TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 23, 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

Bune J. Luna, Jr. +

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

OCTOBER 23

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay, Ph.D. 8:55-9:25 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

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



Theology for Life with Dr. 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.

Creative Spaces with the Rev. Sharron Cox Developing a Rule of Life 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.



THEOLOGY

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.

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.

OCTOBER 24-29

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Oct. 24 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. 25 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. 26 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. 26 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. 26 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. 26 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. 26 7-8:45 p.m. | Children's Life Center

Join our young adults as they explore John 4:1-42. There will be discussion, prayer and dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct. 27 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. 29 | Rain or Shine 9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Corner of Woodway and Sage

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, Oct. 27 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. 27 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. 25 – Evening Group 6:30–8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom Thursday, Oct. 27 – 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, Oct. 26 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 jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-I-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Oct. 26 6–8 p.m. | Student Life Center



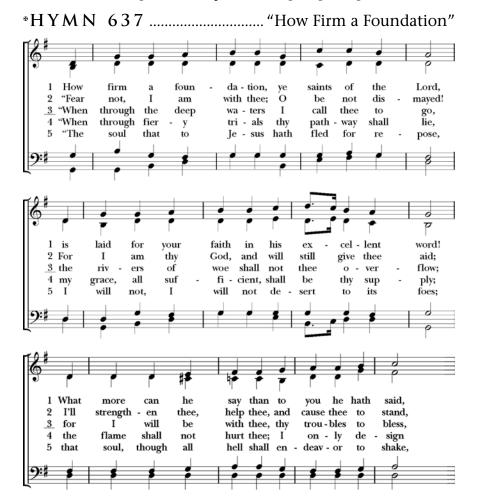
Students in grades 6-12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

HOLY EUCHARIST

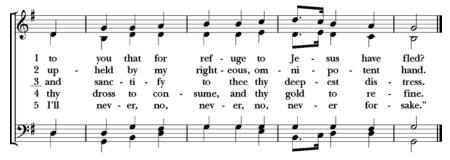
Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY "Prelude and Fugue"
Nicholas Bruhns

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



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



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

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. and 6 p.m.)



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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

All stand.



Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.; Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL.....Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

The lectionary for the day is on page 41.



Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.; Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON "The Pharisee and the Tax Collector" The Rev. Lisa R. Neilson

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**.

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

BISHOP TIM STEVENS

SUNDAY, OCT. 23 11:15 a.m. Fall Confirmation Service The Church

Join us to celebrate our life as a Church family. In recognition of those who will be confirmed at the 11:15 a.m. service, Bishop Tim Stevens will be our special guest preacher.

Due to Confirmation, we will not offer Holy Eucharist at the 11:15 a.m. service and it will not be livestreamed. We will livestream the 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist service this Sunday.

Bishop Stevens is Prelate for the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem and the retired Bishop of Leicester in Britain. He was consecrated as Bishop in 1995.



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ALL-IN STEWARDSHIP SERVICE*

SUNDAY, OCT. 30 The Church

9:15 a.m.—A Celebration Service joining Family Table and Traditional Worship. Throughout October, St. Martin's created 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.
*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!

St. Martin's invites you to 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.











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.





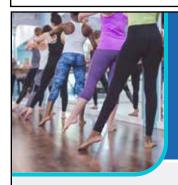
October 24 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Bagby Parish Hall

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





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





BALLETONE

Tuesday, Oct. 25 | 10:45-11:45 a.m. Aerobics Room

Balletone is a low-impact cardio workout that blends techniques from dance, Pilates and fitness. This class welcomes new students of any level for a thorough workout.

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



STERLING'S MARKET

Saturday, Oct. 29 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Sage and Woodway

SterlingsMarket

PET COSTUME CONTEST

Take a photo of your pet wearing a costume at Sterling's Market and tag or mention the photo and your pet's name on our Instagram and Facebook accounts. The photo that gets the most "likes" (combined) will win a \$100 Sterling's Market Gift Basket.

For complete rules, visit our Facebook page.











CCSC Work Day

Saturday, Oct. 29 | 9 a.m.-noon 3434 Branard, Houston, TX 77027

Organize and distribute food at the Emergency Services location for the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). CCSC assists the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy, and provides a back-to-school and Christmas program for low-income children.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.



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.

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Talking with Your Children About Hard Topics



Guest Speaker

DR. NANCY SIMPSON

Counseling Psychologist of the

Lower School, The Kinkaid School

Wednesday, Nov. 2 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, Nov. 2 | 5 p.m. Parish Life Center or via Zoom bit.ly/oslservice

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



THURSDAY MORNING

BIBLE STUDY AND SPEAKER SERIES



NOV. 3 7 A.M. Bagby Parish Hall

GUEST SPEAKER: The Rev. Chris Bowhay Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Columbia, Tenn.

Reservations are not required.
For more information, contact Juli Browning at jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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SATURDAY, NOV. 5 | 10 A.M. CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

Special Guest: Lea Byrd

Lea Byrd, Mobilization Manager at The Landing, will speak about the organization's programs and the projects the group will undertake during the Daughters of the King's February Outreach Day.

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



ST. MARTIN'S Day

CHRIS BOWHAY

SUNDAY, NOV. 6 8, 9 AND 11:15 AM THE CHURCH

The Rev. Chris Bowhay serves as the 30th Rector at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Columbia, Tenn.



PARISH FAMILY PICTURE

10:15 a.m. • The Church Plaza

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Celebrating St. Martin's

Martin of Tours, St. Martin's patron saint, was born in 316 and appointed Bishop of Tours in 371. Martin died on Nov. 11, 397, and his shrine at Tours became a popular site for pilgrimages.







TOUR A GOTHIC-STYLE CHURCH WITHOUT LEAVING HOUSTON!

SUNDAY, NOV. 6
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.

VETERANS DAY

AT ST. MARTIN'S

SUNDAY, NOV. 6 6 P.M. • THE CHURCH

This year former U.S. Army Captain and Houston native Wesley Hunt will lead the service. As our guest preacher, he will lead a lineup of accomplished veterans, leaders and speakers from our Parish and beyond. This is one of St. Martin's signature services and those who attend leave with a better understanding and deeper respect for men and women from the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy.



Wesley Hunt U.S. Army Captain







Membership 101

MONDAY, NOV. 7 Bagby Parish Hall and Online 6-9 p.m.

Reservations are required by 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov 6. To RSVP, contact Kathy Johnson at kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3834.

Learn more about the mission and core values of St. Martin's and broaden your understanding of our ministries and your role in the Church during this membership class that will include an instructed Eucharist, a presentation by St. Martin's Rector, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., and a question-and-answer session by Kathy Johnson, Director of Membership.

Witness to Dignity

The Life and Faith of George H.W. and Barbara Bush

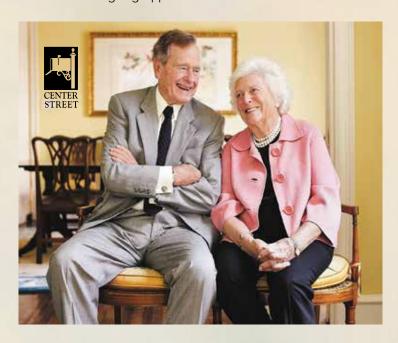
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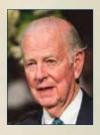
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NATIONAL BOOK LAUNCH RECEPTION at St. Martin's

6 p.m. • Wednesday, Nov. 9 • Parish Life CenterPresentation - Signing Opportunities - Commemorate Book Plates





"Russ Levenson has eloquently captured the essence and dignity of these two beautiful human beings who remain role models of character, decency, and integrity."

— The Honorable James A. Baker, III, 61st Secretary of State, 10th and 16th White House Chief of Staff



"All who knew GHW Bush, or covered his presidency as I did, knew he was a man of faith. But few understood how faithful he was and how central it was to his life and character. This impressive book by his longtime pastor and friend Russ Levenson is the story of President Bush as a Christian. It is a fascinating read and an important contribution to the literature of our 41st president."

- Brit Hume, Senior Political Analyst, FOX News



"Russ Levenson'selegant narrative voice in 'Witness to Dignity' is a perfect reflection of the Bush family. I am so grateful for his efforts in capturing these timely stories of this amazing couple..."

— Amy Grant, Award Winning Recording Artist and 2022 Kennedy Center Honoree



"We can never adequately thank Russ for his tireless efforts to minister to our parents when they needed it – and him – most. He was so incredibly generous with his time, and compassion, and as you will discover in the pages that follow, he came to have a very close and special relationship with my parents"

— Jeb Bush, Second Son of President George H.W. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush, 43rd Governor of Florida



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@stmartinsepsicopal.org.







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



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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" Charles H.H. Parry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe us in our rightful mind, In purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee. Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace. Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

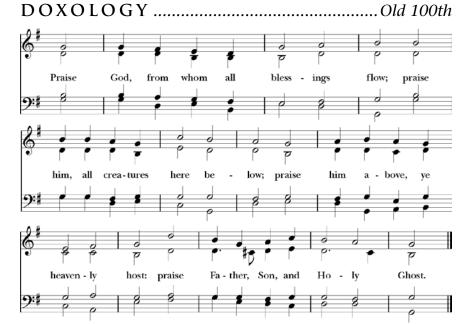
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AT THE PRESENTATION

(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.



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 (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.

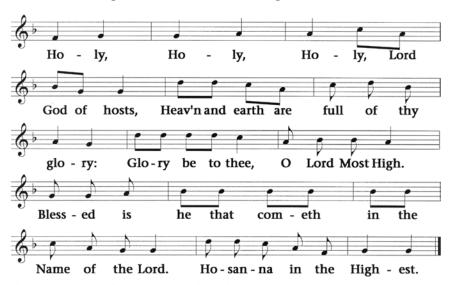
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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 6 p.m.)



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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.

O Salutaris Hostia, quae coeli pandis ostium, bella premunt hostilia, da robur, fer auxilium. Uni trinoque Domino sit sempiterna gloria, Qui vitam sine termino nobis donet in patria.

O Redeeming Sacrifice, which opens the gate of heaven: enemies threaten wars; give us strength, send aid. To Thy great name be endless praise Immortal Godhead, One in Three; Oh, grant us endless length of days, In our true native land with Thee.

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6 Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871); Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868).

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 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.



Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821–1891); Music: Marion, Arthur Henry Messiter (1834–1916).

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 ministry of the Rt. Rev. Tim Stevens

In thanksgivings for all those are confirmed, reaffirmed and received at the Confirmation service today

In memory of L. Henry Gissel Jr. by Lynn Gissel and family

In memory of David Milo Pierce by Caroline Pierce, their children and grandchildren



BAPTISMS

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Anne Mason McGowin Macallan Christian McHenry

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

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT......Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

THE PSALM Psalm 65

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem. To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions. Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out. Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away. You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might. You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

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:

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Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks before Easter and All Saints' Day. Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. To put someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Henry Jana Jane Kathryn

Laura

Elizabeth

Eric and family

Lauren Leslie Lorrie Marilyn Mark Mary Jane Matthew Naomi Raymond RC

Thomas Victor and Barbara

Willie Woody

Sally

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme Lt. Col. Julian Benton 1st Lt. Benjamin Brown Lt. Col. Chris Davis Wesley Dodd Sgt. James Drury III James Eilers Major Parker Firestone Capt. Dom Flatt 1st Lt. Will Golinkin

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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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