

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 7, 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

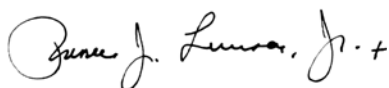
FROM THE RECTOR

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

AUGUST 7

Adults

The Word Inspires: Clergy Favorites from Genesis to Revelation

Ruth with the Rev. John D. Sundara

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



St. Martin's Clergy will walk through different books that they particularly love, giving an overview of the book's purpose and explaining how it fuels the fire of faith.

*For more information about Adult Christian Education,
email Amanda DeViney at adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

7-1-7 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.*

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 Ashley Monachelli at amonachelli@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

AUGUST 8-13

Adults

Total Body Tone

Monday, Aug. 8

8:30-9:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, 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.



Senior Strength Training

Monday, Aug. 8

9:45-10:30 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.



Saintly Stitches

Monday, Aug. 8

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

Saintly Stitches fill St. Martin's with pew kneelers and other gifts for worship spaces. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at lnilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



Watercolor Painting for Beginners

Monday, Aug. 8

11 a.m.-noon | Activity Center, Game Room



Do you want to learn the basics of watercolor painting? If so, this class is for you! Learn how to modify the intensity of color and apply techniques with various types of brush strokes to create different effects. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Line Dancing

Monday, Aug. 8

1-2 p.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall West, Second 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.

ZUMBA Gold

Tuesday, Aug. 9

10:45-11:45 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, Second Floor



This class is designed for the active adults who are looking for a modified version of ZUMBA. Come ready to sweat, and prepare to leave empowered and feeling strong! Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Chair Yoga

Tuesday, Aug. 9

1-2 p.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, Second Floor



Come and enjoy the art of relaxation, breathing, balance and stretching. This great workout class will be a complete head-to-toe range of motion while relaxing in a chair. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Boot Camp

Tuesday, Aug. 9

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

Wednesday, Aug. 10

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.

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Live Music

Wednesday, Aug. 10

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



Come have lunch, relax and enjoy live music from various artists.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Aug. 10

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@stmartinsepicopal.org.

Craft with Lori

Wednesday, Aug. 10

1-2 p.m. | Activity Center, Fellowship Room



Come make DIY greeting cards and "stained-glass" window clings. This craft class is for beginners or seasoned crafters. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Throwback Thursday Aerobics

Thursday, Aug. 11

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

Thursday, Aug. 11

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

Thursday, Aug. 11

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



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Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Aug. 11

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

Friday, Aug. 12

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.

Sterling's Market

Saturday, Aug. 13 | Rain or Shine

9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



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, Aug. 9

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, Aug. 10

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.

Mommy and Me

Thursday, Aug. 11

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 "March in G"

Henry Smart

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

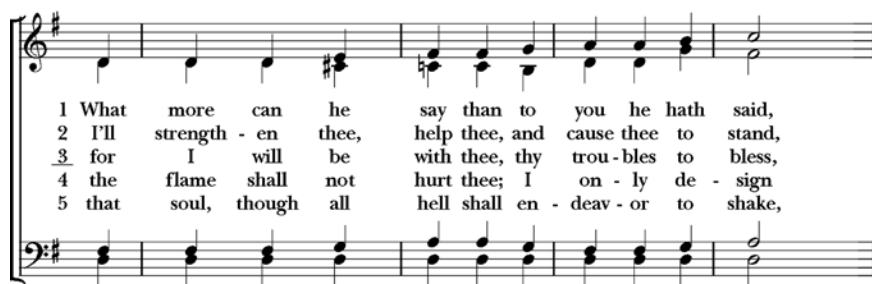
*HYMN 637 "How Firm a Foundation"



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

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

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt.; Music: *Lyons*, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806).

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.*)

Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre -
 a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for
 he is thy health and sal - va - tion;
 join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan and
 song, sound - ing in glad a - do - ra - tion.

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 LESSON Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. 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 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 510 (vs. 1-2) “Come, Holy Spirit”

1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, hea - ven - ly Dove, with all thy quick - ening powers;
 2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;
 3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise:
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, hea - ven - ly Dove, with all thy quick - ening powers;

kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
 our souls, how heav - i - ly they go, to reach e - ter - nal joys.
 ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
 come, shed a - broad a Sa - vior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; Music: *Saint Agnes*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have

your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The lectionary for the day is on page 37.

HYMN 510 (vs. 3-4) “Come, Holy Spirit”



1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, hea - ven - ly Dove, with all thy quick - ening powers;
 2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;
 3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise:
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON "Promises from a Distance"
The Rev. R. Wesley Arning

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, Hector and Scott; 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.



ST. MARTIN'S
Gift
SHOPPE

**SIDEWALK
SALE**

AUGUST 7–11
Sunday | 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Monday – Thursday
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



Church in the Field

Tuesday, Aug. 9 | 6:30-9 p.m.

Meet in St. Martin's parking lot

Church in the Field ministers to the homeless in downtown Houston by serving a meal, serving as prayer partners and providing praise music for the worship service once a month. Volunteers, age 18 and older, carpool to the service. To sign up, email outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Sign up to bring desserts on Monday, Aug. 8, at bit.ly/citfdesserts



Saturday, Aug. 13 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Rain or shine | St. Martin's

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

**For more information or to volunteer,
visit sterlingsmarket.org**



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NEXT EVENT:

ST. ARNOLD'S

AUGUST 13

4-6 P.M.



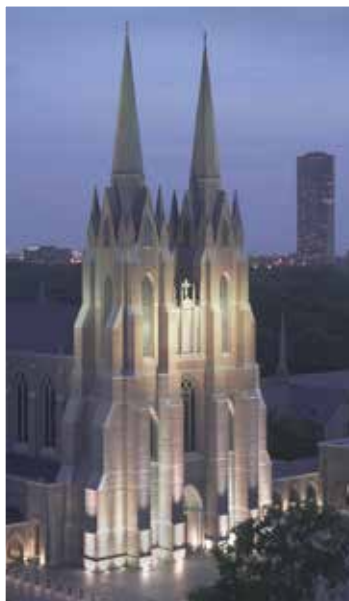


INFORMATION MEETING

Sunday, Aug. 14

10:15-11 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall



This fall, Parishioners can join a small group once a week during September. This Parish-wide initiative will help foster relationships and grow one's faith while studying Paul's Epistle to the Philippians. Groups will meet in homes and on Campus on various days and times.

Small groups are a vital part of the life of any church and help to build relationships in Bible study. Please consider being part of this new program at St. Martin's. Remember, it's just for September!

INTERESTED? LET US KNOW!

bit.ly/justforsmallgroups

Contact Kathy Johnson and the Rev. Wesley Arning
for further information at justfor@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

GIVE BLOOD

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Blood Drive

Monday, Aug. 15 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

FREE COVID-19 Antibody Test with Donation

Appointments are required to donate during this time.

Please go online to schedule at bit.ly/smeclblooddrive

or contact Jessica Munoz at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center:

832-602-9350 or jmunoz@giveblood.org

EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.



Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center

ACTIVITY CENTER PRESENTS

BINGO!

Get Your Cards Ready for BINGO!

Join us for BINGO this week and win prizes! Feel free to invite friends because the more the merrier!

25	6	75	30	
	15	FREE!	18	9
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WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 17

|| ACTIVITY CENTER
3-5 P.M.

For more information, please email lblake@stmartinsepiscopal.org



POP-UP MARKET

BAGBY PARISH HALL

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24 | 3-7 p.m.



Food trucks outside for your
dining enjoyment.



CONFIRMATION

LEARN • LOVE • LIVE

SUNDAYS, SEPT. 11–OCT. 16

10:15–11 A.M.

ACTIVITY CENTER, UPPER HALL

Join the Rev. John Sundara to learn how the Episcopal Church is like other Christian churches and what makes our Anglican heritage unique. Time will be spent discussing "The Book of Common Prayer," the Sacraments, and the Church's history and polity. Adults have the opportunity to be prepared for confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church by attending confirmation class.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the Rev. John Sundara
at 713-985-3842 or jsundara@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Open HOUSE SUNDAY

AUGUST 28

Come for an overview of the classes and events lined up at St. Martin's this year. See what is in store for the entire Parish, including Christian Education, St. Martin's 70th Anniversary Celebration, guest preachers and teachers, special retreats and programs in the Activity Center. Come join us and find out more!



Activity Center Open House

9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Activity Center



Adult Christian Education Open House

10:15–11 a.m.
Bagby Parish Hall



Student Ministries Open House

10:15–10:35 a.m. and 10:40–11 a.m.
Student Life Center



Children's Ministry Open House

10:15–10:35 a.m. and 10:40–11 a.m.
Children's Life Center



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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.

Christian Life Study

Now Open! Registration for 2022-2023

clsbiblestudy.com

DAY GROUP

Begins Thursday, September 15

In person and via zoom | 9:30–11:15 a.m.

Locations on campus will be announced

EVENING GROUP

Begins Tuesday, September 13

In person and via zoom

Children's Life Center | 6:30–8 p.m.

TRADITIONAL SERVICES IN THE CHURCH

SERVE IN WORSHIP



ACOLYTE



**GREETER AND
WELCOME MINISTRY**



LYDIA'S GUILD

There are many wonderful opportunities at St. Martin's to use your gifts and help others connect with God.

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.

FREE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SERIES

THREE JOURNEYS TO AUTHENTIC AGING: SPIRITUAL AGING

AUGUST 8

Monday | 10 a.m.-11 a.m.
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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Behold, the Tabernacle of God”
William H. Harris

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, And the Spirit of God dwelleth within you: For the temple of God is holy, Which temple ye are: For the love of whom ye do this day Celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

Text: Sarum antiphon.

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 *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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.**

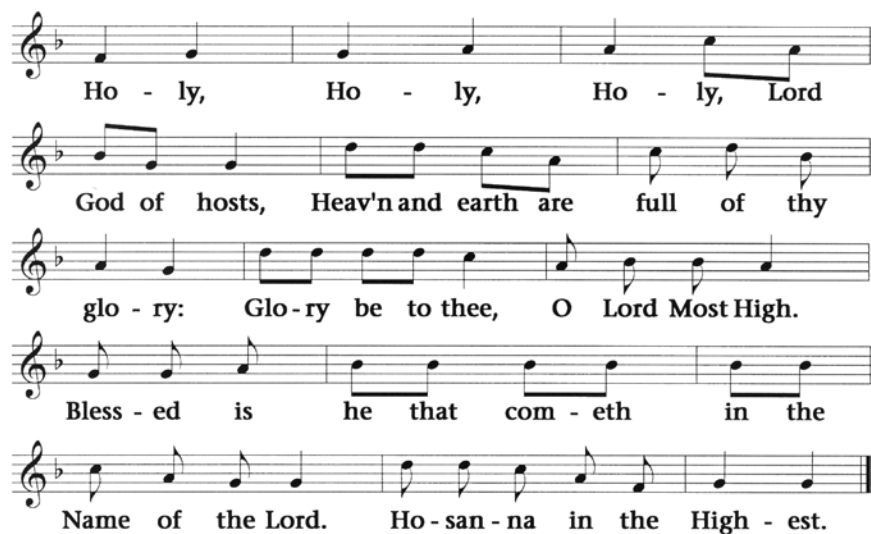
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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, Heav'n 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.

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*



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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)

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AN THE M “Cantate Domino” Giuseppe Pitoni

Cantate Domino, canticum novum, laus ejus in Ecclesia Sanctorum. Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum, et filiae Sion, exultent in regesuo.

Come ye with joyfulness, come sing ye a new song to your Maker, O praise him with the saintly congregation. Israel, be joyful and glad in him who made Israel, and children of Sion be joyful. Rejoice and be glad in your King.

English Text: Francis Jackson, paraphrased from Psalm 148. Music: Giuseppe Pitoni, ed. by R.R. Terry. © 1973 Oxford University Press. ARR.

HYMN "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

1
Make me a chan-nel of your peace. where
Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

5
there is hat-red let me bring your love; where there is in - jur -
there's des-pair in life let me bring hope; where there is dark-ness,
is in par-don - ing that we are par - doned, in giv-ing to all

10
y, your par - don, Lord; and where there's doubt, true
on - ly light; and where there's sad - ness,
men that we re - ceive; and in dy - ing that we're

14 *Fine*
faith in you. Oh, mas-ter, grant that I may nev - er
ev - er joy.
born to e-ter-nal life.

19
seek so much to be con - soled as to con - sole;

24
to be un - der-stood as to un - der - stand; to be

29 *D.C.*
loved, as to love with all my soul.

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HYMN "They'll 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.

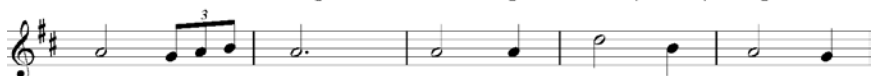
Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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HYMN 645“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877); para. Psalm 23; Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal* 1982.

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

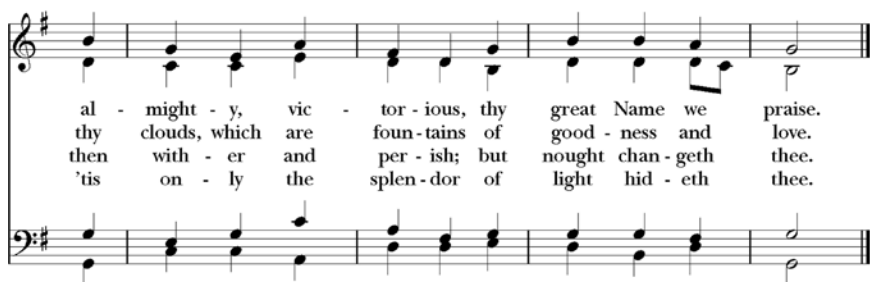
All stand.

HYMN 423 "Immortal, Invisible"

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



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

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



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In thanksgiving for the baptism of Ambrose Wells McCabe
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In thanksgiving for the baptism of James Henry Stout
by Greer and John Stout



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July 24 Macallan “Mac” Christian McHenry
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 Grandson of Sandra and Adams McHenry, Jr.



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July 30 Luke Westerfield Mendenhall
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SERMON NOTES

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE LESSON Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation – I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

THE PSALM Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory. Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm. He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of his people. "Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice." Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge. Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God. I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your offerings are always before me. Consider this well, you who forget God, lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you. Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of 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:

Bobbie Adams	Charles Flores	Jeffrey Martinson
Jeri Ann Adams	Michael Foster	Pat Marymee
Harvey Altmann	Matt Fryar	Michelle McStravick
Katie Altmann	Brad Gallion	Hal Means
Patsy Angel	Max Goodloe	Christine Nguyen
Shelly Bain	Nancy Gore	Benice Nwabueze
Susan Beeley	Hollis, McKay and	Judy and Jay O'Connor
Jack Beeson	Rand Grace	Nwora Onwuzulu
Missy Belote	Shea Guinn	Jim Paddock
Anne Berry	Gladys Halbouty	Troy Phillips
Alli Blackman	Amelia Harrington	Jimmy Prentice
Cory Blackman	Walesk Harvey	Ophelia Pujol
Grace Blake	Elizabeth Hill	Barbara Quackenbush
Jose Luis Bravo	Mollie Hill	Michael Reade
Dianne Brock	Jeff Holden	Robert Rosales
Mark Burchard	Wayne Hollis	Baker Rudolph
Harry Burrow	Kim Holway	Virginia Runnels
Jane Cabes	Jack and Lee Hunnell	Brady Samuelson
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Gail Davis	Sherman Lasker	Bob Spencer
Mac Davis	Amy Lee	Jim and Jan Stokes
Sue Davis	Stan Leong	Aaron Strong
Tommy W. Davis	McKenna Letsos	Susan Strother
Louis DelHomme	Shawn Levenson	Julie Stulken
Bobby deSosa	Nancy Liles	Nancy Talbot
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Margaret Dickey	Roberta Lloyd	Carlotta Thomas
Chase Dixon	Ryan Logan	Millie Tonn
Katharine Dorinda	Marie Lord	Jane Touchstone
Kiersten Dyke	Robert Maedgen, Jr.	H. Michael Tyson
Jim Easterling	Jaclyn Manning	Randy Vander Naillen
Stacey Elliott	Greg Martin	Mae Joyce and
Mayfield Family	Brad Martin	Grant Wagner

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

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Jane
Kathryn
Laura
Lauren
Leslie
Lorrie
Marilyn

Marilyn
Mark
Mary Jane
Matthew
Oran
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Sally
Thomas
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Willie
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Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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