

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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*December 11, 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


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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.***

### **NOTICES**

*St. Martin's is a gun-free campus.*

*St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not to bring oversized or large backpacks.*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

## DECEMBER 11

### Adults

#### **8+ with the Rev. Marty Bastian**

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

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



#### **Theology for Life with the Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson, Jr.**

*Welcoming Mary: Learning from Jesus' Mother in Scripture*

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.



## Gathering

#### **Contemplative Hour**

10:15-11 a.m. | 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](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

*For more information about Adult Christian Education,  
email Amanda DeViney at [adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:adeviney@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:yssm@stmartinsepiscopal.org).*

# DECEMBER 11-17

## Adults

### Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Dec. 12

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@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:Ineilson@stmartinseiscopal.org).

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Dec. 13

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@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:Ineilson@stmartinseiscopal.org).

### Blanket Ministry

Wednesday, Dec. 14

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@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:Ineilson@stmartinseiscopal.org).

### Church Tours

Wednesday, Dec. 14

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@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinseiscopal.org).

### St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Dec. 14

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@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:Ineilson@stmartinseiscopal.org).

**St. Martin's 20s & 30s**

Wednesday, Dec. 14

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



Join our young adults as they explore Luke 2:1-20. There will be discussion, prayer and dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at [rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

**Parish Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, Dec. 15

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](mailto:dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

**Sterling's Market**

Saturday, Dec. 17 | 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](mailto:info@sterlingsmarket.org).

**Men**

**Dads' Bible Study**

Thursday, Dec. 15

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](mailto:rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

**7-1-7 Students**

**Life Groups**

Wednesday, Dec. 14

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](mailto: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 ..... "Savior of the Nations Come" Johann Sebastian Bach

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

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

### \*HYMN 56 ..... "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.  
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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 worshippers*

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.)*

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a single system. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: "Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text: "up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us." The music is written in a simple, rhythmic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are placed directly below the notes they correspond to.

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## 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*

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



THE LESSON .....Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

People:           **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

**HYMN 65** (vs. 1-2) ..... “Prepare the Way, O Zion”



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

*Refrain*



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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

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

**THE GOSPEL** ..... Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the

one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

*The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 37.*

**H Y M N 6 5** (vs. 3)..... "Prepare the Way, O Zion"



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*Please be seated.*

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**THE SERMON** ..... "Ask My Horse!"

*The Rev. Sharron L. Cox*

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# 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 Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Scott, our diocesan bishops; for the clergy of this Parish; in the Anglican Cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Church of Kenya; for all persecuted Christians; 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 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.**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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*Please be seated.*

Bring your kids and join us  
in Sunday School for

# COCOA & CAROLS



**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.



# Christmas Crash



**Sunday, Dec. 11**

**5 – 8 p.m. • Student Life Center**

**For Students in Grades 6-12**

Join the Student Ministries team for an evening of holiday fun, games, prizes, festive eats and all things Christmas. Wear your ugly Christmas sweater or your best Christmas garb. Friends are always welcome!

Please bring a \$5 gift for the White Elephant gift exchange.



# Witness to Dignity

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

## ***Give a Special St. Martin's Gift this Christmas***

Just published, this book offers a personal insight into the life and faith of St. Martin's Parishioners President George Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush by our Rector, Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

Available at St. Martin's Gift Shoppe or anywhere you purchase Christian books.



### **DECEMBER HOURS**

Sundays  
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Monday – Thursday  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Closed Dec. 19 – Jan. 9

## ***Christmas Sales Begins December 11!***

**Come in and find the perfect Christmas gift! All Christmas items on sale through Dec. 18.**





The Giving Tree



## Christmas Card Program

The Giving Tree is a branch of St. Martin's Outreach Ministries, offering Parishioners and the surrounding community the opportunity to honor a loved one on a special occasion through a heartfelt gift that empowers a worthy organization while touching hearts and changing lives. Cards are sold in St. Martin's Gift Shoppe or through the website.

**Deadline to order is Monday, Dec. 12.**

For more information, visit [bit.ly/christmasgivingtree](http://bit.ly/christmasgivingtree)



## Activity Center

### PINE CONE ORNAMENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 13 | 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Room

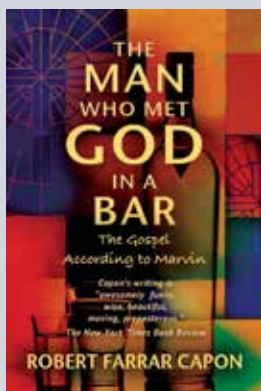
Choose from two different seasonal designs: a pinecone snowman ornament or a pinecone glitter ornament! These are sure to brighten up any holiday tree!

For more information about the extended Activity Center calendar, visit [bit.ly/smecactivitycenter](http://bit.ly/smecactivitycenter)



# EVENING GROUP

**Christmas Party and Book Review**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 13 | 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**Home of Art and Suzanne Pryde**

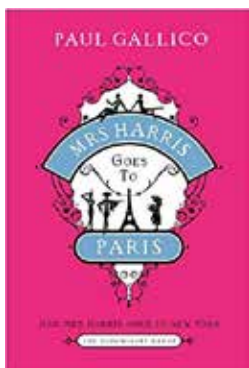


The Faith in Literature group explores, discusses and makes relevant connections between faith and works of fiction, past and present. While operating within the framework of Christian theology, we seek to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

**For more information, contact Amanda DeViney at [adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org).**



# DAY GROUP



**1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Dec. 14**  
**Children's Life Center, Room 132 and**  
**Via Zoom | [bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom](https://bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom)**

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# The Moms' Group

## Christmas Social and Outreach Event

 THE LANDING

Wednesday, Dec. 14

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Student Life Center Living Room

The Moms' Group is creating goody bags for The Landing filled with snacks and hygiene items as well as a prayer pocket from the Prayer Shawl ministry. The Landing is a faith-based anti-trafficking organization in Houston.

Bring your favorite Christmas dessert to share! Send in the recipe so we can expand our Christmas repertoires.

Email your recipe to Florence Ritchie at [fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org) and she will print copies to share with the group.



Saturday, Dec. 17

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sage and Woodway  
[sterlingsmarket.org](http://sterlingsmarket.org)

*Closed Dec. 25 and 31 for holidays*

## 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





## Houston Boychoir

Winter Concert and Reception

**Saturday, Dec. 17**  
**4 p.m. • The Church**  
*Free admission.*

A favorite among Parishioners, the Houston Boychoir has earned its place in the city's fine arts community, collaborating with numerous professional organizations including the Houston Symphony Orchestra, Houston Bach Society, Moores School of Music and Hope Stone Dance.



YOUNG  
**SINGERS**  
OF ST. MARTIN'S

## Christmas Story in Song

**Sunday, Dec. 18**  
**9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center**

Hear the Young Singers of St. Martin's as they present a Christmas Program of Lessons and Carols. Sing Along to some of your favorite traditional carols and hear the telling of the Christmas Story.



Hosts Seafarers' Outreach Project

# SHOEBOX WRAPPING PARTY



**SUNDAY, DEC. 18**

**10:15 A.M.**

**CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER**

Children will fill empty shoeboxes with necessities and wrap them with colorful paper for the Houston International Seafarers Center, which serves the many seafarers who pass through the Port of Houston.

# GIVE BLOOD

**St. Martin's Episcopal Church**

## **Blood Drive**

**Monday, Dec. 19**

**9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Student Life Center**

Appointments are required to donate.

Please go online to schedule at [bit.ly/smeceblooddrive](http://bit.ly/smeceblooddrive).

**EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.**



**Gulf Coast Regional  
Blood Center**



## 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 Service

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

Celebrate our 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.**



# Year-End Contributions to St. Martin's Episcopal Church



The Internal Revenue Service requires that, in order to be tax deductible in 2022, cash, check or credit card contributions to St. Martin's Episcopal Church must be received by the Church or postmarked by the United States Postal Service no later than Friday, Dec. 30, 2022; this includes any payments to your 2022 pledge, prepayment of your 2023 pledge and payment of your Building for the Ages pledge. The Finance staff is required to check the postal cancellation dates on all receipts in early January to ensure our legal compliance to this rule.

For more information, contact Debbie Hutchison at [dhutchison@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:dhutchison@stmartinseiscopal.org) or 713-985-3803



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2022 End-of-Year Campaign



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# THE OFFERTORY

## ANTHEM .....*St. Paul, "How Lovely are the Messengers"* Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words; throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Text: Romans 10:15 (Paraphrased). Organ accompaniment by H. Clough-Leigher.

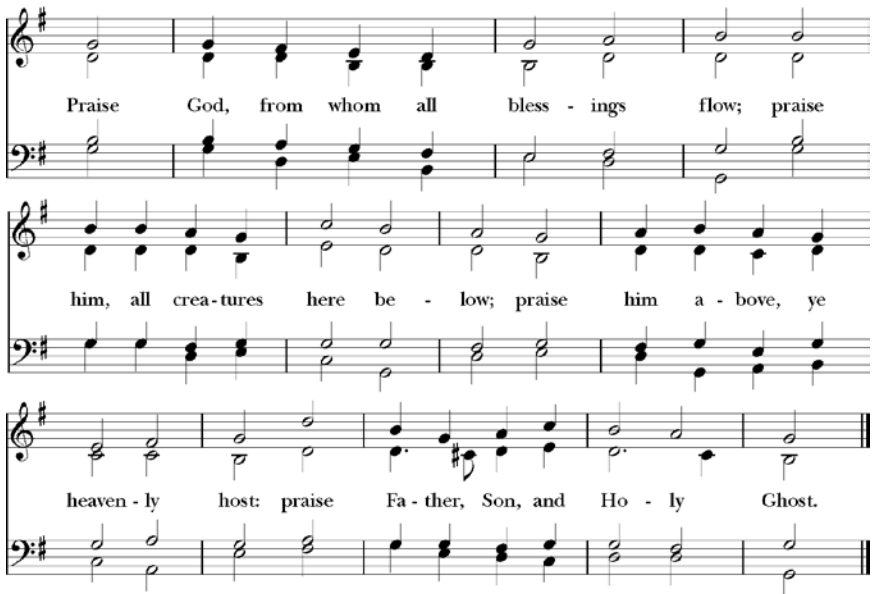
## AT THE PRESENTATION

*(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 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.)*

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

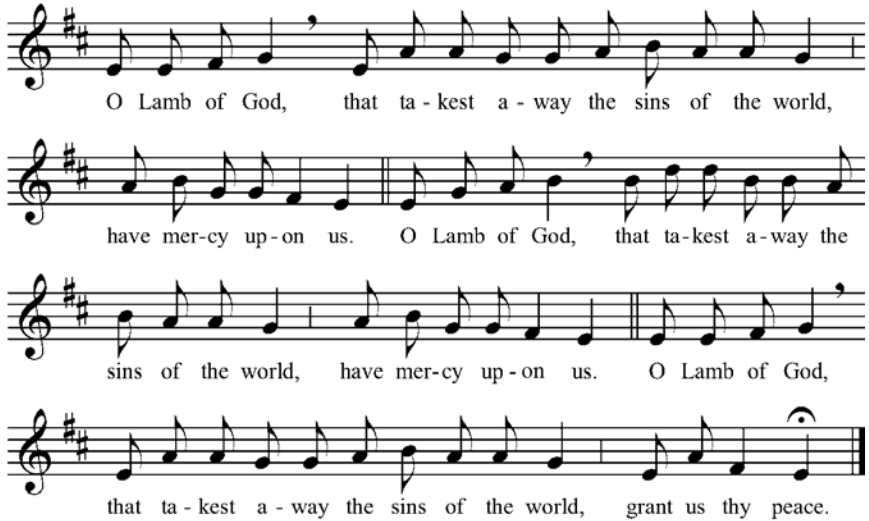
*People and Celebrant*

**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.*

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



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world,  
have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the  
sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God,  
that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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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.*

# ANTHEM ..... “Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor” George F. Handel

Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor; Jesus, Thou my Friend most tender; Jesus, Joy of my desiring; Fount of Life, my soul inspiring. At Thy feet I cry, my Maker. Let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven, for our good Thy glory given. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee, let me gladly here obey Thee. By Thy love I am invited, be Thy love with love requited. From this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love’s treasure. Through the gifts Thou here dost give me, as Thy guest in heaven receive me.

Text: Johann Franck (1649), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1858). Music: George Frederick Handel (1685-1759). Edited with accompaniment arranged for organ by Paul G. Bunjes. © 1956 by Concordia Publishing House

# HYMN 693 ..... “Just As I Am”



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya  
 \* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,  
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,  
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken



1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -  
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise  
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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

# HYMN 490 .....“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
 I want to look at Je-sus.  
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.



*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

*a tempo*  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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H Y M N ..... “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, Look full in His won-der-ful face; And the  
things of earth will grow strange-ly dim In the light of His glo-ry and grace.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

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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.

HYMN 74 .....“Blest Be the King Whose Coming”

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him  
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly  
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

barred! Not robbed in roy - al splen - dor, in  
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who  
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the  
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the  
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!  
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.  
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
 bear it so he can make us free!

Words: Federico J. Pagura (b. 1923); tr. F. Pratt Green (b. 1903), alt.; Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584–1635) alt.; harm. Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930); Copyright: Words: Copyright ©1974 by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL, 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission. Music: Harmonization © 1984, Ronald Arnatt.

## 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

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## FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the birthday of the Rev. John R. Bentley Jr.  
by his family

In thanksgiving for their 40th wedding anniversary  
by Pam Bentley



## SYMPATHY

Nov. 22      José Luis Bravo

To mark a special occasion with an altar flower dedication,  
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# SERMON NOTES

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# OTHER READING FOR THE DAY

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## THE PSALM .....Psalm 146:4-9

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! Whose hope is in the Lord their God; who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever; who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

## THE EPISTLE .....James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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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	Millie Tonn
Carolyn Alban	Stan Leong	Jane Touchstone
Harvey and Katie Altmann	Shawn Levenson	Sue Uthe
Patsy Angel	Nancy Liles	Tim VanAntwerp
Shelly Bain	Ryan Logan	Randy Vander Naillen
Anne Berry	Marie Lord	Mae Joyce and Grant Wagner
Cory Blackman	Greg Martin	Janice Waits Murphy
Dianne Brock	Pat Marymee	Roger Williams
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Higdon Compton, Jr.	Patricia McDonald	Angela
Beth Costa	Christine Nguyen	Anne
Gail Davis	Nwora Onwuzulu	Barbara
Mac Davis	Jim Paddock	Betsey
Sue Davis	Russell Pae	Dean
Tommy W. Davis	Jimmy Prentice	Elizabeth
Bobby deSosa	Michael Reade	Eric and Family
Ross Dunn	Ted Reed	Henry
Kiersten Dyke	Susan Rovello	Jana
Jim Easterling	Baker Rudolph	Landry
Stacey and John Elliott	David Samuelson	Laura
Mayfield Family	Molly Scarbrough	Leslie
Charles Flores	Helen and Jim Shaffer	Marilyn
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Catherine Gonzales	Megan Sharkey	Naomi
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Shea Guinn	Ryan Smith	
Connie Haney	William and Betsy Smith	
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Ronnie Jacobs, Jr.	Nancy Talbot	
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Muriel Kearby Albaral	Mimi Thobae	
Paige Laird	Carlotta Thomas	

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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 [vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org).



# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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