THE SACRAMENTS OF HOLY BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST

September 25, 2022



OUR MISSION

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



FROM THE RECTOR

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

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

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

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

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

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Prayers Before Worship

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

ST. MARTIN'S

SEPTEMBER 25

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Marty Bastian 8:55-9:25 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

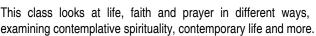
This class is a Clergy-led coffee and discussion following the 8 a.m. service. Each class focuses on one of the lectionary readings for the day.



Theology for Life with the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay, Ph.D. Deliver Us From Evil: Cosmic Evil – God and the Dragon 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





THEOLOG

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-I-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.



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 26-OCTOBER I

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Sept. 26 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. 27 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. 28 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. 28 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. 28 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. 28 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. 28 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. 29 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, Oct. 1 | 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.

STERLING'S

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Sept. 29 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 isundara@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Sept. 29 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. 27 – Evening Group 6:30–8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom Thursday, Sept. 29 – 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 Igallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, Sept. 28 9:15–10:30 a.m. | Student Life Center Lounge

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 iferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-I-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Sept. 28 6–8 p.m. | Student Life Center



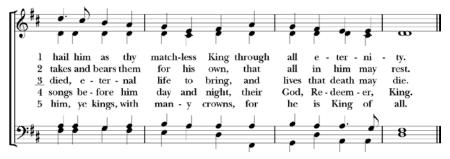
Students in grades 6-12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY "Cantilene" Louis Vierne



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



Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894); Music: Diademata, George Job Elvey (1816-1893).

Begin on page 299 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.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us; Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all;

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (kneel)

The Celebrant says the Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

All stand.





Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875); Music: Pentecost, William Boyd (1847-1928).

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. **People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The lectionary for the day is on page 45.



Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875); Music: Pentecost, William Boyd (1847-1928).

Please be seated.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES (sit)

The Celebrant invites those being baptized and their sponsors to approach the font.

Celebrant

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and

Godparents: I present N. to receive the Sacrament

of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that

the child you present is brought up in the

Christian faith and life?

Parents and

Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this

child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and

Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual

forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world

which corrupt and destroy the creatures

of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw

you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as

your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace

and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as

your Lord?

Answer: I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (stand)

Celebrant

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator

of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy

Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was

crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the

right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and

the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and

fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the

prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and,

whenever you fall into sin, repent and return

to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the

Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,

loving your

neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all

people, and respect the dignity of every human

being?

People: I will with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin

and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your

holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of

the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to

your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace

and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying Let us pray. (kneel)

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says Let us welcome the newly baptized. (stand)

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE (stand)

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

People: And also with you.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



2023 Stewardship is here! Please join us and prayerfully consider a pledge and how you will serve St. Martin's in the coming year. We are counting on our Parish Family to be All-In just as our founders were 70 years ago.



Please scan this QR code or visit bit.ly/smec2023stewardship to make your pledge online.

Questions? Contact Ashley Pratka, Director of Development, at *apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org* or 346-335-8658.





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

SOLD OUT - THANK YOU!



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

Sunday, Oct. 2

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

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

5 P.M. | All-In Dinner | Bagby Parish Hall
The 6 p.m. traditional service will not be offered.



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 and also lead a special All-Adult Christian Education Class between the services.

In the evening, join us for dinner, music by Haley and Tom Lynch and The Kingdom Pickers, an inspirational message by the Rev. 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.

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.

To register, please visit bit.ly/100222AllIndinner. (case sensitive)

Registration closes Sept. 28.

Childcare is available in the Children's Life Center for infants through fifth grade.



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

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





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





Church in the Field Christmas Packing

Wednesday, Sept. 28 | 2 p.m. Chapel Reception Hall

Help us prepare items for the Church in the Field Christmas service.

For more information, email outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org.





NAME THAT TUNE

Thursday, Sept. 29 | 1:30–2:30 p.m. Activity Center

Show off your musical knowledge and join the fun! This is an entertaining competition to guess the songs for eras, TV shows, movies and more!

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



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 Episcopal journey from childhood to adult faith.

Confirmation classes are Jan. 22-March 26, 2023. Confirmation Retreat is Feb. 10-12, 2023. Cost is \$250 per Confirmand.

For more information, email students@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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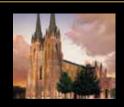
SATURDAY, OCT. 1 | 10 A.M. CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

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@stmartinsepiscopal.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.



Building the Brain of Your Young Child



Join The Moms' Group for the presentation, "Brain Training for Young Children," by Katy Butterwick, Vice President at The Hackett Center for Mental Health.

Wednesday, Oct. 5 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Student Life Center Lounge

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



St. Martin's International OSL Healing Community
offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on
the first Wednesday of each month. This short service
is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

Next Service

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

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



We are excited to launch The Wayside Podcast Thursday, Oct. 6!

Like the Wayside Chapel on our Campus, we hope this podcast will reach members and nonmembers alike. Hosted by the Rev. Wesley Arning and Parishioner Ryan Presley, they will explore different topics in a casual but informative conversation, having guests join them along the way. Weekly episodes will air on Thursdays, and the Sunday sermon will be available on Mondays. Join them for the series on hope beginning Oct. 6. You can subscribe on any platform from which you get podcasts.



SUNDAY, OCT. 9 5 P.M. | WAYSIDE CHAPEL

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, all are invited to bring their pets for a special service dedicated to blessing all creatures great and small. St. Martin's Clergy will bless family pets of all kinds, but please keep them on leashes or in cages. Pet food donations will also be accepted.

For more information, contact Barbara Piana at bpiana@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-830-4116.



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.



PANTRY PRE-SALES



The ECW Pantry offers frozen entrees, appetizers, side dishes and desserts, including the popular "Tasty Trash," for sale at the Market. Pre-order your favorites today at bit.ly/joyofgivingmarket.



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.



TIME M TALENT M TREASURE

ALL-IN WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, Oct. 30 9:15 and 11:15 A.M. | The Church

9:15 a.m. Family Table joins the Traditional Worship Service for one service.

The Church

11:15 a.m. Riverway joins the Traditional Worship Service for one service.

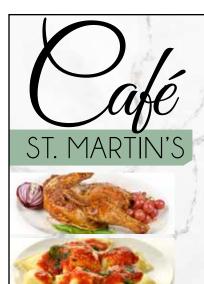
The Church

Parishioners and friends, young and old, will celebrate past achievements and make new memories as they worship together.

NEW THIS YEAR! St. Martin's Clergy, Student Ministries and Children's Ministry have collaborated to create Stewardship lessons and activities for children and teens during October, including age-appropriate pledge cards that will be returned as part of the services on Oct. 30. Families will receive more details soon. If you have questions, contact the Rev. Jane P. Ferguson at iferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

ALL-IN CELEBRATION LUNCHEON 11a.m.-1:30 p.m. · Parish Life Center · Boxed lunches

Join your Parish family as we celebrate 70 years of ministry. This picnic lunch is our way to say, "thank you for your Stewardship" and we are glad that you are All In! There are many fun activities planned. Stay tuned for more information to be published soon. Celebrate our Parish's expanding family with all who call St. Martin's home.



Mondays-Wednesdays
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

Come by and discover delicious specialties prepared daily by Chef Julio and his team.

Enjoy our hot meal entrées, sandwiches, salad bar, baked potato bar, desserts and more!

Visit our webpage for more information:

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The Hope and Healing Center & Institute presents the 11th Annual

Chrysalis Luncheon

The 11th Annual Chrysalis Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at Houston's Downtown Marriott Marquis hotel from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

This year's event will feature a discussion with HHCI's CEO, Dr. Matthew Stanford, along with Stasha Vaughan, HHCI's Hope Line Supervisor, Pastor Jorge Cardenas, Senior Pastor at Church On The Rock Kotv. and Jhair Rivera, Program Manager at Urban Strategies. The panel will discuss mental health stigma in both adults and youth, and how the community at-large can assist those in need through peer support.

HHCI will also be sharing Transform 2024, a three-year strategic plan to help further impact.

For more information, visit







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All stand.





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Please be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM" "Laudate Dominum "
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Laudáte Dóminum ómnes géntes; Laudáte éum, ómnes pópuli. Quóniam confirmáta est super nos misericórdia éjus. Et véritas Dómini mánet in aetérnum. Glória Pátri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sáncto. Sicut érat in princípio, et nunc, et sémper, et in saécula saéculorum. Amen.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; Praise him, all ye peoples. For his loving kindness has been bestowed upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Text: Psalm 117, English version by Alice Parker. Music: W.A. Mozart (1756-1791). © 1963 by the Lawson – Gould Music Publishers, Inc. ARR.

AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGYOld 100th



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. 361) (stand)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

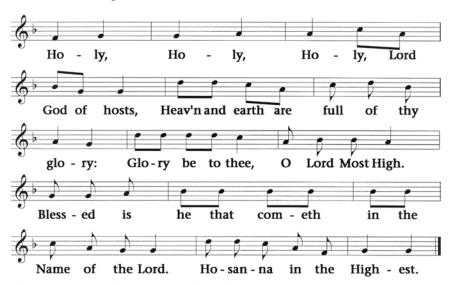
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People



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

The Celebrant continues (BCP p. 362) (kneel)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.



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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.

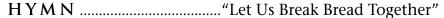
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ANTHEM"""" "Ubi Caritas" Maurice Duruflé

Ubi cáritas et ámor, Déus ibi est. Congregávit nos in únum Chrísti ámor. Exsultémus et in ípso jucundémur. Timeámus et amémus Déum vívum. Et ex córde diligámus nos sincéro. Amen.

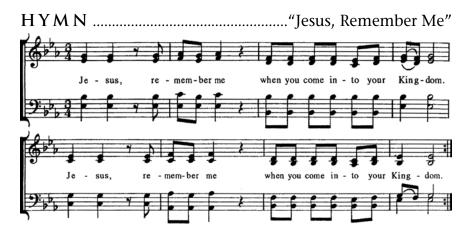
Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart, let us love one another. Amen.

Text: Antiphon for the washing of feet, Maundy Thursday Eucharist. Music: Gregorian Chant, setting by Maurice Duruflé. ©Durand Editions Musicales, 1960.

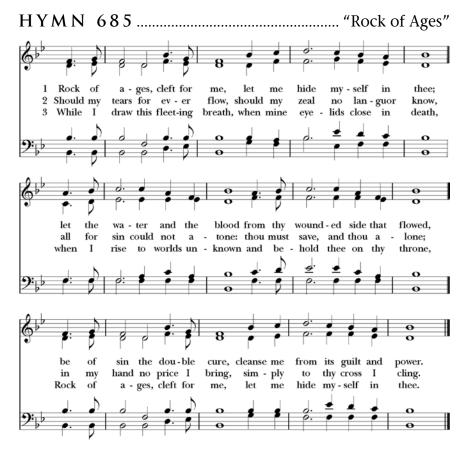




Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual, arr. by Keith Phillips. ${\hbox{$\mathbb Q$}}$ 1986 Word Music.



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After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray. (BCP p. 366)

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.Amen.

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 625""Ye Holy Angels Bright"



Words: Richard Baxter (1615–1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802–1862); Music: Darwall's 148th, melody and bass John Darwall (1731–1789); harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Personal prayers are available at the west Side Chapel after this service.

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Gabriel Regan Coy by Regan and Alex Coy

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Kilburn William "Key" Doyle by Gretchen and Douglas Doyle

In memory of Jack Hunnell by Timely Topics



BIRTHS

July 19 Hill Clayton Sneed

Son of Jordan and Clay Sneed Grandson of Pat and David Jones, Sr.



BAPTISMS

Sept. 17 Henry Pearce Hamilton

Frances Marie White

Sept. 18 Gwyneth Mary Weiss



SYMPATHY

Aug. 29 John "Jack" Wesley Hunnell

Sept. 5 Pamela Dorothy Harrison Murphy

To mark a special occasion with an altar flower dedication, visit bit.ly/smecaltarflowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at 713-830-4146.

SERMON NOTES

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OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

THE PSALM Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty. He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust." He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence. He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day; of the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day. Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my Name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

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 Jim Easterling Greg Martin Stacey and John Elliott Jeri Ann Adams Brad Martin Mayfield Family Carolyn Alban Jeffrey Martinson Harvey Altmann Charles Flores Pat Marymee Katie Altmann Michael Foster Janet McDaniel Patsy Angel Matt Fryar Michelle McStravick Stephen Archer Brad Gallion Nicole Morrison Shelly Bain Max Goodloe Christine Nguyen Benice Nwabueze Susan Beeley Nancy Gore Jack Beeson Hollis, McKay and Judy and Jay O'Connor Missy Belote Rand Grace Nwora Onwuzulu Anne Berry Shea Guinn Jim Paddock Alli Blackman Gladys Halbouty Russell Pae Cory Blackman Molly Hardy Barrett Troy Phillips Walesk Harvey Jimmy Prentice Grace Blake Ophelia Pujol **Jose Luis Bravo** Elizabeth Hill Barbara Quackenbush Dianne Brock Mollie Hill Harrison Brown Jeff Holden Michael Reade Pastor Brown Kim Holway Robert Rosales Mark Burchard Jack and Lee Hunnell Baker Rudolph Harry Burrow Nicole Jabbari Virginia Runnels Brady Samuelson **Jane Cabes** Ronnie Jacobe, Jr. Elinor Christian David Samuelson Pat Jones Higdon Compton, Jr. Muriel Kearby Albaral **Jim Sanitato** Lynn Conine Paige Laird Ellie Schilling Beth Costa Sherman Lasker Helen and Jim Shaffer John Dacus Amy Lee Megan Sharkey Gail Davis Stan Leong Clif Shoemake Richard Smith Mac Davis McKenna Letsos Sue Davis Shawn Levenson Ryan Smith Tommy W. Davis **Bob Spencer** Nancy Liles 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 **James Swann** Katharine Dorinda Robert Maedgen, Jr. Nancy Talbot Kiersten Dyke Jaclyn Manning 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 vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Eric Zoerb Anne Barbara Ben Betsey Casey Dean Elizabeth Henry Jana Jane

Kathryn Laura Lauren Leslie

Lorrie Marilyn Mark Mary Jane Matthew RCSally Thomas

Victor and Barbara

Willie Woody

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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