

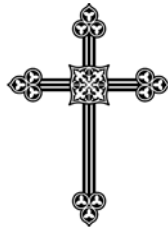
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 15, 2023



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

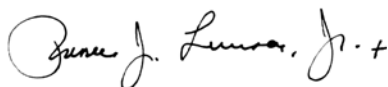
FROM THE RECTOR

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.

NOTICES

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

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

JANUARY 15

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Lisa Neilson

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. Wesley Arning

Troublesome Texts of the Old Testament: Violence

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.

Family Life Class with the Rev. Alex Graham

Mental Health and Parenting

10:15-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Game Room

This is a for parents of younger families and that meets periodically throughout the year for studies after the Family Table service.

Creative Spaces for World Missions Month

Sole Hope Shoe Cutting Project

10:15-11 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

Help cut shoe patterns for Sole Hole, which will become shoes for barefoot Ugandan children to protect them from painful parasites called jiggers.

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.*

Adult Confirmation Class

10:15-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall

This class is for adults desiring to learn about the Episcopal Church and what makes the Anglican heritage unique. Adults also have the opportunity to prepare for confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church.

*For more information about Adult Confirmation,
email Juli Browning at jbrowning@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.

Student Confirmation

12:30-2 p.m. | Student Life Center

This class is a chance for students in 8th grade or above to confirm their faith and the promises made over them at their baptism. This class is offered each school year and requires pre-registration. The class is currently full.

*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 Rocio Velazquez at rvelazquez@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.*

JANUARY 16-21

St. Martin's Campus is closed Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Adults

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Jan. 17

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 lnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Blanket Ministry

Wednesday, Jan. 18

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 lnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Church Tours

Wednesday, Jan. 18

10:45-11:15 a.m. | Christ Chapel

11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | The Church

The Church and Christ Chapel will be open for visitors. The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a group tour, please contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Jan. 18

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 lnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Order of St. Luke (OSL) Healing Ministry Study Group

Wednesday, Jan. 18

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.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Jan. 19

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 - Fresh Goods for a Fresh Start

Saturday, Jan. 21 | Rain or Shine

9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Corner of Woodway and Sage

Sterling's Market at St. Martin's Episcopal Church glorifies 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

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Jan. 19

8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center

Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Women

Christian Life Study

Tuesday, Jan. 17 – Evening Group | 6:30–8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, Jan. 19 – Day Group | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | Parish Life Center and via Zoom

This friendly and loving group of women meets over the course of the year to target various topics in the Bible to deepen faith. For more information, contact the Rev. Marty Bastian at lgallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Jan. 18

6–8 p.m. | Student Life Center

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

HOLY EUCHARIST

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

VOLUNTARY “Epiphany Suite”

Charles Callahan

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

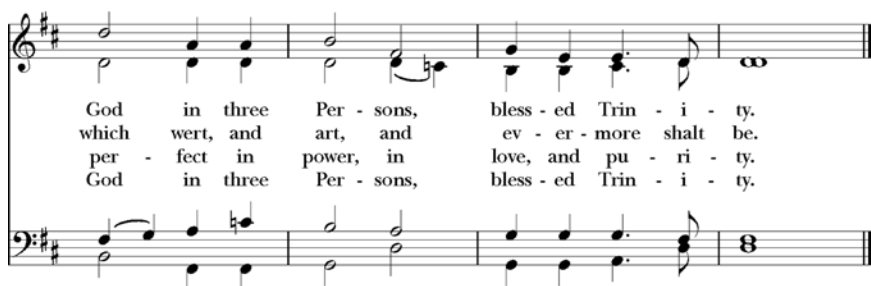
*HYMN 362 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord— God Al - might - y!
 *2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord— God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

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



Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826), alt.; Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

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.*)



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 God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength – he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 652 (vs. 1-2)..... “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

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: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892), alt.; Music: *Rest*, Frederick Charles Maker (1844–1927).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELJohn 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on page 25.

HYMN 652 (vs. 3-4)..... “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

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

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON The Rev. John D. Sundara

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 Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our
Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our bishops; the Clergy
of this Parish; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for ____;
for all bishops, priests and deacons.

That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our
Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; and 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.

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested,
especially ____; for those who are hospitalized, especially ____; and for
those on our continuing prayer list; have compassion on those who
suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died, especially ____; give to the departed
eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers, ____; and we praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

In this moment of silence, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly in the privacy of their hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE *(stand)*

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

People: And with thy spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 29 for upcoming events.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “O Thou the Central Orb”
Charles Wood

O Thou the Central Orb of righteous love, pure beam of the Most High, eternal light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, as stars about Thy throne, set in the height of God’s ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measur’d grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

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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 bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea- tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseumes 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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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.

(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.

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.)

FRACTION ANTHEM Celtic Alleluia



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Then may be said

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

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.

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

ANTHEM*St. Paul, "See What Love"*

Felix Mendelssohn

See what love hath the Father bestowed, yea, on us in His goodness,
that we should be called God's own children.

Text: I John 3:1.

HYMN "I Surrender All"

1. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, All to Him I free-ly give;
 2. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, Hum-bly at His feet I bow,
 3. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, Make me, Sav-ior, whol-ly Thine;
 4. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, Lord, I give my-self to Thee;

I will ev-er love and trust Him, In His pres-ence dai-ly live.
 World-ly pleas-ures all for-sak-en, Take me, Je-sus, take me now.
 May Thy Ho-ly Spir-it fill me, May I know Thy pow'r di-vine.
 Fill me with Thy love and pow-er, Let Thy bless-ing fall on me.

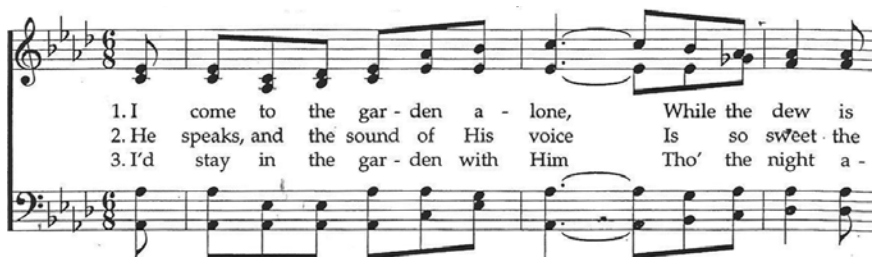
Refrain

I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all.
 I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all.

All to Thee, my bless-ed Sav-ior, I sur-ren-der all.

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HYMN "In the Garden"



1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet: the
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Tho' the night a -



still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear,
 birds hush their sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me
 round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe;

Refrain



The Son of God dis - clos - es.
 With - in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
 His voice to me is call - ing.



talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the joy we



share as we tar - ry there None oth - er has ev - er known.

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HYMN "Here I Am, Lord"

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will

save, way. save. I who made the stars of night,
 I will break their hearts of stone, Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My

light to them? Whom shall I send? word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord, Is it
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord,

if you lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my

1. 2. heart. 3. heart.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

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 435 “At the Name of Jesus”



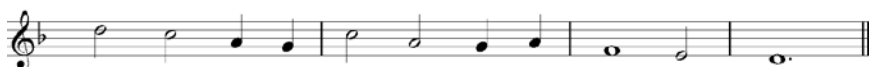
1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.

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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 ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Naomi Sundara

In thanksgiving of those participating in the 2023 Chevron Houston Marathon



BIRTHS

Oct. 30, 2022 Evie Lucia Osterhus

Daughter of Julie Meyer and Andrew Osterhus



BAPTISMS

Jan. 7

Brooke Elizabeth Caltagirone

Whitney Claire Caltagirone

Owen Franklin Powell



SYMPATHY

Dec. 26 Katie Walls Laws

Dec. 27 James W. Robertson

Dec. 28 Edward Louis Moses III

To mark a special occasion with an altar flower dedication,
visit bit.ly/smecaltarflowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam
at relhakam@smartinsepiscopal.org.

OTHER READINGS

THE PSALM Psalm 40:1-12

I waited patiently upon the Lord; he stooped to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord. Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods. Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! How great your wonders and your plans for us! There is none who can be compared with you. Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count. In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure (you have given me ears to hear you); burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, "Behold, I come. In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'" I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know. Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation. You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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@stmartineseiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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

Capt. Cody Horr
Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell
Dallas Wayne Hunter
Staton Jobe
Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs
Krystal Martinez
PV2 Wills Masterson
Ensign Ben Morris
1st Lt. Jack Mullen
2nd Lt. Alex Mullen
Lt. Cmdr. Holly E. Pace

James W. Peoples
Lt. Paul Piana
LCMR David A. Pilko
Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
PO1 Brian M. Powell
SPC Joel Rowell
Maj. Christian Schleider
1st Lt. Grant Suter
1st Lt. Luke Voss

SERMON NOTES

MARATHON SUNDAY

JANUARY 15

Runners in the Chevron Houston Marathon may not be running by St. Martin's, but your drive to church may require a few extra twists and turns on the following streets:

- Eastbound Woodway Drive traffic (west of Chimney Rock) will be forced to turn south on Chimney Rock.
- Eastbound traffic on Memorial Drive (west of Chimney Rock) will be forced to go north on Chimney Rock.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

SUNDAYS, JAN. 15–FEB. 26

10:15–11 A.M.

ACTIVITY CENTER, UPPER HALL

Join the Rev. John Sundara to learn how the Episcopal Church is like other Christian churches and what makes our Anglican heritage unique. Time will be spent discussing "The Book of Common Prayer," the Sacraments, and the Church's history and polity. Adults have the opportunity to be prepared for confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church by attending confirmation class.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Juli Browning
at jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

FAMILY DINNERS



**Sunday, Jan. 15
5-7 p.m.
Student Life Center**

Students in grades 6-12 and their families are invited to Sunday dinner hosted by Student Ministries. This is a great opportunity to share a meal and build community.

Please visit bit.ly/717familydinner to RSVP to ensure an accurate headcount for dinner.



Activity Center

EVENING FITNESS CLASSES

Aerobics
Mondays
5:30 p.m.

Boot Camp
Tuesdays
5:30 p.m.

Zumba
Tuesdays
6:30 p.m.

Core Class
Wednesdays
5:30 p.m.

Yoga
Thursdays
6 p.m.

Join us in the evening hours in our Aerobics Room for a wide range of fitness classes! *Please note new start times for several classes.*

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



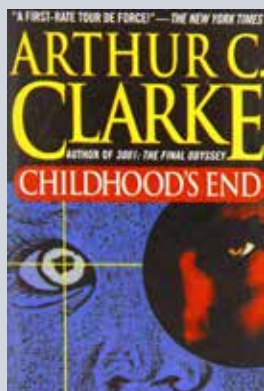
Faith
in
LITERATURE

EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Jan. 17 | 7-8:30 p.m.
Children's Life Center, Room 109 and
Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom

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

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



The Moms' Group

Spring Kick-Off

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Unpacking Christmas, the Highs and the Lows

Wednesday, Jan. 18
9:30-10:30 a.m.
Student Life Center Living Room

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at fritchier@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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Kick-Off Event

Wednesday, Jan. 18

7-9 p.m.

Los Tios (San Felipe Location)

SPRING SCHEDULE Meetings take place in the Children's Life Center, Pod, unless noted.

Jan. 18 Kick-off Event at Los Tios Tanglewood restaurant, 7 p.m.

Jan. 25 How to Read the Old Testament

Feb. 1 Jonah 1

Feb. 8 Jonah 2

Feb. 15 Jonah 3

Feb. 18 Saturday Social: Game Night at the Arnings' home

Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday (No Class)

March 1 Jonah 4

For more information about the group and upcoming events, please contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-621-3040.

MEN of ST. MARTIN'S



JAN. 19

7 A.M.

BAGBY PARISH HALL

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Ted Meyer

Nationwide Labor and Employment Lawyer

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AND SPEAKER SERIES

Reservations are not required.

For more information, contact Juli Browning at jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Alzheimer's Caregivers *A Day of Training*

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25, 2023

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall • Free Admission

Complimentary breakfast and lunch served

The Power of the Positive Caregiver – Enhancing the Life and Relationship of People with Alzheimer's

Open to all The Gathering volunteers, family caregivers and others who
want to learn more about caring for loved ones who experience Alzheimer's.

9–9:45 a.m.	Vendor fair featuring products and services especially for those with Alzheimer's
9:45–10 a.m.	Introduction to CarePartners
10–11:15 a.m.	Teepa Snow's trainer: Positive approach for caregivers
11:15 a.m.–noon	Mind, body and spirit
Noon–1 p.m.	Lunch, sharing and caring
1 p.m.	Hope and Healing Center & Institute

Register at bit.ly/TheGatheringcaregiverjan

For more information contact, Kathy Tellepsen kattellepsen@me.com

ST. MARTIN'S
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**WORLD
MISSIONS**
at St. Martin's Episcopal Church

El Salvador Mission Trip March 11-16

Deadline to register is Tuesday, Jan. 31.

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

Email worldmission@stmartinsepiscopal.org
for more information.



**JUST
FOR
FEBRUARY**



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS RESUME IN FEBRUARY

St. Martin's new small group ministry, "Just For," continues with a new series starting in February focused on the Book of Jonah. Beginning Jan. 15, interested Parishioners will be able to sign up on St. Martin's website and choose a group to join based on the location, day and time it meets. Groups will meet throughout the city once a week for four weeks. Each group will follow a curriculum and videos produced by St. Martin's Clergy.

For more information, please contact the Rev. Wesley Arning, or Kathy Johnson, Director of Membership, at smallgroups@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 24
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The ancient technique of icon writing inspires prayerful meditation, both while creating the art and reflecting on the finished piece. This four-day retreat includes Eucharist, chant, prayer, silence and lively conversation. Beginners and experienced iconographers are welcome!

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