LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 19, 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

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.

Bunne J. Luna, Jr. +

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

FEBRUARY 19

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Wesley Arning

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. Suse E. McBay

Troublesome Texts of the Old Testament: Science and the Old Testament 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. Nick Dyke 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.

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.

7-I-7 Students

Episcopal Youth Community

10:15-11 a.m. | Student Life Center

Grades 6-12 are welcome to join Student Ministries for coffee, lemonade, donuts and conversation about the Scriptures shared in worship.

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. It 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.

FEBRUARY 20-25

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Feb. 20 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, Feb. 21 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, Feb. 22 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.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Feb. 22 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.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb. 23 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 - We Need You!

Saturday, Feb. 25 | 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

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Feb. 23 7-8 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

This men's group meets for fellowship, mutual support and Bible study. For more information, contact the Rev. John Sundara at jsundara@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Feb. 23 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, Feb. 21 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom Thursday, Feb. 23 – 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 Igallien@ 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 "Allein Gott in der Hob sei Ehr" BWV 663 Johann Sebastian Bach

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

*HYMN 460 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"







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



Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898); Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

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

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON (morning services) Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

THE LESSON (evening service)Jonah 3:1-10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sack cloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Humans and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish." When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

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

All stand.

HYMN 663 (vs. 1-3)...... "The Lord My God My Shepherd Is"



Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984); para. of Psalm 23; Music: Crimond, melody Jesse Seymour Irvine (1836–1887); harm. Hymnal 1982.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on page 27.

The God herd 1 Lord my my shep is; how 2 То whole he soul and re stores my ness I 3 Yea, when through e ven must pass the 4 Thou hast in grace my ta ble spread se -5 Then sure ly I can trust thy love for ₫ -0 1 could I need? In by want or pas tures green, 2 doth bless, helps in mer cy and me take for 3 of will val ley death's shade, I not fear. for all and filled 4 cure in a larms, my cup, and $\mathbf{5}$ all the days come, that I may tell thy to a Ģ streams he safe ly doth lead. 1 se rene, me 2 his Name's right sake the paths of eous ness. 3 thou art here, to com fort and to aid. borne in last 4 me up ev er ing arms. $\mathbf{5}$ praise, and dwell for ev er in thy home. 4 6 0 .

HYMN 663 (vs. 4-5)...... "The Lord My God My Shepherd Is"

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984); para. of Psalm 23; Music: Crimond, melody Jesse Seymour Irvine (1836–1887); harm. Hymnal 1982.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON "Blessed Are Those Who Listen" The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson. Jr. morning services

THE SERMON "What Do You Do With What You've Got?" The Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay, Ph.D.

evening service

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 the Anglican Church of Rwanda; 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

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.

A moment of silence is observed.

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.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 31 for upcoming events.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS (11:15 a.m.)

Celebrant

Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of St. Martin's Episcopal Church. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

Presenter

I present these households to be welcomed as members of this community.

Rector: Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church?

New Members: We do.

Rector:	Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in
	this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and
	give to build up our common life?
New Members:	We will, with God's help.
Rector:	Will you who witness these promises, do all in your
	power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People:	We will.
Rector :	Let us pray.

Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought these new members to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

A N T H E M "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" Charles H.H. Parry

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

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892); Music: Repton, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918); Arr. H. A. Chambers

AT THE PRESENTATION

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;People: And of thine own have we given thee.



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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (stand)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

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

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.)



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.

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, and of the Son and of 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 "God So Loved the World" John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

Text: John 3:16-17.



Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus; Music: New Britain, from Virginia Harmony, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919).



Words: Frederick William Faber (1814–1863), alt.; Music: St. Catherine, Henri Frederic Hemy (1818–1888); adapt. and arr. James G. Walton (1821–1905).

HYMN 508 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"



Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.; Music: Nova Vita, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

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 618 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"





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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 baptism of Zane Beckmann Black by his father, Evan Black and grandmother, Barbara Bratton

In thanksgiving for the marriage of Lila and Chad Flores by Lila and Chad Flores

In thanksgiving for Agnes Harrop's 80th birthday by Pat Harrop and the Greaves family

In loving memory of Mary Stuart McHenry Baker by James A. Baker, III; James A. Baker, IV; Stuart McHenry Baker; John Coalter Baker; and Douglas Bland Baker

In loving memory of Cleo Barksdale Williams, Kathryn Williams Barksdale, and Nancy Lynn Horton on the occasion of their birthdays

by Laurence Barksdale Horton, grandson, son and brother

In memory of Sells Neuhaus on the occasion of our 40th wedding anniversary by Becky Neuhaus

BAPTISMS

Feb. 11 Stevie Rose Douglas Ava Jane Schnitzer



SYMPATHY

Feb. 8	Margaret Ann Hodges
Feb. 15	Douglas J. Bourne

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

THE PSALM Psalm 2

Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats? Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against his Anointed? "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us." He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord has them in derision. Then he speaks to them in his wrath, and his rage fills them with terror. "I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." Let me announce the decree of the Lord: he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you. Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery." And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow before him; lest he be angry and you perish; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are they all who take refuge in him!

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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 Carolyn Alban Harvey and Katie Altmann Patsy Angel Shelly Bain Pam Bentley Anne Berry Cory Blackman Dianne Brock Paul Case Don Cheatham Higdon Compton, Jr. Beth Costa Gail Davis Mac Davis Sue Davis Tommy W. Davis Arlo Dayanand Bobby deSosa Linda deSosa Rosemary Doupe Ross Dunn Kiersten Dyke Jim Easterling Stacey and John Elliott Mayfield Family Charles Flores Brad Gallion Chris Gaylen Catherine Gonzales Nancy Gore Shea Guinn Gladys Halbouty Dow Hamm III Connie Haney Susie C. Hatfield Mollie Hill Jeff Holden Marilyn Ingham

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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. Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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SERMON NOTES

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Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center

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WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Monday, Feb. 20 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Room



Paint a stunning violet watercolor, the flower of the month for February! All supplies provided.

For more information about this class and the extended Activity Center calendar, visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter. MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

FAMILY DINNER AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY TUESDAY, FEB. 21 5–7:30 P.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL

All Parishioners are invited to attend this family gathering which will include a traditional pancake dinner, red beans and rice, live entertainment, children's activities and prizes. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids and \$30 for families

(parents with children age 15 and under). A dazzling fireworks display will follow the ticketed dinner.

To purchase tickets, visit bit.ly/shrovetuesdaydinner

For more information, contact Sarah-Hampton Cambas at 713-985-3848 or events@stmartinsepiscopal.org.







Traditional Worship

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes* 7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. The Church *The noon service will be livestreamed.*

Riverway Eucharist Service

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes* 6:30 p.m. Parish Life Center *NOTE: The ashes are made from burnt 2022 palm crosses.

LIFEgroups

ASH WEDNESDAY

Student Ministries Simple Supper and Riverway Ash Wednesday Services

> WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22 5:30–8 p.m. Student Life Center, Dinner Parish Life Center, Program

Life Groups for students in grades 6–12 are invited to take part in a simple supper, followed by worship at the Riverway Eucharistic Service with Imposition of Ashes.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



CCSC Work Day

Saturday, Feb. 25 | 9 a.m.–noon 3434 Branard, Houston, TX 77027

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

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.

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To learn more visit: episcopalchurch.org/uto







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Consider joining St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild. This guild welcomes stitchers of any skill level and teaches needlepoint from basic stitches to detailed and advanced work.

SUNDAY, FEB. 26 1–2 p.m. Activity Center Upper Hall East

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild also meets during the week. For more information, contact Valerie Rivera at **vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.**

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The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's Present

ECW SPRING BRUNCH

FEATURING Jeanne Celestine Lakin Faith and Forgiveness

Tuesday, Feb. 28 10 a.m.–noon Parish Life Center \$40 • Table for 10, \$400



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The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's welcome award-winning author Jeanne Celestine Lakin. Lakin was 9 years old when her parents and nearly all of her adult relatives were killed in 1994's Rwandan government's ethnic massacre.

Lakin is the author of "A Voice in the Darkness: Memoir of a Rwandan Genocide Survivor."

Visit avoiceinthedarkness.org to learn more.

Committee Chairs: Shelly Newton and Jane Garness

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



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

WEDNESDAY EVENING Adult Lenten Series



As one of the 20th century's most famous atheists-turned-Christians, C.S. Lewis has much to offer as Christians consider the heart of this Season of Lent: repentance and change. With a different speaker for each week, culminating in a screening of Max McClean's film "A Reluctant Convert," the series will explore different dynamics of change and renewal through the lens of Lewis' writings.



The Rt. Rev. Mike Hill 44th Bishop of Bristol

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Holy Eucharist | The Church 5:30 p.m. Dinner | Bagby Parish Hall 5:45 p.m. Program | Bagby Parish Hall 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON ADULT LENTEN SERIES:

Thursday, March 2

4 p.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

During Lent, St. Martin's Clergy will share their stories of change. Following Jesus brings with it changes of all kinds: from personal change within, to change in careers, geography and more. What is it like when God turns a person 180 degrees? What lessons have the Clergy learned and what wisdom do they have to share? Come join them on Thursday afternoons to discover their path to being closer to God.

The Rev. John D. Sundara Vicar for Worship and Evangelism

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March 1

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