

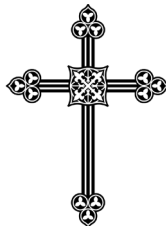
LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
CHRIST THE KING

November 20, 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

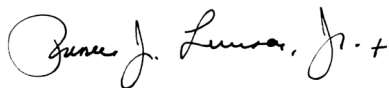
FROM THE RECTOR

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

NOVEMBER 20

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Nick Dyke

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 St. Martin's Clergy

Roundtable: How to be an Anglican

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. 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.*

Gathering

Contemplative Hour

10:15-11 a.m. | Pastoral Care Center, Bride's Parlor

Come reflect and pray with this group that meets periodically on Sunday. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@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.*

NOVEMBER 21-26

St. Martin's Campus will be closed noon, Wednesday, Nov. 23 through Saturday, Nov. 26, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Nov. 21

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, Nov. 22

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.



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 in A” Johann Sebastian Bach

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

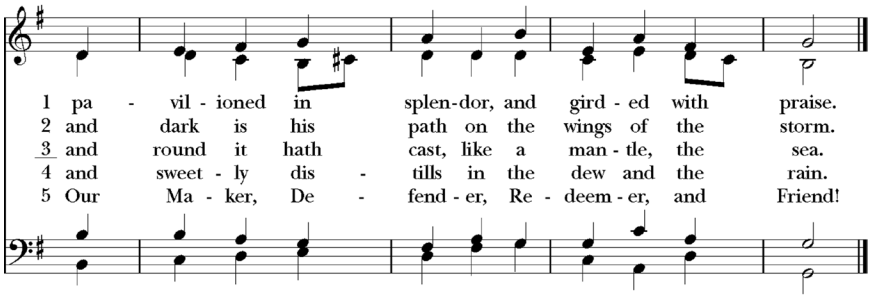
*HYMN 388 “O Worship the King”

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

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



1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779–1838); Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678–1727).

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

The Celebrant says

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

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



Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven;
 to his feet thy tri - bute bring; ran - somed,
 healed, re - stored, for - gi - ven, e - ver - more his
 prai - ses sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia! Praise the e - ver - las - ting King.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Colossians 1:9-20

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 390 (vs. 1-2)..... "Praise to the Lord"

1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian
 3 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 4 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

1 ways! Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
 2 sea, the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
 3 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 4 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

1 pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 2 us, like them, with - out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
 3 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 4 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

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

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

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

THE GOSPELLuke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The lectionary for the day is on page 37.

HYMN 390 (vs. 3-4) “Praise to the Lord”

1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian
 3 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “Kingdom Curiosity”
The Rev. Martin J. Bastian

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.



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@stmartinsepsicopal.org.



GIVE BLOOD

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Blood Drive

Monday, Nov. 21

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Appointments are required to donate.

Please go online to schedule at bit.ly/smeclblooddrive.

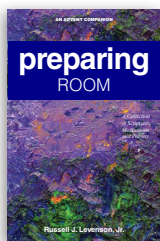
EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.



Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center

Advent Resources

Prepare for this solemn and wonderful season with these special resources:



Preparing Room by the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

- Scriptures key to telling the Christmas story as it centers on Jesus
- Brief meditations to help readers step more deeply into the Advent story
- Reflections on how to prepare just a bit more room for the King
- Prayers from Judeo-Christian tradition or by the author



Advent Wreath Devotional by Laura and Russ Levenson

The *Advent Wreath Devotional* in both adult and children's versions provides a framework within which to traverse the Advent season.

Available for sale through St. Martin's Gift Shoppe



Activity Center

TRIVIA AND COLORING

Tuesday, Nov. 22 | 3–5 p.m.
Lobby

Stimulate your mind with trivia, word-finds or crossword puzzles, and enjoy the relaxing art of coloring with a friend. All supplies provided or you may bring your own project from home.

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

THANKSGIVING DAY

Service

Thursday, Nov. 24
10 a.m. • The Church

All Parishioners, family and friends are invited to celebrate Holy Eucharist, and give thanks for God's bounty and our blessing.



THE WAYSIDE PODCAST

Like the Wayside Chapel on our Campus, this podcast reaches members and nonmembers alike. The Rev. Wesley Arning and Parishioner Ryan Presley explore different topics in a casual but informative conversation, having guests join them along the way. Weekly episodes air on Thursdays, and the Sunday sermon is available on Mondays. You can subscribe on any platform from which you get podcasts.

Nov. 24: The Rev. Chris Bowhay

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



BIG
SUNDAY

SAFARI

EDITION

Nov. 27 • 5–7 p.m. • Student Life Center



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



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STUDENTS



November 28
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall

THE GATHERING

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

Here Comes
Santa Claus

NOVEMBER 28 * JANE VANDIVER



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



RIVERWAY

THE family table



PRESENT

Deck the Halls

Wednesday, Nov. 30

6-8 p.m. ❄️ Parish Life Center

Join us for tree trimming, ornament decorating, carols and more! Dinner provided.

DePelchin Children's Center's



Drop Off
Filled Gift Bags

At DePelchin

Wednesday-Thursday,

Nov. 30-Dec. 1

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

DePelchin Children's Center

4815 Dickson Street

Houston, TX 77007

Through the annual St. Martin's Angel Tree Project, volunteers sign up to purchase Christmas gifts for children in foster care, adoption and mental health services provided by DePelchin Children's Center.

For more information, please contact Outreach
at 713-985-3811 or outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CELEBRATING JESUS' BIRTHDAY!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Hosted by the Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's

Saturday, Dec. 3 • 10 a.m.

Student Life Center

The joys of the seasons come to life for children up to 12 to celebrate Jesus' birthday and enjoy a fun-filled celebration. Activities include a reading of the Christmas Story, photos with Santa, crafts and more holiday fun.

Please bring an unwrapped toy (for ages 10-17), or a Target or Walmart gift card that will be donated to the DePelchin Children's Center and Christian Community Service Center.

For more information, contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



Saturday, Dec. 3

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sage and Woodway

sterlingsmarket.org

Closed Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving

Stuff Your Stockings



'Tis the season to shop for the Holidays!

Find the perfect Christmas stocking stuffers from local vendors and artisans at Sterling's Market!

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





ADVENT FAMILY *Festival*

**Sunday, Dec. 4
4–6 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall**

Celebrate Advent with fresh evergreens and supplies to make a family Advent wreath, followed by a pancake dinner. Cost for the meal is \$5 per person. Please come join the fun!



A Festival of **LESSONS and CAROLS**

SUNDAY, DEC. 4 • 11:15 a.m.

THE CHURCH

This traditional worship service is a wonderful testament to the holiday season, featuring the Parish Choir with bells, brass and tympani to ring in the birth of our Savior!

PARISH LIFE CENTER

This Riverway service is a distinct Advent traditional that includes nine Scripture lessons that foretell the coming Messiah with the contemporary music that is a staple of Riverway worship.



TOUR A GOTHIC-STYLE CHURCH WITHOUT LEAVING HOUSTON!

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

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.

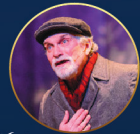
WAYNE & FRIENDS

IN CONCERT

Holiday Edition

Sunday, Dec. 4

7 p.m. • Parish Life Center



*With special guest,
Curt Cloninger*



Wayne Watson, St. Martin's Director of Contemporary Music, opens the Christmas season and is joined by special guest performer, Curt Cloninger, and talented musicians who perform Sundays at the Riverway service. The concert is open to all and will feature holiday favorites, celebrating the birth of our Lord.

The evening will be a mix of instrumental Christmas classics, carols, modern Christmas compositions, comedy and drama that will feed, challenge and bless you.

Devotionals Needed!

Bring a new or gently used Bible, devotional or other Christian books, which will be donated to the Houston International Seafarers Center. St. Martin's Outreach representatives will be on hand prior to the concert to highlight the ministries the Church serves.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. MARTIN'S PRESENTS

Christmas Coffee

Monday, Dec. 5 • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

At the home of Ann Cochran
6050 Riverview Way, Houston, TX 77057
Christmas casual attire | Carpooling encouraged

In the spirit of the season, please bring an unwrapped gift for children ages 5-17 to be given to DePelchin Children's Center and Christian Community Service Center.

Gift Wish List: Gift cards (\$15-\$20 to Walmart, Target, Academy, H-E-B or Kroger), clothes, board games, puzzles, Legos, arts-and-crafts kits and balls.

For more information, contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817
or vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Kindly RSVP at bit.ly/ecwchristmascoffee

Blue Christmas

in the manner of

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Wednesday, Dec. 7

**5 p.m. • Parish Life Center and
via Zoom at [bi.tly/oslservice](https://bit.ly/oslservice)**

Sponsored and hosted by



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



BUILDING FOR THE AGES

Memorial Gifts

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT ST. MARTIN'S GARDENS

Parishioners who wish to make a memorial gift to St. Martin's beautiful gardens can provide donations for teak garden benches and table-and-chair sets. Opportunities begin at \$3,000. Durable teak furniture offers quiet seating areas surrounded by trees, flowers, shrubs and fountains.

These special places furnish tranquility and comfort to visitors and Parishioners whether they stop by for a few minutes or a few hours.

To learn more about these giving opportunities, contact Carol Gallion, Administrative Associate to the Rector at cgallion@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3813.



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.

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.

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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM*He, Watching Over Israel*
Felix Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

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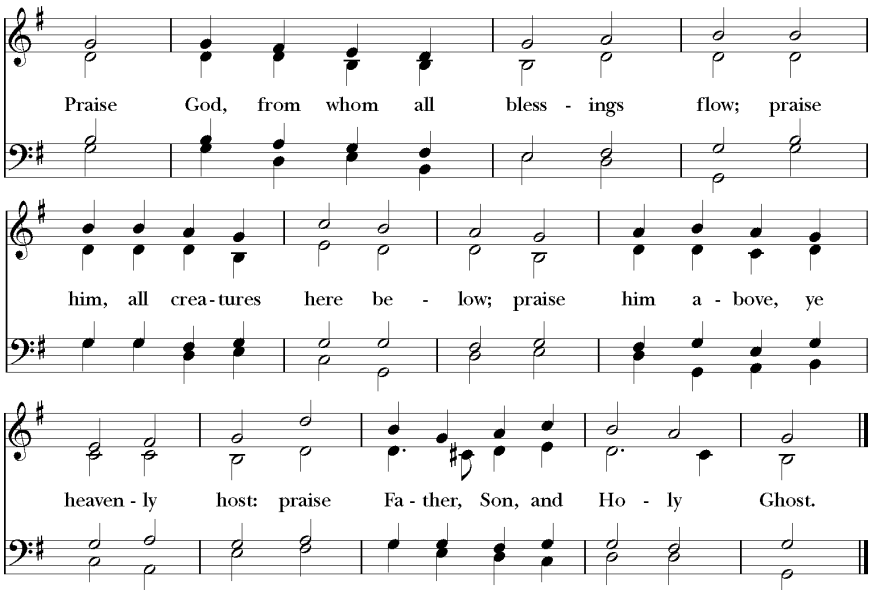
AT THE PRESENTATION

(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 below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord thou hast received us as thy sons and daughters, made us citizens of thy kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 Plainsong

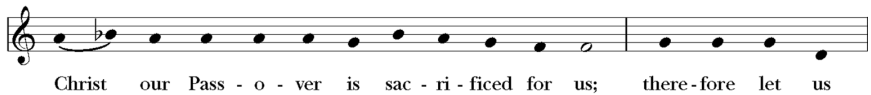
Cantor:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All: Repeat Alleluias

Cantor:



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us



keep the feast.

All: Repeat Alleluias

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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 "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

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HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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

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

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

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HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Unison

1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

♩ *Refrain*

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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HYMN“Spirit of the Living God”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Spirit of the Living God". It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score is arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me, Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady accompaniment. The score ends with a double bar line.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,
Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

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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 494 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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

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 William Shepherd Carpenter, II
by William and Marika Carpenter

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Michael Joseph Hanley
by Emily and Tug Hanley

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Wilson Welles Strait
by Libby and Zach Strait

In memory of Victoria May and Gerald Thomas Westbrook
by Laura Griesinger



BAPTISMS

Nov. 12 Robert Elton Anderson
Josephine Ruth Stargel
Rosalie Cathryn Wright



WEDDINGS

Nov. 12 Emily Anderson Baker and Ryan Evan Heard

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 TESTAMENTJeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

THE EPISTLE Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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	Sherman Lasker	Sue Uthe
Carolyn Alban	Stan Leong	Tim VanAntwerp
Harvey Katie Altmann	Shawn Levenson	Randy Vander Naillen
Patsy Angel	Nancy Liles	Mae Joyce and Grant
Shelly Bain	Ryan Logan	Wagner
Anne Berry	Marie Lord	Janice Waits Murphy
Cory Blackman	Greg Martin	Roger Williams
Grace Blake	Pat Marymee	Eric Zoerb
Jose Luis Bravo	Janet McDaniel	Angela
Dianne Brock	Patricia McDonald	Anne
Don Cheatham	Christine Nguyen	Barbara
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Nwora Onwuzulu	Betsy
Beth Costa	Jim Paddock	Dean
Gail Davis	Russell Pae	Elizabeth
Mac Davis	Jimmy Prentice	Eric and Family
Sue Davis	Michael Reade	Henry
Tommy W. Davis	Susan Rovello	Jana
Bobby deSosa	Baker Rudolph	Landry
Ross Dunn	David Samuelson	Laura
Kiersten Dyke	Molly Scarbrough	Leslie
Jim Easterling	Helen and Jim Shaffer	Marilyn
Stacey and John Elliott	Megan Sharkey	Mary Jane
Mayfield Family	Clif Shoemake	Naomi
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Brad Gallion	William and Betsy	
Nancy Gore	Smith	
Shea Guinn	Mark Solomons	
Connie Haney	Bob Spencer	
Susie C. Hatfield	Jim and Jan Stokes	
Mollie Hill	James Swann	
Jeff Holden	Nancy Talbot	
Nicole Jabbari	Martin Taylor	
Ronnie Jacobs, Jr.	Paul Therrien	
Lynda Jones	Mimi Thobae	
Mary Anne Kannard	Carlotta Thomas	
Muriel Kearby Albaral	Millie Tonn	
Paige Laird	Jane Touchstone	

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

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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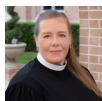
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