

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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*March 5, 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

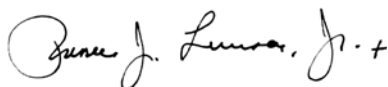
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IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD,  
JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

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 bring oversized or large backpacks.*

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

## MARCH 5

### Adults

#### **8+ with the Rev. Sharron Cox**

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 Rt. Rev. Mike Hill**

*Fuel for the Journey*

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](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 Rocio Velazquez at [rvelazquez@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto: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](mailto:yssm@stmartinsepiscopal.org).*

## MARCH 6-11

### Adults

### Saintly Stitchers

Monday, March 6

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

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, March 7

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](mailto:lnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### Blanket Ministry

Wednesday, March 8

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](mailto:lnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org).



### **Church Tours**

Wednesday, March 8

11 a.m.-noon | The Church

The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church. To schedule a group tour or special tours of The Church windows, Christ Chapel or Campus gardens, please contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at [scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### **St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild**

Wednesday, March 8

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

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

Wednesday, March 8

4:30-6 p.m. | Children's Life Center 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](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

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

Wednesday, March 8

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

Join our young adults for discussion, prayer and dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at [rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### **Parish Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, March 9

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 - Round Up Your Friends**

Saturday, March 11 | 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](mailto:info@sterlingsmarket.org).

## Men

### **Men of St. Martin's**

Thursday, March 9

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](mailto:jsundara@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### **Dads' Bible Study**

Thursday, March 9

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](mailto:rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## Women

### **Christian Life Study**

Tuesday, March 7 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, March 9 – 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](mailto:lgallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### **The Moms' Group**

Wednesday, March 8

9:15-10:30 a.m. | Student Life Center Living Room

Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for a book study and fellowship. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at [jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## 7-1-7 Students

### **Life Groups**

Wednesday, March 8

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 ..... “Amazing Grace”

arr. George Shearing

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

## \*HYMN 699 ..... “Jesus, Lover of my Soul”

1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om  
2 O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on  
3 Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery

fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest  
thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and  
sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me

still is high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,  
com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed;  
pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,

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



till the storm of life be past; safe in - to the  
all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -  
free - ly let me take of thee: spring thou up with -

ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last,  
fense - less head with the sha - dow of thy wing.  
in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1783), alt. Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841–1903).

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

**People:** **His mercy endureth for ever.**

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

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but  
me. **Refrain**



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to

*After the 10th Commandment\**

keep this law. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and



Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them. **Refrain**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain. **Refrain**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. **Refrain**

Honor thy father and thy mother. **Refrain**

Thou shalt do no murder. **Refrain**

Thou shalt not commit adultery. **Refrain**

Thou shalt not steal. **Refrain**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. **Refrain**

Thou shalt not covet.\***After the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment**

John Merbecke and George C. Martin.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The Celebrant says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Minister and People*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*(8 a.m.)*

**Celebrant:** Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

**People:** **Have mercy upon us.**

## TRISAGION

The musical score for the Trisagion is written for a two-part setting (Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass). It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The score consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system covers the first two lines of the text, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music ends with a double bar line.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: Trisagion; Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924).

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with thy spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE LESSON** *(8 a.m. and 6 p.m.)* ..... Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; the Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

**THE LESSON** *(9 and 11:15 a.m.)* .....Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

**Reader:**     The Word of the Lord.

**People:**    **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

\*HYMN 707 (vs. 1).....“Take My Life”

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble, and the accompaniment is in the bass. The lyrics are written below the staff, with two verses. The first verse ends with a semibreve rest in the treble staff.

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff. The first verse ends with a semibreve rest in the treble staff.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;  
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff. The first verse ends with a semibreve rest in the treble staff.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are written below the staff. The first verse ends with a semibreve rest in the treble staff, followed by a double bar line.

Words: Francis Ridley Havargal (1836–1879), alt.; Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).



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

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

**THE GOSPEL** .....John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 27.*

\*HYMN 707 (vs. 2).....“Take My Life”



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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*Please be seated.*

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THE SERMON ..... “Into the Dark”

*The Rev. Sharron L. Cox*

*8 a.m. and 6 p.m. services*

THE SERMON ..... “Wake Up, Nico, the Weather has Changed!”

*The Rt. Rev. Mike Hill*

*9 and 11:15 a.m. services*

*Please see page 31 for more about our guest preacher.*

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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) (responsively)*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,  
saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God,  
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding  
Bishop; for our bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector; in the Anglican  
Communion cycle of prayer, for the Church of the Province of South  
East Asia; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, and Sylvester, our Mayor;  
for the Congress and the Courts; for the leaders of the nations, and  
for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the  
sick and the suffering, especially those in hospitals \_\_\_\_, and those who  
have requested our prayers \_\_\_\_, and those on our continuing prayer  
list, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for all who remember and care for them; for first responders, and for all who serve in our armed forces and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially \_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of St. Martin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence*

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son 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.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see page 31 for upcoming events.*

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# THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “Here I Am, Lord”  
Daniel L. Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make the darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my people’s pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone, I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life for them. Whom shall I send?

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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 ..... Gardiner

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all  
 gifts, to of - fer thee; And hence with grate - ful hearts to -  
 day Thine own be - fore thy feet we lay.

Text, John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; Music, Gardiner, William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815; By permission of Houghton Mifflin Company.

## 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.**

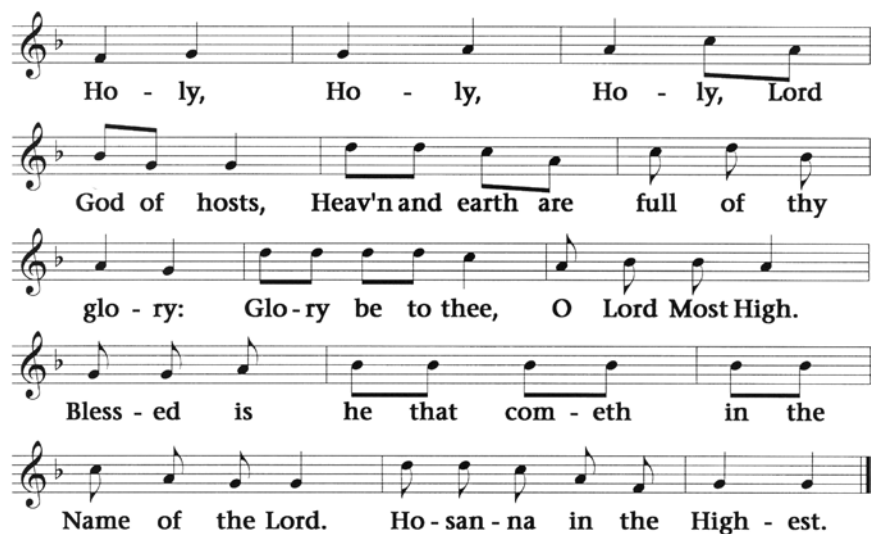
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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.)*



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*The Celebrant continues (kneel)*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with 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

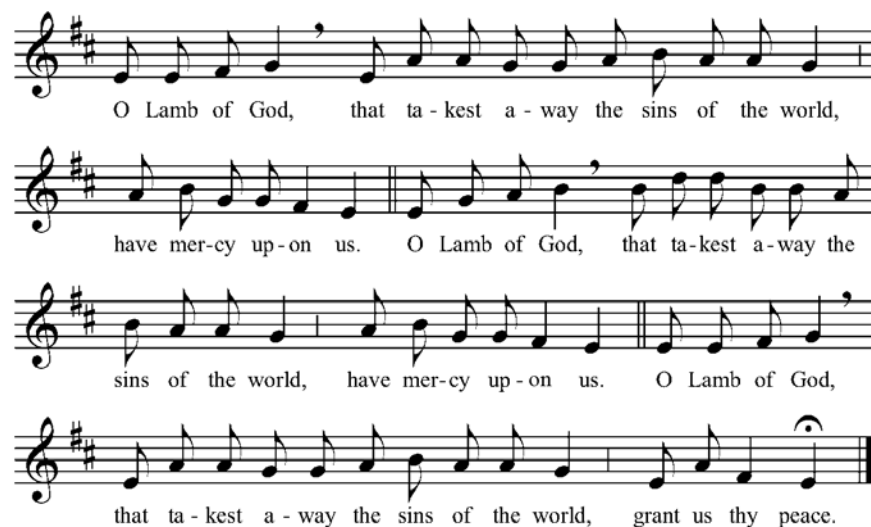
*People and Celebrant*

**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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# 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** ..... “Ave Verum”  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine, Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

Hail, true Body, born from Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, was put to death on the cross for humankind, And from whose pierced side, both water and blood flowed: Be a foretaste for us in our examination of death.

Latin Text attributed to either Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) or Pope Innocent IV (1243-1254).

# HYMN 343 .....“Shepherd of Souls”

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
 word of grace, in strength of which we  
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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# HYMN ..... “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores thee! My

heart is glad to say the— words: thou art ho - ly, Lord.

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# HYMN 685 ..... “Rock of Ages”

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778), alt.; Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784–1872).

*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.**

## LENTEN BLESSING

*All stand.*

### HYMN 473 ..... "Lift High the Cross"

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim  
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con- quering ranks com - bine.  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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# THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal. Alleluias are omitted during the season of Lent.*

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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*Personal prayers are available at the west Side Chapel after this service.*

## RECOGNITIONS

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### GREENERY GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rt. Rev. Mike Hill

In thanksgiving for those confirmed, reaffirmed and received at our Confirmation service on March 4

In memory of Michael Rigsby  
by Carolyn Rigsby and family



### BIRTHS

Nov. 16, 2022 James Frank Snelling IV  
Son of Emily and James Snelling III



### SYMPATHY

Feb. 15 Douglas Johnston Bourne

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



# OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

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## THE EPISTLE ..... Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

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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:

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

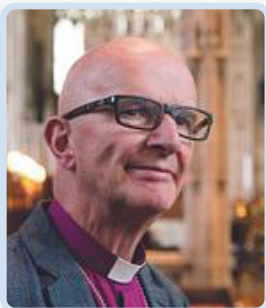
Capt. Cody Horr  
Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell  
Dallas Wayne Hunter  
Staton Jobe  
Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs  
Krystal Martinez  
PV2 Wills Masterson  
1st Lt. Ben Matthews  
Ensign Ben Morris  
1st Lt. Jack Mullen  
2nd Lt. Alex Mullen

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

***Please circle the name of any loved one that you would like to remain on our Continuing Prayer list, tear out this sheet of your bulletin and place it in the Prayer List box in the Narthex. You may also email Valerie Rivera at [vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org) with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.***

# SERMON NOTES

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St. Martin's Welcomes Back  
**The Rt. Rev.  
BISHOP MIKE HILL**

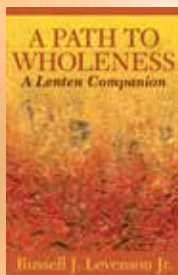
SUNDAY, MARCH 5  
9 and 11:15 a.m.  
The Church

Bishop Mike Hill, the 55th Bishop of Bristol, completes his visit to St. Martin's this Sunday, March 5. He will preach in two Traditional Worship services and lead Theology for life at 10:15 a.m. in Bagby Parish Hall.

The Rt. Rev. Hill served in Parish ministry for 14 years before becoming Archdeacon of Berkshire and the Area Bishop of Buckingham in the Diocese of Oxford.

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

**Following the 11:15 a.m. service**

**Meet in the Narthex**

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Everyone is welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

To schedule a tour, please call St. Martin's Docent Guild at 713-830-4117 and leave a contact name and number for a return call.

## ST. MARTIN'S **OUTREACH** MINISTRIES



### **Kids' Meals**

**Tuesday, March 7 | 4 p.m.**

**Parish Life Center Kitchen**

Come prepare sandwiches to help Kids' Meals, which provides and distributes nutritious lunches to hungry children throughout Houston. For more information about Kids' Meals, visit [kidsmealshouston.org](http://kidsmealshouston.org).

Contact [outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org) for more information.



# Activity Center

## BINGO WITH PRIZES — NEW TIME!

Every Wednesday  
Noon | Fellowship Room



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



# DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, March 8  
Children's Life Center, Room 132 and  
Via Zoom | [bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom](https://bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom)

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).

## 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.



### Dr. Robert Sloan

President, Houston Christian University  
*The Man Who Changed My Life*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**

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 9**

**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.  
Sharron L. Cox**  
*Associate for Outreach,  
Pastoral Care and  
Women's Ministries*





Remember a loved one by ordering lilies to decorate The Church at Easter. All requests received **by 5 p.m. Thursday, March 9**, will be included in the worship booklet available at all Easter services. Names submitted after the deadline will be printed in worship booklets in weeks following Easter.

**Make your flower dedication online at**

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### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Email [worshipcoordinators@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:worshipcoordinators@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# Student Mission Trips

The deadline to register for these trips is March 31.

## Middle School Mission Trip

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\$425



## High School Mission Trip

Nashville, TN • June 25–30

\$825



## Passion Camp

Daytona Beach, FL • July 10–14

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REGISTRATION

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For more information about the trips and scholarships, contact Florence Ritchie at [fritchier@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:fritchier@stmartinseiscopal.org) or 713-985-3843.



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**The submission deadline is Thursday, April 6.** Recipients will be informed Sunday, April 30, and celebrated on Senior Recognition Sunday, May 7.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843  
or [fritchier@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:fritchier@stmartinseiscopal.org).



## *Communion* INSTRUCTION CLASS

**April 16, 23, 30 and May 7**

**10:15-11 a.m.**

**Activity Center, Upper Hall West**

This is a four-week class designed to introduce 2nd graders and their parents to the sacrament of communion. For more information, email

Rocio Velazquez at [rvelazquest@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:rvelazquest@stmartinsepiscopal.org)



For class schedule and registration,  
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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Children's Ministry Presents



**June 5–8**

**9:30 a.m.–noon • Children's Life Center**

**Registration: [bit.ly/vbs2023stellar](https://bit.ly/vbs2023stellar)**

*Registration closes Sunday, April 30.*

It is not too early to start thinking about a fun-filled week of Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light." Children will travel on a cosmic quest and will have a blast shining Jesus' light on the world. Stellar sends kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that has light years of faithbuilding fun. An outreach component will be included in the week as well. We cannot wait to see everyone there!

For more information, contact [childrensministry@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:childrensministry@stmartinsepiscopal.org)

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## **General Questions**

Contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040.

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Contact the Prayer Request Line at 713-830-4124,  
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vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

## **After Hours Emergencies**

Call 713-621-3040 and press 2 to reach the Priest on Call.

## **Death Notifications and Funerals**

Contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or  
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### **SUPPORT GROUP**

## **General Caregiver Support Group**

Presented by



Peggy Determeyer, Ph.D., M.Div., McGee Fellow &  
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## **March 10**

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