

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 16, 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

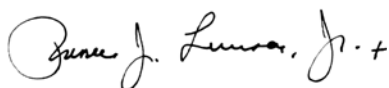
FROM THE RECTOR

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

OCTOBER 16

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Wesley Arning

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

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



Theology for Life with Dr. David Peterson

Storm Stories

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.



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.



*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.*

OCTOBER 17-22

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Oct. 17

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, Oct. 18

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 Ministry

Wednesday, Oct. 19

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, Oct. 19

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, Oct. 19

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, Oct. 19

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

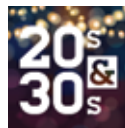


Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as an OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, Oct. 19

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



Join our young adults as they explore Luke 5:1-11. There will be discussion, prayer and dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct. 20

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.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Oct. 20

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, Oct. 20

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, Oct. 18 – Evening Group
6:30–8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom
Thursday, Oct. 20 – 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, Oct. 19
9:15–10:30 a.m. | Student Life Center Living Room



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, Oct. 19
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 "Prelude"

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

*HYMN 680 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home;
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90; Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678–1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

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

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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



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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; the Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 530 (vs. 1-3)

“Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word”

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
 2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
 3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
 4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
 5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
 2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
 3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
 4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
 5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

Words: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774–1841); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898–1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944), alt. St. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984); Music: *Gott sei Dank*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergel (1793–1870).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELLuke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The lectionary for the day is on page 37.

HYMN 530 (vs. 4-5)

“Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word”

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
 2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “Known Unto God”
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

THE NICENE CREED *(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 *(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 first responders; for those suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus; for health care workers; for victims of natural disasters,__; 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

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

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

T H E P E A C E *(stand)*

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

All-In

for STEWARDSHIP

TIME ■ TALENT ■ TREASURE

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.

GIVE BLOOD

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Blood Drive

Monday, Oct. 17 | 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/smecblooddrive
or contact Jessica Munoz at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center:
346-831-4215 or jmunoz@giveblood.org

EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.



Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center



Activity Center

WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS

Monday, Oct. 17 | 11 a.m.-noon
Fellowship Room

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

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



LITERATURE

EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Oct. 18 | 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.



DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Oct. 19
Children's Life Center, Room 132 and
Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom

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Sterling's Market will not be open this Saturday, Oct. 22, because the Order of Saint John will hold its annual investiture service at St. Martin's on that day. The Market will return Oct. 29

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

info@sterlingsmarket.org



BIG
SUNDAY

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EDITION

Oct. 23 • 5–7 p.m. • Student Life Center



It's Pig 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 and their caregivers

October 24
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall



Loud Shirt Day

OCTOBER 24 📌 **RODNEY RASBERRY**



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



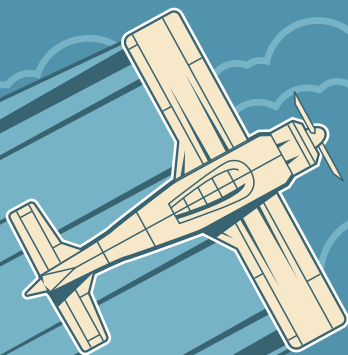
ST. MARTIN'S *Cooking* CLASSES

**Thursday, Oct. 27 · 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 Greek cuisine
class with Chef Mary Cuculis
bit.ly/cafestmartinscooking2**

**Menu includes:
Chicken Souvlaki, Tzatziki Sauce
and Rice Pilaf**



20^s & 30^s

Wings Over Houston

**Join us for a fun afternoon at the
Wings Over Houston Airshow.**

Purchase tickets at wingsoverhouston.com and we will meet on-site at Ellington Field. The airshow begins at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, email the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

**OCT.
29**

All-In

for STEWARDSHIP

TIME ❏ TALENT ❏ TREASURE

ALL-IN STEWARDSHIP SERVICE*

SUNDAY, OCT. 30

The Church

9:15 a.m. – A Celebration Service joining Family Table and Traditional Worship. Throughout September and October, St. Martin's Clergy, Student Ministries and Children's Ministry collaborated to create Stewardship lessons and activities for children and teens. During the service, children and students will bring their special Stewardship offering to the front of The Church.

11:15 a.m. – Riverway and Traditional Worship will unite for one Celebration Service. All Parishioners are encouraged to wear western attire to the services.

**The 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. services will be regular traditional Holy Eucharist.*

ALL PARISH FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY, OCT. 30

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Parish Life Center and Soccer Field

Join your Parish family as we celebrate 70 years of ministry. To thank you for your Stewardship, families are invited to head to the Parish Life Center after the service and grab boxed lunches.

Celebrate with a Texas-style Festival!

The Student Ministries and Children's Ministry have planned a Texas-style Festival complete with pony rides, bounce houses, face painting, calf roping, line dancing and many other activities. All are encouraged to wear western attire.

Please register at
bit.ly/allinpicnic
for meal preparation purposes.



El Salvador Mission Trip Information Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 4 | 10:15 a.m. | Activity Center

The Rev. Wesley Arning will lead adults and families to San Salvador, El Salvador, March 11-16, 2023, to serve with St. Martin's ministry partner, Kurt Ackerman and his organization, Sus Hijos.

Email worldmissions@stmartinsepiscopal.org
for more information.



Christmas Flowers

Remember a loved one with poinsettias decorating The Church at Christmas. All requests received by 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21, will be included in the Christmas Flowers listing available in the worship booklets at all Christmas services. Any requests received after the deadline will be published in worship booklets in the weeks following Christmas. Make your flower dedication online at bit.ly/ChristmasAltarFlowers. (*case sensitive*)

For more information, contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at 713-830-4146
or relhakam@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



The Hope and Healing Center & Institute's

Opening Doors to Hope

2022 End-of-Year Campaign



Did you know?



According to a survey, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reported that approximately 64% of people with a diagnosed mental illness find that the holidays make their condition worse.

As the holidays approach, the Hope and Healing Center & Institute is dedicated to serving those struggling with mental health issues and addiction now more than ever.

To give to our **Opening Doors to Hope** campaign and make a difference in lives of those in your community, visit hopeandhealingcenter.org/GIVE

WAYS TO GIVE



TEXT

Text SMEC to
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MAIL

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
717 Sage Rd.
Houston, TX 77056



ONLINE

bit.ly/smecgiving



BEQUESTS

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



TRANSFER OF ASSETS

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

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

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM "The Spirit of the Lord" Philip W.J. Stopford

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord, to give unto them that mourn a garland of ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before the Nations. The spirit of the Lord.

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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 blessings flow; praise him, all creatures 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 *Pseauxmes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(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.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

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The Celebrant continues (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

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

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.

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

ANTHEM "Gaelic Blessing" John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you, deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you, deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars, pour their healing light on you, deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you, deep peace of Christ to you.

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HYMN 685 “Rock of Ages”

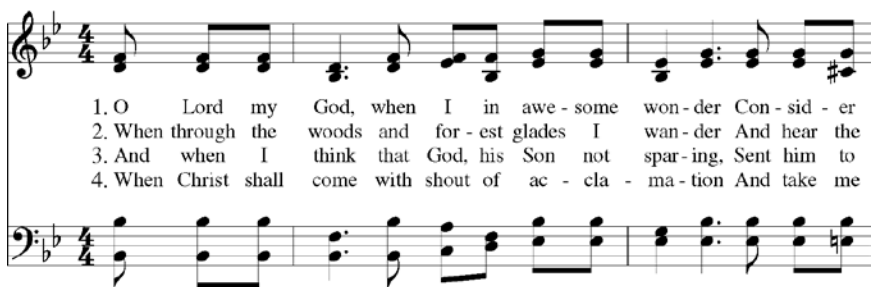
1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778), alt.; Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784–1872).

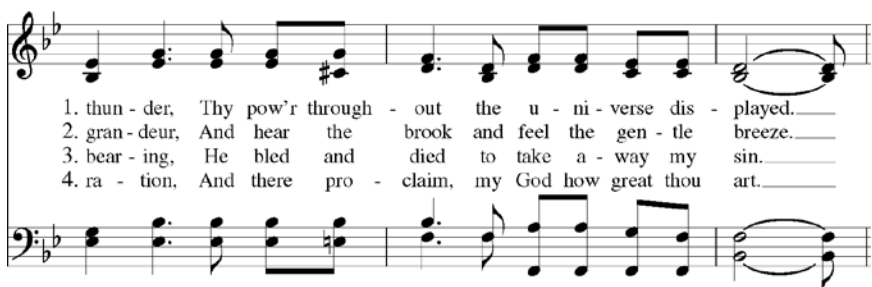
HYMN "How Great Thou Art"



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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HYMN "Seek My Face"

1. Seek My face, seek My face.
2. I will seek.
3. We worship You, lu,
4. Al le lu, I we Al le lu, the the liv - ing God. God. God. ia.

repeat:
'Alleluia' ad lib.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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 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 436“Lift Up Your Heads”

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590–1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878); Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872), 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 Macallan “Mac” Christian McHenry
by the McHenry Family

In memory of Michael R. Adams
by Shelley, Ross and Victoria Adams



BAPTISMS

Oct. 8 Alfie Andrew Deiso
 Hope Odibo



SYMPATHY

Sept. 12 Harding Joseph Rome, Jr.
Oct. 6 Thomas “Tommy” Lynch Hail

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

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENTGenesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

THE EPISTLE 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

SERMON NOTES



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*From the Suda Bay War Cemetery
Chania, Crete
Greece*

There are 1,500 Commonwealth Servicemen of WWII buried or commemorated here. Of those, 776 are unidentified, but marked with this inscription:

A SOLDIER
OF THE
1939-1945
WAR

KNOWN UNTO GOD

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Individuals are included on the *Continuing Prayers* list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

Bobbie Adams	Jim Easterling	Robert Maedgen, Jr.
Jeri Ann Adams	Stacey and John Elliott	Jaclyn Manning
Carolyn Alban	Mayfield Family	Greg Martin
Harvey Altmann	Charles Flores	Brad Martin
Katie Altmann	Michael Foster	Jeffrey Martinson
Patsy Angel	Matt Fryar	Pat Marymee
Stephen Archer	Brad Gallion	Janet McDaniel
Shelly Bain	Max Goodloe	Michelle McStravick
Susan Beeley	Nancy Gore	Nicole Morrison
Jack Beeson	Hollis, McKay and	Christine Nguyen
Missy Belote	Rand Grace	Benice Nwabueze
Anne Berry	Shea Guinn	Judy and Jay O'Connor
Alli Blackman	Gladys Halbouty	Nwora Onwuzulu
Cory Blackman	Connie Haney	Jim Paddock
Grace Blake	Molly Hardy Barrett	Russell Pae
Jose Luis Bravo	Walesk Harvey	Troy Phillips
Dianne Brock	Susie C. Hatfield	Jimmy Prentice
Harrison Brown	Elizabeth Hill	Ophelia Pujol
Pastor Brown	Mollie Hill	Barbara Quackenbush
Mark Burchard	Jeff Holden	Michael Reade
Harry Burrow	Kim Holway	Robert Rosales
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Lynn Conine	Pat Jones	Brady Samuelson
Beth Costa	Muriel Kearby Albaral	David Samuelson
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Gail Davis	Sherman Lasker	Molly Scarbrough
Mac Davis	Amy Lee	Ellie Schilling
Sue Davis	Stan Leong	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Tommy W. Davis	McKenna Letsos	Megan Sharkey
Louis DelHomme	Shawn Levenson	Clif Shoemake
Bobby deSosa	Nancy Liles	Richard Smith
Betty DeVerter	Martha Ann Linden	Ryan Smith
Chase Dixon	Robertta Lloyd	William and Betsy Smith
Katharine Dorinda	Ryan Logan	Bob Spencer
Kiersten Dyke	Marie Lord	Jim and Jan Stokes

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

Aaron Strong	Charles Werlla	Kathryn
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James Swann	Roger Williams	Lauren
Nancy Talbot	Tim Womack	Leslie
Paul Therrien	Eric Zoerb	Lorrie
Carlotta Thomas	Anne	Marilyn
Millie Tonn	Barbara	Mark
Jane Touchstone	Ben	Mary Jane
H. Michael Tyson	Betsey	Matthew
Sue Uthe	Casey	Naomi
Randy Vander Naillen	Dean	RC
Mae Joyce and	Elizabeth	Sally
Grant Wagner	Eric and Family	Thomas
Janice Waits Murphy	Henry	Victor and Barbara
Becky Wareing	Jana	Willie
Charles Warren	Jane	Woody

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	Capt. Cody Horr	Lt. Holly E. Pace
Lt. Col. Julian Benton	Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell	James W. Peoples
1st Lt. Benjamin Brown	Dallas Wayne Hunter	Lt. Paul Piana
Lt. Col. Chris Davis	Staton Jobe	LCMR David A. Pilko
Wesley Dodd	Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
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Major Parker Firestone	1st Lt. Ben Matthews	Maj. Christian Schleider
Capt. Dom Flatt	Ensign Ben Morris	1st Lt. Grant Suter
1st Lt. Will Golinkin	1st Lt. Jack Mullen	1st Lt. Luke Voss
LCDR Bradley R. Hoffman	2nd Lt. Alex Mullen	

Please circle the name of any loved one that you would like to remain on our Continuing Prayer list, tear out this sheet of your bulletin and place it in the Prayer List box in the Narthex. You may also email Valerie Rivera at vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

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