FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022



OUR MISSION

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



FROM THE RECTOR

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

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

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

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

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

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Prayers Before Worship

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

ST. MARTIN'S

NOVEMBER 27

Christian Education for Adults, Children's Ministry and 7-1-7 Students will not be offered today in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Please join us next Sunday, Dec. 4, when Christian Education classes resume.

NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 3

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Nov. 28 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. 29 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, Nov. 30 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, Nov. 30 10:45-11:15 a.m. | Christ Chapel and 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, Nov. 30 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, Nov. 30 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, Nov. 30 7-8:45 p.m. | Children's Life Center

Join our young adults as they explore Luke 16:19-30. There will be discussion, prayer and dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 1

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, Dec. 3 | 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, Dec. 1

7-8 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

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

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Dec. 1

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, Nov. 29 - Evening Group

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

Thursday, Dec. 1 – 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, Nov. 30

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, Nov. 30 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.

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HOLY EUCHARIST

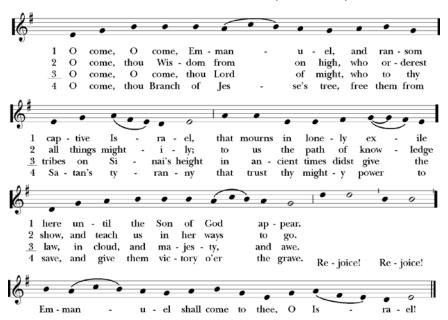
Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY

"Meditation on *O come, O come, Emmanuel*" Alec Rowley

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *HYMN 56"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811–1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937); Public Domain.

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

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

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.

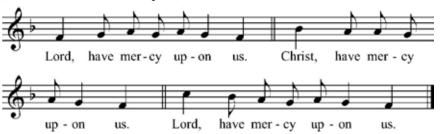
KYRIE

(8 a.m.)

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us. **People:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

(9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



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

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 God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

All stand.

HYMN 4 [1940 Hymnal] (vs. 1-2)..... "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"



3 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; Arise, thou Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere! With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see The day of earth's redemption, And ever be with thee!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700, tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1854, alt.; Music: Greenland, Johann Michael Haydn, 1819.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 37.

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON

"The Peace that Comes in Waiting...on the Lord" The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

THE NICENE CREED

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) (responsively)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory to the world.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as thy own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially __, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those in the hospital __; and give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of thy salvation.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled, especially __; and we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy **Hear our prayer.**

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 an end to war and conflict; for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers,__.

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

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **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.

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





November 28 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

Here Comes Santa Claus NOVEMBER 28 * JANE VANDIVER



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





DIY NO-BAKE DOG TREATS

Tuesday, Nov. 29 | 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Room

Join us to make delicious no-bake dog treats for your fluffy friend! Ingredients will be provided and include bacon, banana, oats and coconut.

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





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.







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.



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.



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. Donations appreciated. Please come join the fun!





Holiday Edition

Sunday, Dec. 4

7 p.m. • Parish Life Center



Curt Cloninger



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.





Blue Christmas

in the manner of



Wednesday, Dec. 7
5 p.m. • Parish Life Center and via Zoom at bi.tly/oslservice

Sponsored and hosted by





Seeking the Incarnation

Saturday, Dec. 10 | 9 a.m.-noon | Parish Life Center

St. Martin's Clergy will provide meditations on three aspects of Jesus as the Incarnate One: *Incarnate to be Human, Incarnate to be in Relationship, and Incarnate to be the Christ.*

Between the meditations, Parishioners will have time for quiet contemplation to journal, pray, or walk the grounds.

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For more information, contact Tracee Tindol at 713-985-3811 or tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.





SUNDAY, DEC. 11 10:15 a.m. • Childrens Life Center

All the Sunday School classes will gather for a fun-filled morning to celebrate the coming of Jesus. Children will listen to the story of the legend of the candy cane, enjoy hot cocoa and sing Christmas carols.





Saturday, Dec. 11 5 – 8 p.m. • Student Life Center

Students are encouraged to bring a friend for an awesome night of games, contests, dinner and prizes. Wear a tacky Christmas sweater, reindeer antlers or a great Christmas outfit. Celebrate Christmas in a whole new way!



Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, Dec. 24

The Family Service | 11 a.m. • The Church

Music and Nativity Liturgy. Designed for families with younger children. No Eucharist.

Traditional Services | 1, 3:30, 6 and 8:30 p.m. • The Church Holy Eucharist; festive Christmas music by the Parish Choir, accompanied by the Gloria Dei Organ with brass and timpani. Note: The 11 a.m., 3:30, 6 and 8:30 p.m. worship services will be livestreamed on Facebook and Youtube.

Riverway Contemporary Service | 6:30 p.m. • Parish Life Center Come gather for the Riverway's Christmas Eve service with Holy Eucharist. Enjoy contemporary music, fellowship and more. Note: The service will be livestreamed on Riverway's Facebook page.

Christmas Day Services

Sunday, Dec. 25 • 11 a.m. • The Church

Celebrate or Lord's birth. Holy Eucharist; traditional service with hymns, anthems and the Parish Choir.

New Year's Day Services

Sunday, Jan. 1

Traditional Service with Holy Eucharist

8, 9, and 11:15 a.m. • The Church

Note: The 6 p.m. traditional service in The Church will not be offered on Jan. 1.

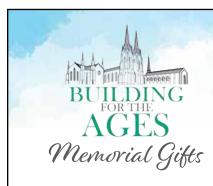
Family Table

9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

Riverway Contemporary Service with Holy Eucharist 11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

Childcare services will be available for infants through pre-K at all services.









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.



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



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.





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BEQUESTS

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



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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM"I Waited for the Lord" Felix Mendelssohn

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he heard my complaint. O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn.

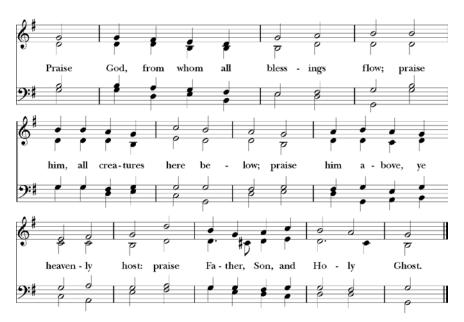
AT THE PRESENTATION

(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.

DOXOLOGYOld 100th



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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (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.

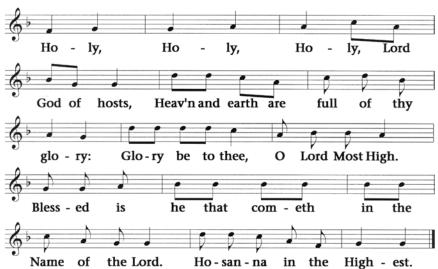
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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.)



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

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

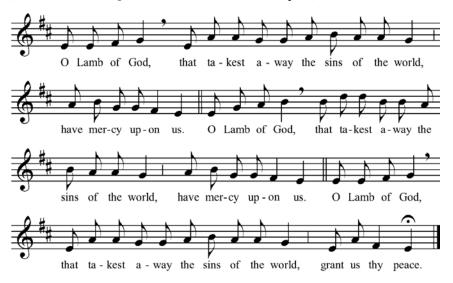
People and Celebrant

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.

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



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Then may be said

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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.

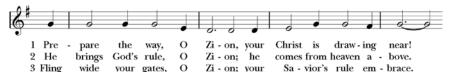
Distribution of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

Softly a light is stealing, sweetly a maiden sings, ever wakeful, ever wistful, watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly her King of kings. My soul doth magnify, doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. Mary her song to Jesus softly, serenely sings: 'I will love you, I will serve you, make my lullaby glorify, magnify my King of kings.' Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby.

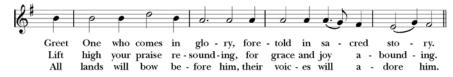
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Verse 1: Choir Verses 2 & 3: All









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After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

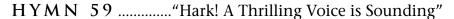
Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate 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.

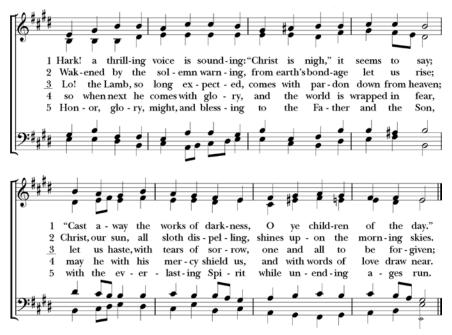
At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

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.





Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt.; Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

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 memory of Olive Horne Becker on the anniversary of her birthday by Linda Lester Griffin



BAPTISMS

Nov. 19 William Shepherd Carpenter, II

Ben Baker Cravens, III Michael Joseph Hanley Wilson Welles Strait



SYMPATHY

Oct. 3, 2020 Lynn Rutland Rafferty

July 23 William Joseph Rafferty Nov. 16 Robert Wales Kirkland

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.....Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

THE PSALMPsalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself; to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord. For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers. For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity. Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

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.

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CONTINUING PRAYERS

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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