

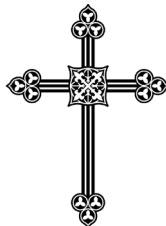
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 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

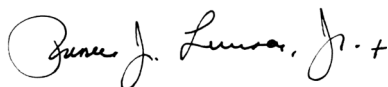
FROM THE RECTOR

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

MARCH 26

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Martin Bastian

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

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

Theology for Life with Dr. Bill Blocker, College of Biblical Studies, Houston

The Cost of Discipleship

10:15-11 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

This class features a series of Biblical, theological and historical topics that engage the mind and heart in worship of God and living a life of faith.

Seekers with the Rev. Dick Elwood

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

This class is for more senior parishioners for fellowship and lectionary-based Bible study.

*For more information about Adult Christian Education,
email Amanda DeViney at 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.*

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.*

MARCH 27-APRIL 1

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, March 27

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, March 28

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, March 29

10-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room

Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Church Tours

Wednesday, March 29

11 a.m.-noon | The Church

The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church and Dr. Henning will perform on the Gloria Dei organ. 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@stmartinseiscopal.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, March 29

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@stmartinseiscopal.org.

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

Wednesday, March 29

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@stmartinseiscopal.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, March 29

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@stmartinseiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 30

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@stmartinseiscopal.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, March 30

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@stmartinseiscopal.org.

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, March 30

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@stmartinseiscopal.org.

Women

Christian Life Study

Tuesday, March 28 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, March 30 – 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@stmartinseiscopal.org.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, March 29

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@stmartinseiscopal.org.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, March 29

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@stmartinseiscopal.org.

HOLY EUCHARIST

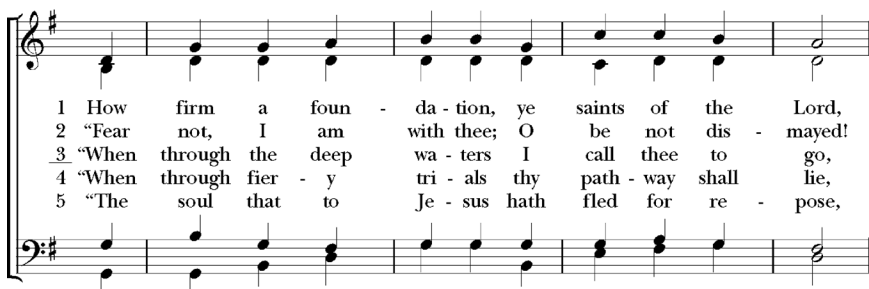
Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY “Adagio”

Percy Whitlock

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

*HYMN 637 “How Firm a Foundation”



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 “When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 “When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 “The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

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

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt.; Music: *Lions*, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806).

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(kneel)*

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

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

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

*HYMN 512 (vs. 1-2)..... “Come, Gracious Spirit”

1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
 know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
 from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
 joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
 ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
 fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

Words: Simon Browne (1680–1732), alt.; Music: Mendon, melody from Methodist Harmonist, 1981; adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

T H E G O S P E LJohn 11:1-6, 17-27, 39-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips

of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 28.

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2 The light of truth to us dis-play, and make us
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv-ing Way, nor let us
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “Come Out! And Live Again!...”
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

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 Scottish Episcopal Church; 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 the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar greenery, ____; 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.

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.**

T H E P E A C E *(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 32 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Nearer, My God, to Thee”
arr. Dan Forrest

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E’vn though it be a cross that raiseth me. Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee; nearer to thee! Oh, let the way appear, leading to heav’n. All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv’n. Thy Spirit beckons me, nearer, my God to Thee. There in my Father’s home safe and at rest, There in my Savior’s love, perfectly blest. Age after age to be nearer, my God to Thee!

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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.**

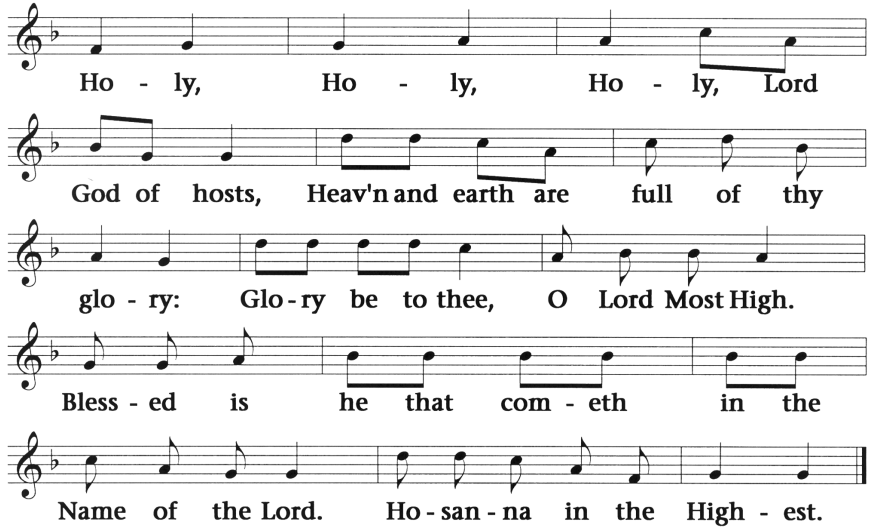
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

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The Celebrant continues (kneel)

All glory be to thee, 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

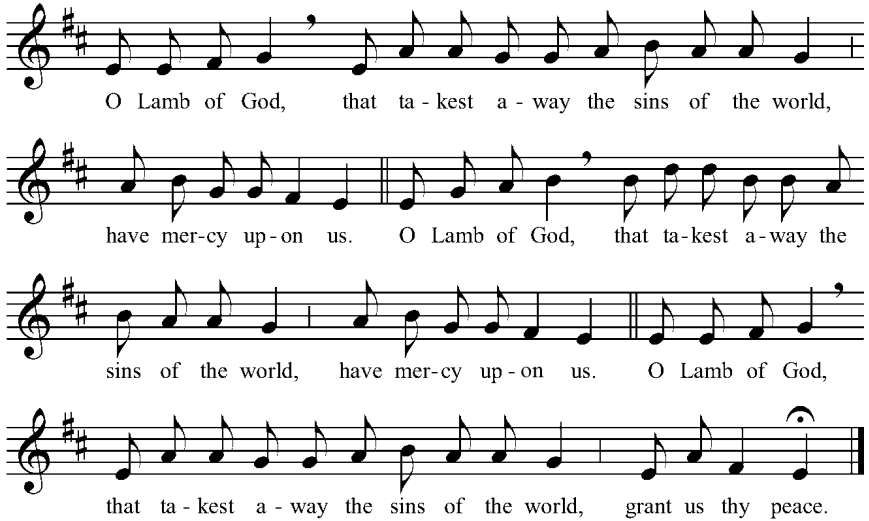
People and Celebrant

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.

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

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 “If Ye Love Me”

Thomas Tallis

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. Ev’n the Spirit of truth, that He may abide with you forever.

Text: John 14: 15-17. © HW Gray.

HYMN 671 “Amazing Grace”

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 * 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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).

HYMN “Softly and Tenderly”

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,
4. Oh! For the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,

1. Call - ing for you and for me; — See, on the por - tals He's
2. Plead - ing for you and for me? — Why should we lin - ger and
3. Pass - ing for you and for me; — Shad - ows are gath - er - ing,
4. Prom - ised for you and for me; — Though we have sinned, He has

1. wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me. —
2. heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me? —
3. death beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me. —
4. mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me. —

Come home, Come home, come home, come home,

Ye who are wea-ry, come home! Ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home! —

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Ye who are wea-ry, come home! Ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home! —'. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady accompaniment. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment, also ending with a double bar line.

Words: Will L. Thompson (1847–1909) Music: Will L. Thompson.

HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

Unison

1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

♩ *Refrain*

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

Music and text: Bob Kilpatrick (b. 1952); Copyright: © 1978 Bob Kilpatrick Music, P. O. Box 2383, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. CCLI #805314.

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

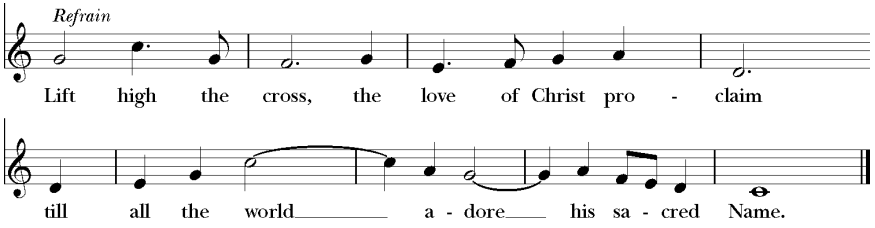
In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

LENTEN BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 473 “Lift High the Cross”

Refrain

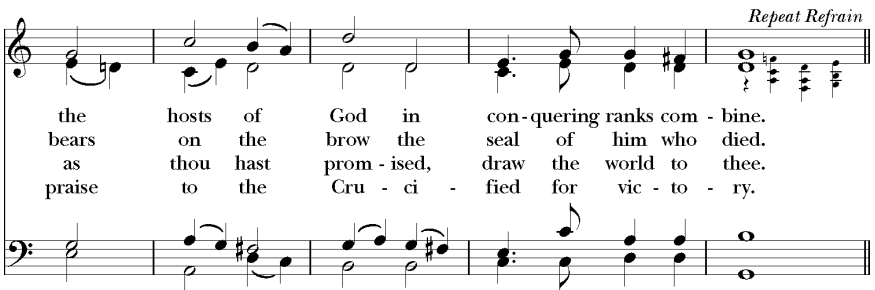


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



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.

Words: George William Kitchin (1827–1912) and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874–1956); Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875–1947); Copyright: Words, Music: By permission of Hymns Ancient & Modern Ltd.

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

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

RECOGNITIONS



GREENERY GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of Mary Gray Lester

by Linda and John Griffin, Laura and Jack Schuhmacher,
and Allison and Philip Lorenzo



SYMPATHY

March 13 Muriel Kearby Albaral

March 20 Lynda Isensee

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 FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand? For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared. I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins..

THE EPISTLE Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

SERMON NOTES

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

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@stmartinsepiscopeal.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
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 vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.



THE
MOST RELUCTANT CONVERT
The Untold Story of *C.S. Lewis*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

5:30 p.m. | Holy Eucharist | The Church

5:45 p.m. | Dinner | Bagby Parish Hall

6:30 p.m. | Program | Bagby Parish Hall

Don't miss award-winning actor, Max McLean, who plays in the movie, **"The Most Reluctant Convert: The Untold Story of C.S. Lewis."** McLean will attend the screening and lead a question-and-answer period following the film in Bagby Parish Hall.



Max McLean

Max McLean is an award-winning actor and founder and artistic director of the New York City-based Fellowship for Performing Arts. FPA produces theater and film from a Christian worldview meant to engage diverse audiences.

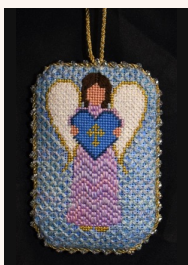
Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet McLean in person and see his performance as C.S. Lewis. Filmed in and around Oxford University, McLean plays an elder C.S. Lewis who looks back on his remarkable journey of faith.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



ST. CLARE'S NEEDLEPOINT GUILD



Do you love to needlepoint?

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, MARCH 26

1-4 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.



[st.claresneedlepoint](https://www.instagram.com/st.claresneedlepoint)



[St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild](https://www.facebook.com/St.Clare'sNeedlepointGuild)



THE GATHERING

For church members and others in our community who experience memory loss and their caregivers

March 27

10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

**Let Your
Light
Shine**

Mar. 27
Jane Vandiver

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

STRIPPING OF THE PALMS

Tuesday, March 28

1–4 p.m. • Student Life Center

Before we can make crosses to wear on Palm Sunday, volunteers strip and divide the fronds. All Parishioners are invited to participate.



PALM CROSS MAKING

Wednesday, March 29

8:30 a.m.–3 p.m. • Student Life Center

Join members of the Altar Guild as they make palm crosses to distribute on Sunday of the Passion–Palm Sunday.



ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



Amazing Place Easter Party

Tuesday, March 28 | 10 a.m.

3735 Drexel Dr., Houston, TX 77027

Come join us as we help celebrate this Easter season with our friends at Amazing Place. Visit amazingplacehouston.org to learn about Amazing Place.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.



Activity Center

CIRCUIT TRAINING

Every Monday
10:30 a.m. | Aerobics Room



This body conditioning class involves high-intensity aerobics mixed with resistance and weights to encourage strength building and endurance!

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

THURSDAY AFTERNOON ADULT LENTEN SERIES:



Thursday, March 30

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.
Naomi Sundara
Chaplain, St. Martin's
Episcopal Preschool*



Volunteers Needed for Palm Sunday Dramatic Re-Enactment Services

Rehearsal Date: Saturday, April 1
10 a.m.–noon • The Church

Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 2
9 and 11:15 a.m. service • The Church

No “acting” experience needed and costumes will be provided.
Families with children 10 and above are welcome to participate.

Interested? Please contact Bruce Morgan at robertbrucemorgan@gmail.com.

717 STUDENTS

Student Mission Trips

The deadline to register for these trips is March 31.

Middle School Mission Trip

Austin, TX • June 18-23

\$425



High School Mission Trip

Nashville, TN • June 25-30

\$825



REGISTRATION

bit.ly/717studentsmissiontrips

For more information about the trips and scholarships, contact
Florence Ritchie at fritchie@stmartinseiscopal.org or 713-985-3843.



MIDDLE SCHOOL
Spring Retreat

April 21–23 • Camp Allen
Cost: \$100 including transportation

REGISTRATION

bit.ly/smecmsretreat

Students in grades 6–8 are invited to attend a fun-filled Diocesan-wide youth retreat at Camp Allen. We will meet and hang out with middle school youths from other Houston area Episcopal churches. We will talk about big questions surrounding our identity in Christ while sharing in a lot of fun, food and fellowship!


STERLING'S
MARKET

Saturdays • 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Rain or Shine
Corner of Sage and Woodway
sterlingsmarket.org

HOP ON OVER!

Bring the whole family and come explore a variety of farmers, bakers and artisans!

Proceeds benefit St. Martin's Outreach Ministries in our community.





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Order
of the
Daughters
of the King*



SATURDAY, APRIL 1 | 10 A.M.
CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

Book Study: "Being Disciples –
Essentials of the Christian Life"
by the Rt. Rev. Rowan Williams

In this book, the 104th Archbishop of
Canterbury turns his attention to what is
required for us to continue following Jesus
and growing in faith.

For more information, please contact Tracee Tindol at
tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



PALM SUNDAY

Join St. Martin's and celebrate the start of Holy Week. Reflect on Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem through a dramatic re-enactment and readings.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Traditional Services

8 a.m., Holy Eucharist • *The Church*

9 and 11:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist and Dramatic Re-enactment • *The Church*

6 p.m., Holy Eucharist and Dramatic Reading • *The Church*

Family Table

9:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist and Dramatic Re-enactment • *Parish Life Center*

Riverway Eucharist Service

11:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist • *Parish Life Center*



Hop On In!

Surprise your loved ones with Easter gift ideas from the Gift Shoppe.



Sundays • 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Monday–Thursday • 10 a.m.–4 p.m.



The Giving Tree



Celebrate Easter with an Outreach Card

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



Order cards at bit.ly/eastergivingtree

Deadline is Tuesday, April 4.



Maundy Thursday

April 6 • 7 p.m.
The Church



Maundy Thursday Liturgy with the Rt. Rev. Tony Burton, Stripping of the Altar and Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir. The worship service will conclude outdoors near the Wayside Chapel and Great Cross.



Bishop Tony Burton is the retired Bishop of Saskatchewan. He was ordained in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, where he served in two parishes on Cape Breton Island.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

PASSOVER SEDER MEAL

Thursday, April 6
5–7 p.m. • Student Life Center

Middle and high school students are invited to experience a Messianic Passover Seder. This will have all the elements of a traditional Passover meal.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3844





**St. Martin's
is offering
scholarships for
higher education
to our graduating
high school
seniors.**

Applications can be found at stmartinsepiscopal.org/student-ministries.

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 fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 7

Traditional Worship

Noon and 6 p.m. • The Church Liturgy for Good Friday with Sermon by Bishop Tony Burton

The noon service will be live-streamed

Family Table Service

Noon • Parish Life Center

This worship service is specifically designed for families

Riverway Service

6:30 p.m. • Parish Life Center

Join the Riverway community for a relaxed service, featuring the liturgy for Good Friday, Sermon and special music.

Childcare will be provided for children ages 5 and under for the noon services.



The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's Invites You to



Saturday, April 8 • 10 a.m. • Free Admission
Parish Life Center and Soccer Field
Bring your egg basket!

The adventures begin with a reading of the Easter story in the Parish Life Center, followed by an Easter egg hunt, crafts, a petting zoo, face painting, balloons and more. Everyone is welcome!

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



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United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church is a way to practice gratitude and change the world during the 40 days of Lent.

Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box or UTO Envelope.

One-hundred percent of all funds given to UTO are granted the following year to support innovative mission and ministry in the Episcopal Church.

Easter

AT ST. MARTIN'S

- SUNDAY, APRIL 9 -

The Sunday of the Resurrection

Easter Morning Breakfast

*Hosted by St. Martin's Vestry
8-11 a.m. · Bagby Parish Hall*
Complimentary breakfast is sponsored by the current and past Vestry of St. Martin's.

Traditional Worship Services

*7, 9, 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.
The Church*

Holy Eucharist; festive music by the Parish Choir, *Gloria Dei* Organ, brass and timpani.
(The 11:15 a.m. service will be livestreamed.)

Family Table Service

8 and 9:15 a.m. · Parish Life Center
Join us for a family-friendly worship service with Holy Eucharist.

Riverway Eucharist Service

11:15 a.m. · Parish Life Center
This worship service for students, families and adults features the Holy Eucharist and beautiful music.

Childcare

Childcare for infants through pre-K will be available during all daytime Easter services.

Student Ministries Easter Egg Hunt with a Twist

*10-10:40 a.m. and 10:45-11:10 a.m.
Student Life Center and Soccer Field*
Students in middle school and high school are invited to take part in this time-honored tradition with a twist! Bring a container — and be creative!



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Scan here for a complete list of Easter Worship times.

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COMMUNION INSTRUCTION CLASS

April 16, 23, 30 and May 7

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

**Sunday, May 14 • Recognition Service
9 a.m., The Church**

Led by the Rev. Alex D. Graham III and Lay Minister Eric Priest, this four-week series introduces children in second grade and above about the Eucharist sacraments as the basis of our Christian faith. For more information, email Rocio Velazquez at rvelazquez@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



For class schedule and registration,
visit bit.ly/2023kidscommunion

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children's Ministry Presents



June 5–8

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

Registration: bit.ly/vbs2023stellar

Registration closes Friday, April 28.

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. An outreach component will be included during the week-long activities.

For more information, contact childrensministry@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Café

ST. MARTIN'S

Mondays-Wednesdays
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursdays
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall



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Enjoy our hot meal entrées, sandwiches, salad bar, baked potato bar, desserts and more!

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Center & Institute

SUPPORT GROUP

Monthly Grief Support Group (VIRTUAL)

Presented by:



Peggy Determeyer, Ph.D.,
M.Div., McGee Fellow & Director
of HHCI CARES



HHCI CARES

APRIL 4

Tuesday @ 5:30 pm CT
Available In-Person & Online

Register today at hhci.org/events

For more information, contact [Peggy Determeyer](mailto:peggydetermeyer@hhci.org) at peggydetermeyer@hhci.org

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General Questions

Contact the Reception Desk at
713-621-3040.

Prayer Requests

Contact the Prayer Request Line at
713-830-4124 or Valerie Rivera at
713-985-3817 or
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
censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Witness to Dignity

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

From AMAZON reviews

"Levenson is a gifted storyteller, and shares examples of kindness, loyalty, love and a sense of humor that only could be known through a genuine friendship and a close relationship. I believe God placed Levenson in the Bush's circle so he can share these observations and encouragingly remind us to live with strong faith, values, courage, selflessness and respect for others and to use our gifts, talents and energy to help others."

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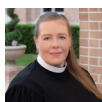
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