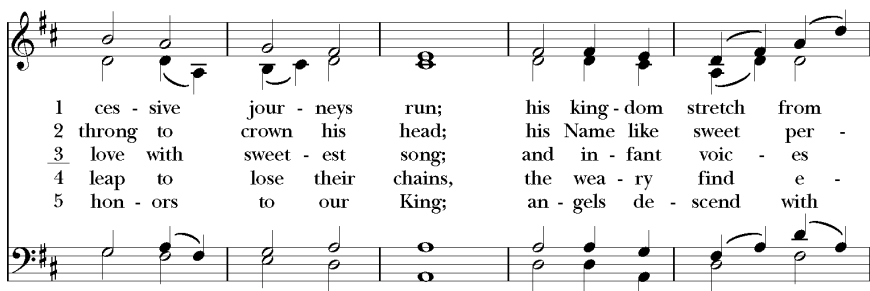
THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 544“Jesus Shall Reign”



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - every tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - every crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - every morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

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

In thanksgiving for all who have given their lives in service of our country

In thanksgiving for the 2021/2022 ECW Board

In memory of Clarence P. Alfrey, M.D. on the anniversary of his birthday
by his loving family

In memory of Col. James L. McBride, Jr. USAF, MIA-Korea
by his family

In memory of Beth Trice on the anniversary of her 100th birthday
by Betsy Trice



BIRTHS

Sept. 11 Houston Gillen Rutherford, Jr.
 Son of Ann and Houston Rutherford
 Grandson of Nancy Rutherford and Mike Rutherford
 Great-grandson of Sally Rutherford



BAPTISMS

May 21 Mila Louise Barends
 Lilly Marie Eason



WEDDINGS

May 21 Autumn Ann Surles and Samuel Jacob Acker

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

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM Psalm 97

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne. A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid. The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods. Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord. For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy Name.

THE LESSON Acts 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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:

Dr. Reese Albright	Shea Guinn	Barbara Quackenbush
Harvey Altmann	Gladys Halbouty	Rocky Robinson
Katie Altmann	Walesk Harvey	Robert Rosales
Shelly Bain	Elizabeth Hill	Virginia Runnels
Cia Baze	Mollie Hill	Brady Samuelson
Jack Beeson	Jeff Holden	Jim Sanitato
Missy Belote	Wayne Hollis	Ellie Schilling
Anne Berry	Kim Holway	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Alli Blackman	Jack Hunnell	Clif Shoemake
Cory Blackman	Nicole Jabbari	Richard Smith
Grace Blake	Ronnie Jacobe, Jr.	Bob Spencer
Dianne Brock	Muriel Kearby Albaral	Jim Stokes
Mark Burchard	Paige Laird	Aaron Strong
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Jane Cables	Sherman Lasker	Nancy Talbot
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Bobby deSosa	Greg Martin	Mary Waters
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Chase Dixon	Pat Marymee	Tim Womack
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Jim Easterling	Hal Means	Ben
Stacey Elliott	Len Menefee	Betsey
Mayfield Family	Christine Nguyen	Casey
Matt Fryar	Benice Nwabueze	Elizabeth
Brad Gallion	Judy and Jay O'Connor	Henry
Max Goodloe	Jim Paddock	Jana
Nancy Gore	Troy Phillips	Jane
Hollis, McKay and	Jimmy Prentice	Kathryn
Rand Grace	Ophelia Pujol	Laura

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 vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Lauren
Leslie
Lorrie
Marilyn
Mark

Matthew
Oran
RC
Sally
Thomas

Victor and Barbara
Willie
Woody

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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