INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED

July 3, 2022



OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



FROM THE RECTOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

JULY 3

Christian Education for Adults, Children's Ministry and 7-1-7 Students will not be offered today in observance of Independence Day. Please join us next Sunday, July 10, when Christian Education classes resume.

St. Martin's Campus will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Indepedence day. We will re-open Tuesday, July 5.

JULY 5-9

Adults

High-Impact Interval Training with Johnny

Tuesday, July 5 9-10 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, Second Floor

If you are ready to work up a sweat, this class is for you! This is a highintensity interval training class that targets every muscle in your body! Come get your sweat on! Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Boot Camp with Johnny

Tuesday, July 5 5-6 p.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, Second Floor

Do you need an extra push? Our boot camps will keep you on your toes! We want to keep you guessing, so each class is different and will push you out of your comfort zone! We will challenge you during every class! We want you to have tons of fun – but be prepared to enjoy this high-intensity training! Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Yogalates with Angela

Wednesday, July 6 8:30-9:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, Second Floor

Get a taste of this power-paced Pilates class that will mix traditional yoga flows and stretches. Improve your strength, lengthen your muscles, realign your body and rejuvenate while releasing the stress from your day. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Senior Strength Training with Angela

Wednesday, July 6 9:45-10:45 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, Second Floor

This class is a combination of strength training and basic movements to improve balance, flexibility and overall strength. We have designed this class for those who prefer a workout without the added impact to joints. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, July 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, July 6 7-8:45 p.m. | Student Life Center

Join our young adults as they explore the First and Second Books of Thessalonians this summer. There will be discussion, prayer and dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Throwback Thursday Aerobics with Angela

Thursday, July 7 9-10 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, Second Floor

Old-school aerobics is a throwback from the Jane Fonda days incorporating cardio and toning exercises to great hits. This class is a great calorie burner and mood lifter. You will find it upbeat and enjoyable. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Balletone with Janaira

Thursday, July 7 10:45-11:45 a.m. | Activity Center, Fellowship Room, First Floor

Join us for a full body, non-equipment workout that combines high-intensity and low-impact exercises. It blends workout techniques from dance, Pilates, fitness and yoga. You will work on core strength, muscular endurance, dynamic balance and flexibility, leaving no muscle untouched. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Line Dancing with Britt

Thursday, July 7 1-2 p.m. | Activity Center, Gym, First Floor

Let's cha-cha! Line dancing is for everyone! It is a great activity, and you will meet people in a fun and relaxed environment. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 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 Dr. David Henning at dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Fri-YAY Full Body Strength with Johnny

Friday, July 8 10-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall East, Second Floor

This is a terrific way to define, sculpt and build lean muscle that focuses on intense isolation exercises with free weights and resistance, ending with abs. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Weekend Kick-Off Zumba with Neus

Friday, July 8 6-7 p.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, First Floor

It's an easy-to-follow, high energy, calorie burning, total body dance-based workout. This class fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms with interval training to tone and sculpt, getting you closer to the body you have always dreamed about. Zumba is an awesome choreographed workout that feels more like a night on the town instead of a workout at the gym. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Sterling's Market

Saturday, July 9 | 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, July 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.

Blanket Ladies

Wednesday, July 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.

Mommy and Me with Angela

Thursday, July 7 10-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Fellowship Room, First Floor

Join us for a fun mommy-and-me class that enhances socialization with mommy during the beginning of a child's mobility! The environments created in this class facilitate sitting, rolling, crawling, creeping, climbing and walking. The social bond that develops through group interaction is a key part of child development, and allows mommy an opportunity to share ideas and new experiences with baby. For moms and babies 0-12 months old. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

HOLY EUCHARIST

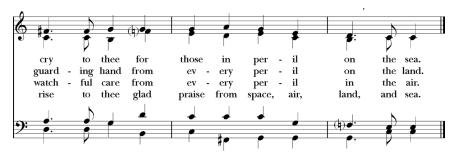
Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY......""Prelude on America"
Richard Purvis

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



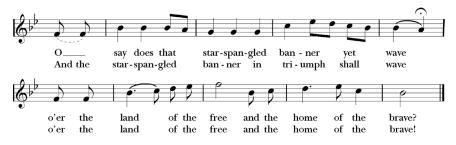
^{*}indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshipers



Words: Sts. 1 and 4, William Whiting (1825–1878), alt.; sts. 2–3, Robert Nelson Spencer (1877–1961), alt.; Music: *Melita*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

Please remain standing.





Words: Francis Scott Key (1779-1843); Music: National Anthem, source unknown, ca. 18th cent.

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

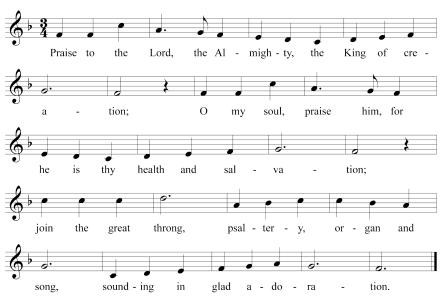
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

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.)



Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: Lobe den Herren, melody from Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665; harm. The Chorale Book for England, 1863.

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

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE LESSONPhilippians 2:6-11

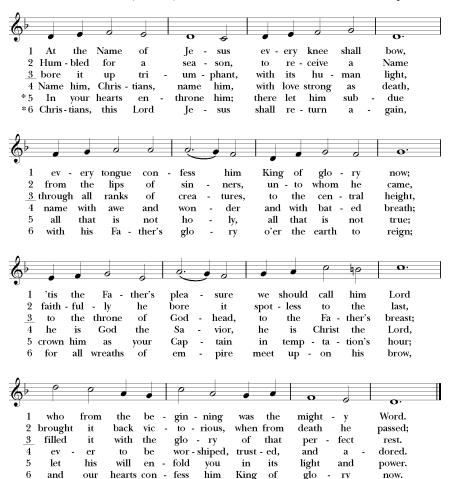
6 p.m. Lesson is on page 37.

Who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

All stand.

HYMN 435 (vs. 1-3)....." "At the Name of Jesus"



Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817–1877), alt.; Music: King's Weston, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958); Copyright: Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

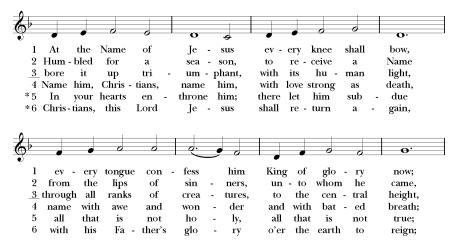
As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

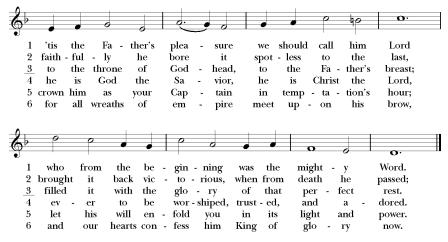
Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The lectionary for the day is on pages 36-37.

HYMN 435 (vs. 4-6)....."At the Name of Jesus"





Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817–1877), alt.; Music: King's Weston, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958); Copyright: Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON"The Step of Surrender" The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. morning services

THE SERMON"How Not to Sue Your Neighbor" The Rev. R. Wesley Arning evening service

STEPPING STONES to THE SAVIOR

About this week...

Philippians 2:6–11 and Matthew 4:18–22

THE STEP OF SURRENDER

"Come, follow me," Jesus bid His earliest Apostles, but the call was not just to them. It is to all who seek to live the Christian life. Following means more than church attendance and godly behavior – it requires a decision to surrender. C.S. Lewis found this necessary step in his own life and then would write, "Christ says 'Give me All... I want you..." What does it mean to give God my "all?" Let us explore together "The Step of Surrender."

Next Sunday, July 10, we will explore...

THE STEP OF SACRIFICE

Romans 12:1-2 and Luke 9:23-25



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. 258)

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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.





St. Martin's welcomes all pastoral questions and concerns. During the summer, our Clergy are not always available due to vacations, so we ask you please use the methods detailed below when you need Pastoral Care Services. It ensures a timely response to your needs.



ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU! GOD LOVES YOU!

General Questions

Contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040.

Prayer Requests

Contact the Prayer Request Line at 713-830-4124, or Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

After Hours Emergencies

Call 713-621-3040 and press 2 to reach the Priest on Call.

Death Notifications and Funerals

Contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



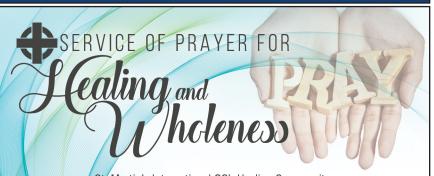
YELLOWSTONE RELIEF

St. Martin's and other local churches are supporting families recovering from devastating 500-year floods in and around Yellowstone National Park. We know that Houstonians understand the long-term effects of floods more than most. We ask that you prayerfully consider a financial gift.

Text SMEC to 73256 and select Wyoming from the drop-down menu.

Give at bit.ly/givetosmec and choose Wyoming.

Place your check in the collection plate, designating it for Wyoming.



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

For more information, please contact Amanda DeViney at adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org.









Director of Children's Ministry

Come welcome our new Director of Children's Ministry Ashley Monachelli at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 10, in the narthex of the Parish Life Center. The Rev. Alex D. Graham III will introduce the newest member of the Children's Ministry team. All are welcome!





6th Graders - Join us for EYC!

Sundays, July 10, 17, 24 and 31 | 10:15-11 a.m. (Parents please join us on July 24 to hear more about Student Ministries.)

Student Life Center Living Room

We especially invite incoming 6th graders to join us Sunday mornings for donuts and discussion.

Contact T.D. Davis at 302-858-3824 or email at td@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES





Spend some of your Tuesday night getting to know the eight children and Mama Isabel in Casa San Martin in Cochabamba, Bolivia over Zoom. All ages are welcome, and a translator will be available.

Email Outreach for the zoom link at outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org. For more information about our partner, Amistad Mission, check out their website at amistadmission.org.





Items for Summer!

Jewelry • Women's Clothing • Hostess Gifts • Handbags • Children's Items







For more information, call 713-985-3840 or email giftshoppe@stmartinsepiscopal.org

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

"The traditional Anglican term for the days and weeks of summer is 'Ordinary Time,' but this small but potent book is anything but. It is an extraordinary gift to all of us from Russ Levenson, priest and pastor."

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

Church Publishing Incorporated products are available by calling 800-242-1918, visiting churchpublishing.org, St. Martin's Gift Shoppe, through any Episcopal bookstore, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Cokesbury, Christian Book Distributors, books-A-million and Kindle or wherever fine Christian products are sold.

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.







GREETER AND WELCOME MINISTRY





LYDIA'S GUILD

1.1.1



USHER



FREE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

LUNCH & LEARN: INTRODUCTION TO SCHIZOPHRENIA

JULY 7

Thursday | Noon-12:45 p.m. GTH Webinar

PRESENTED BY:



CAROLINA VARGAS

GATEWAY TO HOPE'S COMMUNITY EDUCATION COORDINATOR



Register today at bit.ly/gateway-to-hope

WAYS TO GIVE



Select or Earmark gifts with Wyoming when you:

TEXT: Text SMEC to 73256

GIVE ONLINE: bit.ly/smecwaystogive

OR SEND YOUR CHECK TO:

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

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

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

LEARN MORE AT: bit.ly/smecwaystogive

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM"This Is My Song" arr. Dale Wood

This is my song, O God of all the nations, A Song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is, Here are my hopes, my hopes, my dreams, my shrine; But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true as mine. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover, where skies are ever blue as mine. O hear my song, great God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and mine. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, great God of all the nations: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.

Based on the theme from Finlandia by Jean Sibelius. Arranged by Dale Wood. Text @ 1944 Lorenz Publishing Co. Arrangement @ 1992 The Sacred Music Press. All Rights Reserved. Printed in the U.S.A. Used by Permission.

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.



Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

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.

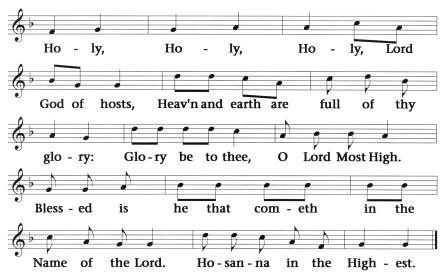
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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



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

The Celebrant continues (BCP p. 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



Text: Celtic Alleluia, Christopher Walker; Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker; © 1985, Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker, public by OCP Publications. All Rights Reserved. Reprinted under LicenSingOnline #U3219.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

Then may be said

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.

ANTHEMMissa Brevis, "Kyrie" Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Words: from the Mass, translation from the Book of Common Prayer; Music: *Missa Brevis*, K. 194. composed 1774. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791).

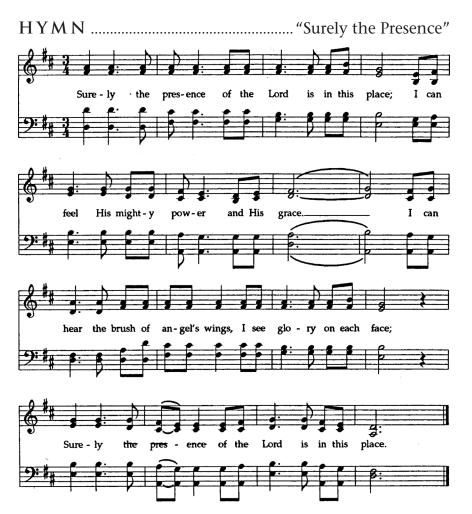


Words: Siegfried August Mahlmann (1771–1826); tr. Charles Timothy Brooks (1813–1883) and John Sullivan Dwight (1812–1893), alt.; Music: America, from Thesaurus Musicus, 1745.

HYMN 719"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"



Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt.; Music: Materna, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903).



Text and Music, Lanny Wolfe; © 1977 Lanny Wolfe Music, (admin. By Pathway Music, Cleveland, TN). CCLI #805314.

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.



Words: Daniel Crane Roberts (1841–1907); Music: National Hymn, George William Warren (1828–1902).

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 the founders of our country and the birth of our nation



BIRTHS

April 23 Palmer Quinn Schultz

Daughter of Mimi and Alan Schultz

April 29 James Henry Stout

Son of Greer and John Stout

Grandson of Jan and Max Goodloe



BAPTISMS

June 25 Adeline Elizabeth Alexander

Charlotte Baker Lassetter Chapman Allen Medrano



SYMPATHY

June 20 Sarah Harrison Voyles

June 24 Dr. Russel Lee Jacobe

June 28 Chase Schwartz

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

SERMON NOTES

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT.....Deuteronomy 10:17-21

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your Name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless you and praise your Name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness. One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power. I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works. They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness. They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. The Lord is loving to everyone and his compassion is over all his works.

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received

READINGS FOR THE DAY

the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

THE LESSON 1 Corinthians 6:1-8, NIV

If any of you has a dispute with another, do you dare to take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the Lord's people? Or do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life! Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, do you ask for a ruling from those whose way of life is scorned in the church? I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers? But instead, one brother takes another to court — and this in front of unbelievers! The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers and sisters.

THE GOSPEL......Matthew 5:43-48

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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:

Max Goodloe Ieri Ann Adams Pat Marymee Michelle McStravick Harvey Altmann Nancy Gore Katie Altmann Hollis, McKay and Hal Means Shelly Bain Rand Grace Len Menefee Cia Baze Elizabeth Greaves Christine Nguyen Susan Beeley Shea Guinn Benice Nwabueze Jack Beeson Gladys Halbouty Judy and Jay O'Connor Missy Belote Jim Paddock Amelia Harrington Walesk Harvey Anne Berry Troy Phillips Jimmy Prentice Alli Blackman Elizabeth Hill Cory Blackman Mollie Hill Ophelia Pujol Grace Blake Ieff Holden Barbara Quackenbush Rocky Robinson Dianne Brock Wayne Hollis Mark Burchard Robert Rosales Kim Holway Harry Burrow Jack and Lee Hunnell Virginia Runnels Jane Cabes Nicole Jabbari **Brady Samuelson** Elinor Christian Ronnie Jacobe, Jr. **Iim Sanitato** Ellie Schilling Richard Colvin, Ir. Karen Johnson Higdon Compton, Jr. Helen and Jim Shaffer Pat Jones Beth Costa Muriel Kearby Albaral Megan Sharkey Clif Shoemake Gail Davis Paige Laird Mac Davis Allessandra Land Richard Smith Sue Davis Sherman Lasker Bob Spencer Tommy W. Davis Jim and Jan Stokes Amy Lee Louis DelHomme Stan Leong Aaron Strong McKenna Letsos Susan Strother Bobby deSosa Betty DeVerter Shawn Levenson Iulie Stulken Margaret Dickey Nancy Liles Nancy Talbot Chase Dixon Martha Ann Linden Paul Therrien Katharine Dorinda Roberta Lloyd Carlotta Thomas Millie Tonn Kiersten Dyke Ryan Logan Jim Easterling Marie Lord Jane Touchstone Stacey Elliott Robert Maedgen, Ir. H. Michael Tyson Mayfield Family Randy Vander Naillen Jaclyn Manning Greg Martin Mae Joyce and Michael Foster Matt Fryar Brad Martin Grant Wagner Brad Gallion Jeffrey Martinson **Becky Wareing**

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.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Charles Warren Elizabeth Mark Mary Waters Matthew Henry Charles Werlla Jana Oran James Wilkerson Jane RC Tim Womack Kathryn Sally Eric Zoerb Laura Thomas

Barbara Lauren Victor and Barbara Ben Leslie Willie

Ben Leslie
Betsey Lorrie
Casey Marilyn

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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

LCDR Bradley R. Hoffman
Capt. Cody Horr
Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell
Dallas Wayne Hunter
Staton Jobe
Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs
Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
Krystal Martinez
PV2 Wills Masterson
1st Lt. Ben Matthews
Ensign Ben Morris
1st Lt. Jack Mullen
2nd Lt. Alex Mullen
Lt. Alex Mullen
Lt. Holly E. Pace
James W. Peoples
Lt. Paul Piana
LCMR David A. Pilko
Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
PO1 Brian M. Powell
SPC Joel Rowell
Maj. Christian Schleider
1st Lt. Grant Suter
1st Lt. Luke Voss

Woody

OUR STAFF AND VESTRY

SUNDAY PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. David Henning

Director of Music and Parish Organist dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Mr. Kevin Riehle

Choral Director of Adult Choir kriehle@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Ms. Carole Nelson

Coordinator of Children's Music Ministries cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Mrs. Kathy Johnson

Director of Membership kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org

ST. MARTIN'S VESTRY

Vestry Executive Committee

Mr. Matt Anderson, *Senior Warden*Mrs. Diane Campbell, *Junior Warden*

Mrs. Casey Hedges, Missions Chair

Mr. Tommy Ford, Treasurer

Mr. Gib Surles. Clerk

Mr. Jim Hibbert, Past Senior Warden

Mr. Bob Heston, Jr., Parish Stewardship Chair

Mr. Andy Harvin, Chancellor*

Vestry Members

Mrs. Michelle Bain

Mrs. Nancy Bynon

Mrs. Elizabeth Dukes

Mrs. Whitney Gormley

Mr. Ryan LaRue

Mr. Dan Meyer

Mr. Matt Mogas

Mr. Roy W. Nichol

Mr. Bob Parkey

The Hon. John Wooldridge

Associate Members

The Hon. James A. Baker, III, Special Counsel to the Vestry*

Mr. Jon Clarkson, Senior Council Representative 2022-2023

Mr. Richard Nelson, Senior Council Representative 2022-2023

Mrs. Janet Hoover, *Altar Guild President* 2022-2023

Mrs. Dee Frappier, *ECW President* 2022-2023

Mr. Jim McCulloch, Men of St. Martin's President 2022-2023

Mr. Bob Porter, *Usher Representative* 2022-2023

*Chancellor and Special Counsel are associate positions, filled at the discretion of the Rector.



Mr. Matthew Mogas Vestry Representative Morning



The Hon. John WooldridgeVestry Representative
Evening

OUR CLERGY

Jesus, The Christ *The Head of This Church*



The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. *Rector* lhough@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Sharron L. CoxAssociate for Outreach, Pastoral Care and Women's Ministries
scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Martin J. Bastian *Vice-Rector*mbastian@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. R. Wesley Arning
Associate for Young Adults and Small
Group Ministry
rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Dr. Susannah E. McBay, Ph.D.Associate for Christian Education
and Riverway
smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. John R. Bentley, Jr.Pastoral Associate
jbentley@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Alex D. Graham IIIAssociate for Children and Family Ministries
agraham@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. James (Jim) E. CunninghamDeacon Emeritus
jcunningham@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Lisa R. NeilsonAssociate for Pastoral Care and
Women's Ministries
Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Nicolas (Nick) R. D. Dyke *Pastoral Associate* ndyke@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Jane P. FergusonAssociate for Family and
Student Ministries
jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Richard (Dick) H. Elwood Pastoral Associate delwood@stmartinsepiscopal.org



The Rev. Gillian (Gill) B. KeyworthDeacon
gkeyworth@stmartinsepiscopal.org

WE INVITE YOU TO KEEP THIS BOOKLET FOR REFERENCE.

