

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

September 18, 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

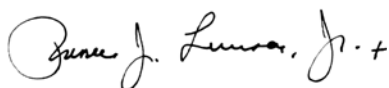
FROM THE RECTOR

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 18

Adults

8+ with the Rev. John Sundara

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 the Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd, Ph.D.

Principal of Wycliffe Hall

Deliver Us From Evil: Moral Evil

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. Alex Graham III

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. Nick Dyke

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 19-24

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Sept. 19

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. 20

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. 21

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. 21

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. 21

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. 21

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

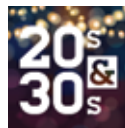


Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as an OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, Sept. 21

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. 22

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. 24 | Rain or Shine

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



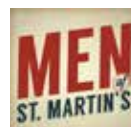
The mission of Sterling's Market at St. Martin's Episcopal Church is to glorify God through sharing the Gospel and the bounties of the earth with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors. For more information and to volunteer, contact info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Sept. 22

7-8 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



This men's group meets for fellowship, mutual support and Bible study. This fall, we are studying the Book of Romans. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions. For more information, contact the Rev. John Sundara at jsundara@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Sept. 22

8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center



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

Women

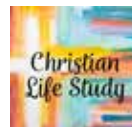
Christian Life Study

Tuesday, Sept. 20 26 – Evening Group

6:30–8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, Sept. 22 – Morning Group

9:30–11:30 a.m. | Parish Life Center and via Zoom



This friendly and loving group of women meets over the course of the year to target various topics in the Bible to deepen faith. For more information, contact the Rev. Marty Bastian at lgallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, Sept. 21

9:15–10:30 a.m. | Student Life Center



Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for a book study of "Risen Motherhood: Gospel Hope for Everyday Moments" by Emily Jensen and Laura Wilfer. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Sept. 21

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.

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 “Sonata”

Johann Sebastian Bach

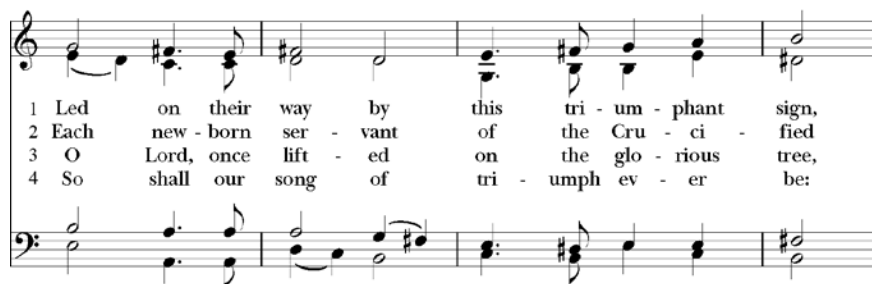
The Celebrant greets the People. Following the greeting, all stand.

*HYMN 473 “Lift High the Cross”

Refrain

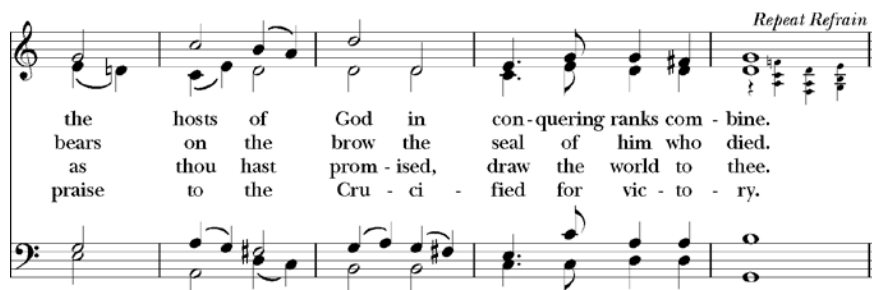


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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

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.*)

The musical score is written for a choir and piano. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "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: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

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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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 1 Timothy 2:1-7

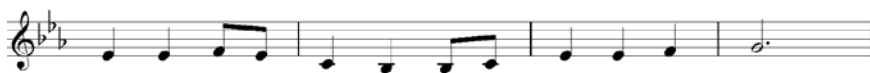
First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 488 (vs. 1-2) “Be Thou My Vision”



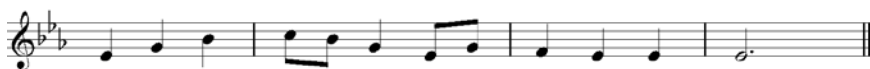
1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880–1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860–1935), alt.; Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874–1948); Copyright: Words: This hymn appears courtesy of the Estate of Eleanor Hull and Chatto & Windus Ltd. Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELLuke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

The lectionary for the day is on page 49.

HYMN 488 (vs. 3-4) “Be Thou My Vision”

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON

“How Getting Fired Can Concentrate the Mind”

The Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd, Ph.D.
Principal of Wycliffe Hall

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 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.**

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
THE REV. DR. MICHAEL LLOYD, PH.D.
Sunday, Sept. 18

Traditional Worship Services
8 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.
The Church

Theology for Life – Deliver Us From Evil
10:15–11 a.m.
Bagby Parish Hall

The Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd is the Principal of Wycliffe Hall since his appointment in 2013. He was formerly the chaplain at The Queen's College, at the University of Oxford, and the Chaplain and Director of Studies in Theology at Christ's College at Cambridge University. Dr. Lloyd has taught theology and doctrine at the University of Oxford, Cambridge University and St Paul's Theological Centre, London. He has published the popular book, "Café Theology" and has a particular interest in the doctrine of evil, the problem of pain. He holds a bachelor's degree in Theology from Durham University, graduating in 1983 with first-class honors as a member of St John's College. He also holds a master's degree from Cambridge University and Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Oxford.

"Café Theology" will be available for purchase 10:15-11 a.m. in Bagby Parish Hall.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Current members of St. Martin's may nominate any confirmed member of the Parish for consideration to serve on the Vestry for the upcoming three-year term. Nominations can be submitted for review from August to October of each year. At our Annual Parish Meeting in January, we will vote as a Parish to elect five new members to serve on the Vestry.

Completed nomination forms for the upcoming term must be received by Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Vestry Nomination Form available online at bit.ly/VestryNominations

If you have any questions, please contact Brittney Pena at 713-985-3821 or bjacobson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Nominations are to be kept strictly confidential – please do not inform the nominee or his/her family that you have nominated him/her.

GIVE BLOOD

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Blood Drive

Monday, Sept. 19 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | Student Life Center

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:
jmunoz@giveblood.org 346-831-4215

EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.

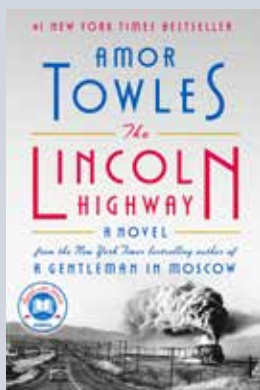


**Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center**



EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Sept. 20 | 7-8:30 p.m.
Children's Life Center, Room 109 and
Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom



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.

ST. MARTIN'S **OUTREACH** MINISTRIES



Nora's Home

Tuesday, Sept. 20 | 6 p.m.
8300 El Rio • Houston, Texas 77054

Volunteers will serve dinner at Nora's Home, which offers affordable lodging for pre-transplant and post-transplant patients and their families who travel to any of the Texas Medical Center transplant centers. The first-of-its-kind in Houston, it provides care, education and support for transplant patients and their families in a loving, home-like environment.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.



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**



Activity Center

FIRE SAFETY SEMINAR

**Friday, Sept. 23 | 10–11 a.m.
Lobby**

The **Houston Fire Department** will lead a discussion on the different types of fires and how to extinguish them, as well as how to use a fire extinguisher and leave a building on fire.

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

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

Free and open to the public

Organ CONCERT



JOSEPH ARNDT

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



ADAM PAJAN

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



*Unique treasures from local
farmers and artisans!*

Sterling's Market is celebrating its one-year anniversary with live music from Antonio Zamoralez, a dunking booth 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

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SUNDAY

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EDITION

Sept. 25 • 5–7 p.m.
Student Life Center

It's Hippo Month! All students in grades 6–12
are invited and welcome to bring a friend!

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STUDENTS



THE GATHERING

For church members and
others in our community who
experience memory loss

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This program meets on
the fourth Monday of each
month 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in
Bagby Parish Hall.

Talk Like a Pirate

SEPTEMBER 26 🌀 BILL PARISH



For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen
at 713-301-4786 or kattellepsen@me.com.



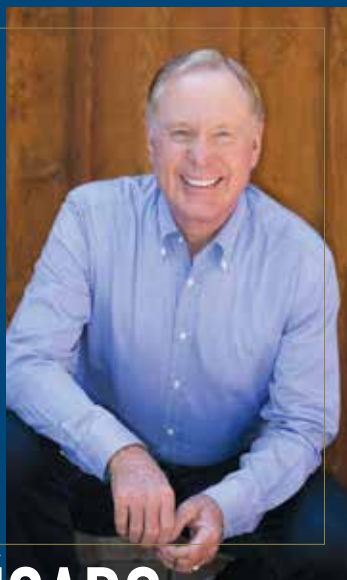
EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. MARTIN'S WELCOMES

The Coming Wave

**Monday, Oct. 3
10 a.m. – noon
Parish Life Center**

\$40/person; \$400/table

**Register at bit.ly/ecwfallbrunch
by Sept. 27**



MAX LUCADO

**Episcopal Church Women Fall Brunch Committee Chairs:
Whitney Gormley and Paula Gay**

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's welcome the Rev. Max Lucado, Senior Pastor at Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, to speak at our annual fall event.

Max Lucado's latest book, "Help is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit," is on sale at St. Martin's Gift Shoppe. For more information, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

With Special Guest Max Lucado



SUNDAY, OCT. 2

9 and 11:15 A.M. Worship Services
The Church

10:15 A.M. All-Adult Christian Education Class
The Church

Come celebrate with fellow Parishioners as St. Martin's marks its 70th Birthday. Our friend, the Rev. Max Lucado, Senior Pastor at Oak Hills Church will preach twice Sunday morning. His sermon title for both services is "Come Alongside Me." He will also lead a special All-Adult Christian Education Class between the services.

Lucado is a pastor, speaker and bestselling author who, in his own words, "writes books for people who don't read books." For more than 30 years, he has served the people of Oak Hills Church in San Antonio. His latest book, "Help Is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit," offers readers an invitation to experience the energizing strength of the Holy Spirit.

ONE PARISH ... ALL-IN!
DINNER, LIVE MUSIC AND FIREWORKS!

Sunday, Oct. 2
5 p.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

The 6 p.m. traditional service will not be offered.

Celebrate our 70th anniversary with fun and fellowship for all! Enjoy dinner, music by The Kingdom Pickers, a homily by Max Lucado and special remarks from our Rector, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. The evening will conclude with a beautiful fireworks display. For more information, please call 713-621-3040.

To register, please visit bit.ly/100222AllInDinner.

Registration closes Sept. 28.

Childcare is available in the Children's Life Center for infants through pre-K.



STUDENT MINISTRIES CONFIRMATION

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



Students in grades 8-12 are invited join Student Confirmation. Through classes, discussion, fellowship and retreat, Confirmands will be led through the journey from childhood to adult faith.

Confirmation classes are Jan. 22-March 26, 2023.

Confirmation Retreat is Feb. 10-12, 2023.

Confirmation is \$250 per Confirmand.

For more information, email students@smartinsepiscopal.org.



The Order of the Daughters of the King

**SATURDAY, OCT. 1 | 10 A.M.
CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER**

Special Guest: Kathleen Phillips

Kathleen Phillips, Director of FIND, School for Spiritual Direction and Formation in Bryan, Texas, will give a presentation on the Anglican rosary, its meaning and how it is used in prayer.

For more information, please contact Tracee Tindol at tmartin@smartinsepiscopal.org.





TOUR A GOTHIC-STYLE CHURCH WITHOUT LEAVING HOUSTON!

SUNDAY, OCT. 2

Following the 11:15 a.m. service

Meet in the Narthex

St. Martin's docents offer free, public and private tours. Everyone is welcome regardless of religious affiliation. To schedule a tour, please call St. Martin's Docent Guild at 713-830-4117 and leave a contact name and number for a return call.



OCT. 14 – 16 • CAMP ALLEN
COST IS \$200

Register at bit.ly/smechsretreat by Oct. 10.

All students in grades 9–12 are invited to join this Christ-centered experience led by Dr. Chris Sneller, Bridges International.

The weekend retreat will feature special times to gather for small group discussions, interactive games and activities, meaningful reflections and help students recognize God in themselves and others.

For more information, email students@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



**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
 8:15 a.m. • Rehearsal in Children's Life Center
 9:15 a.m. • Family Table service in Parish Life Center

For more information, email yssm@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



Joy of Giving Market
**PREMIER
SHOPPING
PARTY**

**Tuesday, October 11
4–8 p.m.**

\$20 in advance ticket / \$25 at the door
Includes hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment and first access to fabulous items.



To purchase tickets, place pantry pre-sale orders or view the silent auction, visit stmartinsepiscopal.org/joy-of-giving-market



*32nd Annual
Joy of
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Paris and Normandy River Cruise on the Seine

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

9
Days in
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The Rev. Dr.
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Join Guest Speakers Rev. Dr. Russell Levenson, Jr. and Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch on a nine-day Paris and Normandy River Cruise on the Seine, starting at \$4,198 departing on May 24, 2023. Journey to places such as Paris, Normandy Beaches, Vernon and much more!

For more information, visit bit.ly/2023RiverCruise

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:

Email worshipcoordinators@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

FREE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

HOPE AFTER LOSS:

LEARNING TO USE THE GRACE GRIEF MODEL TO MOVE FORWARD ON YOUR GRIEF JOURNEY

OCT. 19

Wednesday @ 12 p.m. CT
Available In-Person & Online

PRESENTED BY:



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Register today at hopeandhealingcenter.org/events

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Contact: Director of Parish
Stewardship, Ashley Pratka at
apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org
or 346-335-8658



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Pledging and setting up a
recurring gift online helps you
and the church budget.

LEARN MORE AT: [ST MARTIN SEPISCOPAL.ORG/GIVING](https://stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving)

SERVANT SUNDAY RECOGNITION

(9 and 11:15 a.m. only)

The Celebrant says these or similar words

Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. These servants you see here have been called to ministry.

People: Praise be to God, who has called you to his service.

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection. Look now with favor upon those whom you have called to serve you at St. Martin's, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Celebrant

In the Name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we recognize you as servants of Christ's Gospel.

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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “O Thou the Central Orb” Charles Wood

O Thou the Central Orb of righteous love, pure beam of the Most High, eternal light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, as stars about Thy throne, set in the height of God’s ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measur’d grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

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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.

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)

Distribution of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

ANTHEM “God Be In My Head” John Rutter

God be in my head, And in my understanding; God be in my eyes, And in my looking; God be in my mouth, And in my speaking; God be in my heart, And in my thinking; God be at my end, And in my departing.

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HYMN "O Lord, You're Beautiful"

1. O Lord, you're beau - ti - ful, your face is
 2. O Lord, you're won - der - ful, your touch is
 3. O Lord, please light your fire that once burned

all I seek, and when your eyes are
 all I need, and when your eyes are
 bright and clear, re - place your the hand lamp is of

on this child, your grace a - bounds to me
 on this first love, that burns - ing I re - ceive
 my first love, that burns with ho - ly fear!

Music and text: Keith Green, arr. Steven Wray, Shoji Mizumoto. © 1980 Birdwing Music/Cherry Lane Music Publishing Co. CCLI #805314.

HYMN "Here I Am, Lord"



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



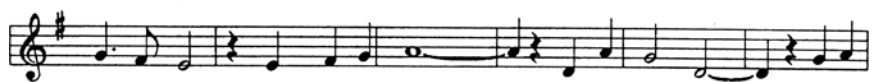
peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will



save,
 way.
 save. I who made the stars of night,
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My



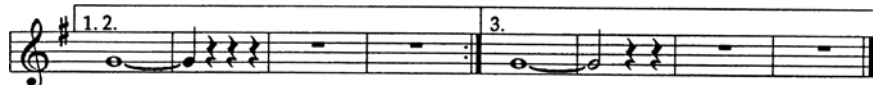
light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord, Is it
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?



I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord,



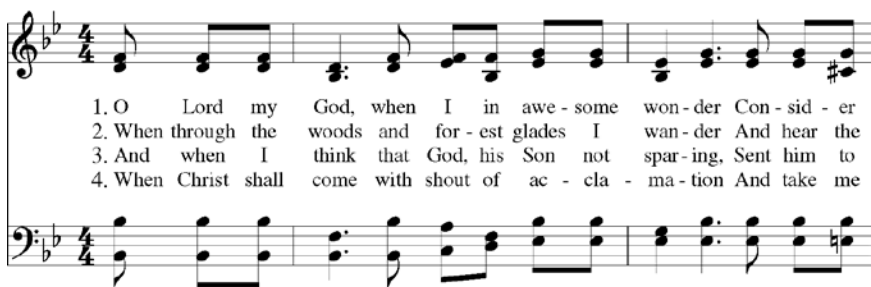
— if you lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my




heart. —

heart. —

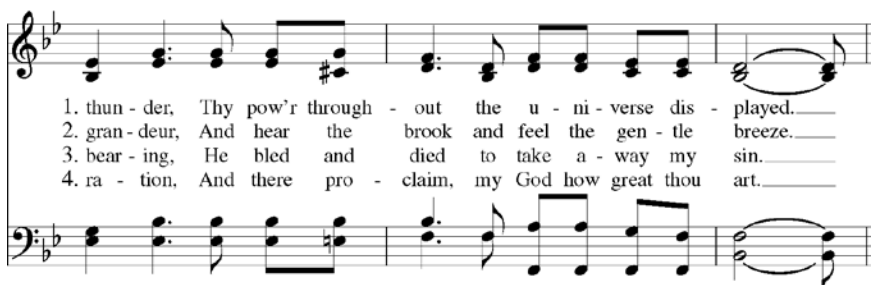
HYMN "How Great Thou Art"



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art.



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: How great Thou

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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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 594 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -



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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 baptism of Frances Marie White
by Kelsi and Will White

In thanksgiving for the ministry and dedication of all St. Martin's volunteers

In thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary
by Meredith and Dean Huffman

In memory of Robert Pullen on the anniversary of his birthday
by Anne Pullen and family

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



SYMPATHY

July 23 George Sealy III
Sept. 8 Kevin Raymond Riehle

To mark a special occasion with an altar flower dedication,
visit bit.ly/smecaltarflowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam
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SERMON NOTES

The Dishonest Steward

Luke 16:1-14

“Of all Jesus’ parables, this is probably the most puzzling. It is certainly the one on which most scholarly ink has been spilled.” (Craig Blomberg)

The Story

- Estate manager accused of squandering his employer’s property
- Employer fires estate manager, but (surprisingly) does not jail him
- Estate manager does not protest his innocence
- Estate manager does a SWOT analysis of his situation
 - a) Strengths: his wits and his employer’s soft side
 - b) Weaknesses: not physically strong
 - c) Opportunities:
 - i) It has not yet got out that he has been fired
 - ii) He still has all the contract notes in his possession
 - d) Threats: starvation
- He calls in his employer’s debtors and reduces their debt
- He gets them to write it in their own handwriting
- The debtors have no reason to believe that the estate manager is not acting with his employer’s authority
- The employer is a hero in the local community – so is the manager
- The employer has a calculation to make!

What does Jesus mean by the parable?

Steward/estate manager = Israel

In what way has Israel been squandering the property (v. 1, cf. Luke 15:13: the prodigal son squandered his property in riotous living)?

- By keeping her light under a bushel (Matthew 5:14-16)
- By keeping themselves pure by cutting themselves off
- By using the law to keep people out (both Jews and Gentiles)

How should Israel (in Jesus’ thinking) have acted like the dishonest manager?

- By recognising, as the manager did, the truth of the charge made against her
- By banking everything on the mercy of God
- By living out that mercy to others
- By lightening the load of the law, both for Jews and Gentiles
 - a) That’s what Jesus did (mainly for Jews)
 - b) That’s what the early church did (mainly for Gentiles)

Lessons for us today

- See God as astoundingly merciful – not hard
- Lighten the load
- Widen the net
- Use ‘filthy lucre’ for relational purposes that reflect the values of the Kingdom and bring people into it (e.g. Luke 14:12-14)

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENTJeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

THE PSALMPsalm 79:1-9

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble. They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field. They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them. We have become a reproach to our neighbors, an object of scorn and derision to those around us. How long will you be angry, O Lord? will your fury blaze like fire for ever? Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name. For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin. Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; for we have been brought very low. Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

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	Stacey Elliott	Brad Martin
Jeri Ann Adams	Mayfield Family	Jeffrey Martinson
Carolyn Alban	Charles Flores	Pat Marymee
Harvey Altmann	Michael Foster	Michelle McStravick
Katie Altmann	Matt Fryar	Sam Mixon
Patsy Angel	Brad Gallion	Nicole Morrison
Stephen Archer	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	Russell Pae
Alli Blackman	Molly Hardy Barrett	Troy Phillips
Cory Blackman	Walesk Harvey	Jimmy Prentice
Grace Blake	Elizabeth Hill	Ophelia Pujol
Jose Luis Bravo	Mollie Hill	Barbara Quackenbush
Dianne Brock	Jeff Holden	Michael Reade
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Gail Davis	Stan Leong	Clif Shoemake
Mac Davis	McKenna Letsos	Richard Smith
Sue Davis	Shawn Levenson	Ryan Smith
Tommy W. Davis	Nancy Liles	Bob Spencer
Louis DelHomme	Martha Ann Linden	Jim and Jan Stokes
Bobby deSosa	Roberta Lloyd	Aaron Strong
Betty DeVerter	Ryan Logan	Susan Strother
Chase Dixon	Marie Lord	Julie Stulken
Katharine Dorinda	Robert Maedgen, Jr.	James Swann
Kiersten Dyke	Jaclyn Manning	Nancy Talbot
Jim Easterling	Greg Martin	Paul Therrien

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

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Millie Tonn	Eric Zoerb	Leslie
Jane Touchstone	Anne	Lorrie
H. Michael Tyson	Barbara	Marilyn
Sue Uthe	Ben	Mark
Randy Vander Naillen	Betsey	Mary Jane
Mae Joyce and	Casey	Matthew
Grant Wagner	Dean	RC
Janice Waits Murphy	Elizabeth	Sally
Becky Wareing	Henry	Thomas
Charles Warren	Jana	Victor and Barbara
Mary Waters	Jane	Willie
Charles Werlla	Kathryn	Woody
James Wilkerson	Laura	

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	LCDR Bradley R. Hoffman	2nd Lt. Alex Mullen
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