

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

September 11, 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

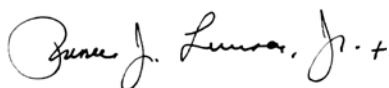
FROM THE RECTOR

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

SEPTEMBER 11

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay, Ph.D.

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



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

Theology for Life with Dr. Phil Tallon

Dean of School of Christian Thought, Houston Baptist University

Deliver Us From Evil: The Logical Problem of Evil and the Christian Response

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



This class features a series of Biblical, theological and historical topics that engage the mind and heart in worship of God and living a life of faith.

Creative Spaces with the Rev. Sharron Cox

Praying with the Scriptures

10:15-11 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall



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

Family Life Class with the Rev. Wesley Arning

Themes from the Book of Romans

10:15-10:45 a.m. | Parish Life Center



This is a slightly shorter class for parents of younger families and that meets periodically throughout the year for studies after the Family Table service.

Seekers with the Rev. Dick Elwood

10:15-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room



This class is for more senior parishioners for fellowship and lectionary-based Bible study.

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

Adult Confirmation Class

10:15-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall

This class is for adults desiring to learn about the Episcopal Church and what makes the Anglican heritage unique. Adults also have the opportunity to prepare for confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church.

*For more information about Adult Confirmation,
email the Rev. John Sundara at jsundara@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.*

Music Ministry

Young Singers of St. Martin's

8:15 a.m. | Rehearsal in Children's Life Center

9:15 a.m. | Family Table service in Parish Life Center

Young Singers of St. Martin's, for grades 1-12, make joyful and beautiful music while affording them a special place in the worship services at St. Martin's.



*For more information about Young Singers of St. Martin's
email yssm@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

SEPTEMBER 12-17

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Sept. 12

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



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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Sept. 13

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, Sept. 14

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.

Church Tours

Wednesday, Sept. 14

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, Sept. 14

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.

OSL Healing Ministry Study Group

Wednesday, Sept. 14

4:30-6 p.m. | Vestry Conference Room and via Zoom

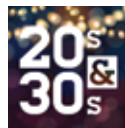


Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as an OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, Sept. 14

7-8:45 p.m. | Children's Life Center



Join our young adults as they explore the Book of Philippians. There will be discussion, prayer and dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Sept. 15

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, Sept. 17 | Rain or Shine

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



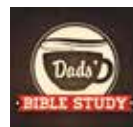
The mission of Sterling's Market at St. Martin's Episcopal Church is to glorify God through sharing the Gospel and the bounties of the earth with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors. For more information and to volunteer, contact info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Men

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Sept. 15

8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center



Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Sept. 14

6–8 p.m. | Student Life Center



Students in grades 6-12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



STUDENT MINISTRIES **CONFIRMATION** PARENT MEETING

Sunday, Sept. 11 • 12:30–2 p.m.
Student Life Center

Parents with not yet confirmed students in grades 8-12 are invited to learn more about Student Confirmation which begins in Jan. 2023. Through classes, discussion, fellowship and retreat, Confirmands will be led through the journey from childhood to adult faith.

Register for Student Confirmation by Friday, Sept. 30,
at bit.ly/smecstudentconfirmation

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 "Benedictus"

Alec Rowley

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

*HYMN 525 "The Church's One Foundation"

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

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

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839–1900); Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818–1876).

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.**

G L O R I A (*said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.*)

Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
 ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for - giv-en, ev - er - more his prais-es sing;



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847); Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800–1880).

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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Hebrews 12:1-8, 15-16

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary in your souls or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children — “My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when you are punished by him, for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves and chastises every child whom he accepts.” Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children, for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God, that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble and through it

many become defiled. See to it that no one becomes an immoral and godless person, as Esau was, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 490 (vs. 1-2)

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look at Je-sus.
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE GOSPELLuke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The lectionary for the day is on pages 40-41.

HYMN 490 (vs. 3)

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “*Being Who You Want to Be*”
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

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

Celebrant and People

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(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 the victims, and those who lost friends and loved ones in the 9/11 attacks or in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq; for those who still grieve that they may heal from their wounds of heart, mind and body; for all the people of this land, that we may share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. 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. 395)

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for 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.**

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.



WELCOME RECEPTION FOR

The Revs. John and Naomi Sundara

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

Immediately following the
11:15 a.m. Traditional Service
Cloister Garden
(Rain location Bagby Parish Hall)

FAMILY DINNERS



**Sunday, Sept. 11
5-7 p.m.
Student Life Center**

Students in grades 6-12 and their families are invited to Sunday dinner hosted by Student Ministries. This is a great opportunity to share a meal and build community.

Please email students@stmartinsepiscopal.org to RSVP
to ensure an accurate headcount for dinner.

Membership 101



Are you ready to take the next step? Be part of the St. Martin's family and join us in our mission to find your place in the life of the Church.

SEPTEMBER 12
BAGBY PARISH HALL
6-9 P.M.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
BY SEPT. 11**

To RSVP, contact Kathy Johnson at
kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org
or 713-985-3834.

MEN of **ST. MARTIN'S**

**Beer, BBQ
and 1899**

WITH SCREENING OF "UNRIVALED"

Kick-off Event

SEPTEMBER 14
7 P.M.
BAGBY PARISH HALL

Meet fellow men of St. Martin's
as we start off our program year.

For registration, visit bit.ly/mosmkickoff.
Please register by Monday, Sept. 12.

Christian Life Study

Now Open! Registration for 2022-2023

clsbiblestudy.com

EVENING GROUP

Begins Tuesday, Sept. 13

In person and via zoom

Children's Life Center | 6:30-8 p.m.

DAY GROUP

Begins Thursday, Sept. 15

In person and via zoom

Parish Life Center | 9:30-11:15 a.m.

The Moms' Group

KICK OFF

Wednesday, Sept. 14

9:15 a.m. • Student Life Center

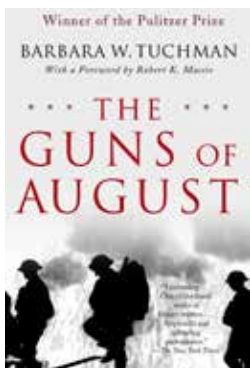
Coffee & Conversation: "Mom'ing Together"

The Moms' Group, for mothers of infants to 12th graders, meets weekly on most Wednesdays and will be studying "Risen Motherhood: Gospel hope for Everyday Moments" by Emily Jenson and Laura Wifler. Each week's study is a stand-alone, so come when you can!

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3843.



DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Sept. 14
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.

MEN of ST. MARTIN'S



SEPT. 15
7 A.M.
BAGBY PARISH HALL

GUEST SPEAKER: Norman Jetmundsen
Co-creator of the "Unrivaled" documentary

**THURSDAY
MORNING
BIBLE STUDY AND
SPEAKER SERIES**

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact the Rev. John Sundara at 713-985-3842 or jsundara@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



Activity Center

OPEN PLAY GAME DAY

Thursday, Sept. 15

3–5 p.m. | Game Room

Join your friends and neighbors to play UNO, Skip-Bo, Rummikub, Yatzee, Left Right Center, Mexican Train or Milbourne.

For more information about this class and the extended Activity Center calendar, visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.



20^s & 30^s

NOURISH RETREAT

Camp Allen

Sept. 30–Oct. 2

Deadline to register: Sept. 16

For more information and to sign up, email the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



CCSC Food Drive

Sunday, Sept. 18 | 9 a.m.-noon
Bagby Parish Hall Porte Cochere

Drive through or hand your donations to the volunteers.

Food donations most needed are canned chicken and tuna, hearty soups, and canned fruits and vegetables.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.

GIVE BLOOD

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Blood Drive

Monday, Sept. 19 | 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:
346-831-4215 or jmunoz@giveblood.org

EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.



**Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center**



ST. MARTIN'S Cooking CLASSES

**Thursday, Sept. 22 · 6-8 p.m.
Parish Life Center Kitchen**

St. Martin's hosts cooking classes with professional chefs designed for all skill levels, and perfect for those interested in sharpening their culinary skills and sharing in fellowship.

**Register for Mediterranean cuisine class
with Chef Alex Rey
bit.ly/stmartinscooking1**



Organ

CONCERT

**Friday, Sept. 23
7 p.m. | The Church**

Free and open to the public



JOSEPH ARNDT

Music Director, Saint John's
Episcopal Church, Tulsa, Okla.



ADAM PAJAN

Artist in Residence, Saint John's
Episcopal Church, Tulsa, Okla.

STERLING'S MARKET

*Unique treasures from local
farmers and artisans!*

Sterling's Market is celebrating its one-year anniversary with live music, face painting and so much more! Come enjoy the festivities and explore unique treasures from local farmers and artisans.

Saturday, Sept. 24

9 a.m.–1 p.m. | Rain or shine

St. Martin's | Outdoors and indoors



sterlingsmarket.org

A photograph of a group of young children, the Young Singers of St. Martin's, performing in a church. They are wearing white robes with red stoles and are standing in a line, singing into a microphone. In the background, other children and adults are visible, some standing and some sitting in pews. The church has large stained glass windows.

YOUNG
SINGERS
OF ST. MARTIN'S

Young Singers of St. Martin's needs voices in grades 1–12 to make a joyful noise in St. Martin's services.

Sundays
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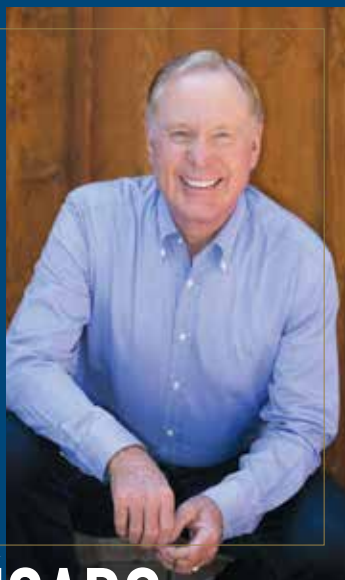
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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM "The Lord is My Shepherd" Thomas Matthews

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me; Thy rod and staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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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.

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.

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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*)

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.

AN THE M “Above All Praise and All Majesty” Felix Mendelssohn

Above all praise and all majesty, Lord thou reignest evermore, hallelujah.

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HYMN "Jesus, Remember Me"

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the piano accompaniment providing a steady harmonic support.

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HYMN "Father, We Adore Thee"

1. Fa - ther,
2. Je - sus, we a - dore thee, lay our lives be
3. Spir - it,

fore thee, how we love thee.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the piano accompaniment providing a steady harmonic support.

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HYMN “Children of the Heavenly Father”

1. Child - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish, In His
3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, Your pro -
5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish; From all e - vil things He
Lord His child - ren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
tect - or nev - er slum - bers; At the will of your de -
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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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.

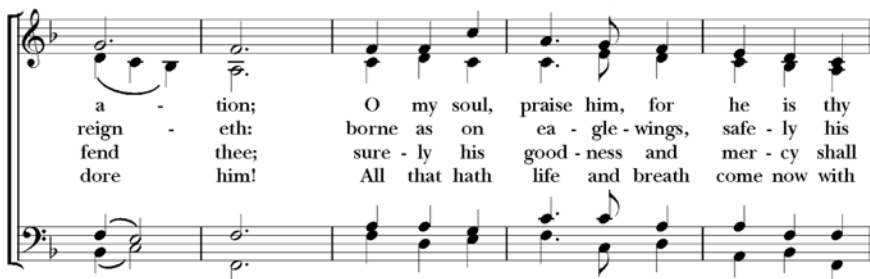
THE BLESSING

All stand.

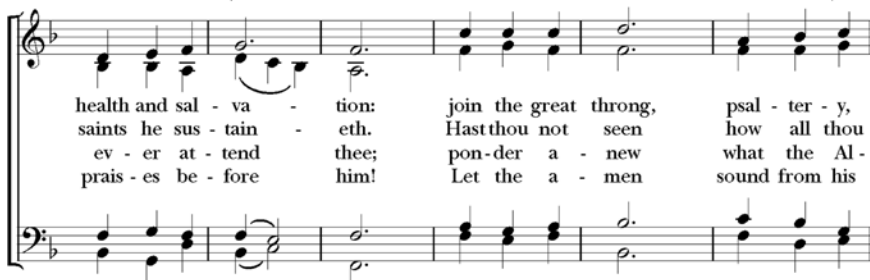
HYMN 390 "Praise to the Lord"



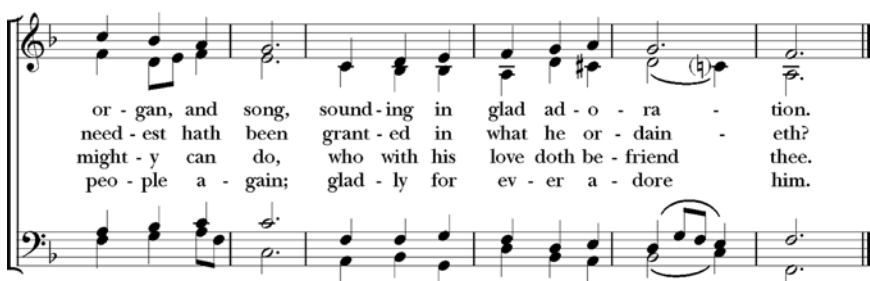
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth; borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend - thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with



health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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 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 memory of and thanksgiving for Kevin Riehle and his ministry at St. Martin's and Taylor High School

In memory of all those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks, those who have lost their lives in the wars that followed, and with compassion and prayer for their friends and loved ones

In memory of Helen and Bill Slover on the anniversary of their wedding
by Cindy Weatherly



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SERMON NOTES

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENTJeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse – a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. “For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.” I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

THE PSALMPsalm 14

The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good. The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God. Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one. Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord? See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous. Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge. Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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	Mayfield Family	Brad Martin
Jeri Ann Adams	Charles Flores	Jeffrey Martinson
Carolyn Alban	Michael Foster	Pat Marymee
Harvey Altmann	Matt Fryar	Michelle McStravick
Katie Altmann	Brad Gallion	Nicole Morrison
Patsy Angel	Max Goodloe	Christine Nguyen
Stephen Archer	Nancy Gore	Benice Nwabueze
Shelly Bain	Hollis, McKay and	Judy and Jay O'Connor
Susan Beeley	Rand Grace	Nwora Onwuzulu
Jack Beeson	Shea Guinn	Jim Paddock
Missy Belote	Gladys Halbouty	Russell Pae
Anne Berry	Molly Hardy Barrett	Troy Phillips
Alli Blackman	Walesk Harvey	Jimmy Prentice
Cory Blackman	Elizabeth Hill	Ophelia Pujol
Grace Blake	Mollie Hill	Barbara Quackenbush
Jose Luis Bravo	Jeff Holden	Michael Reade
Dianne Brock	Wayne Hollis	Robert Rosales
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Sue Davis	McKenna Letsos	Ryan Smith
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Bobby deSosa	Martha Ann Linden	Aaron Strong
Betty DeVerter	Roberta Lloyd	Susan Strother
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Jim Easterling	Jaclyn Manning	Paul Therrien
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Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks before Easter and All Saints' Day. Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. To put someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Millie Tonn	Eric Zoerb	Lauren
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H. Michael Tyson	Barbara	Lorrie
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Becky Wareing	Elizabeth	RC
Charles Warren	Henry	Sally
Mary Waters	Jana	Thomas
Charles Werlla	Jane	Victor and Barbara
James Wilkerson	Kathryn	Willie
Tim Womack	Laura	Woody

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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