

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 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

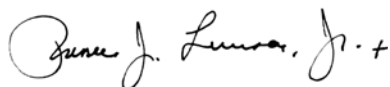
FROM THE RECTOR

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

APRIL 2

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Wesley Arning

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

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

Christian Education for Adults, Children's Ministry and 7-1-7 Students at 10:15 a.m. will not be offered today in observance of Palm Sunday. Please join us Sunday, April 16, when all Christian Education classes resume.

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.*

APRIL 3-8

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, April 3

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 lnilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, April 4

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 lnilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Blanket Ministry

Wednesday, April 5

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 lnilson@smartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, April 5

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@smartinsepiscopal.org.

Men

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, April 6

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@smartinsepiscopal.org.

Women

Christian Life Study

Tuesday, April 4 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, April 6 – 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@smartinsepiscopal.org.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, April 5

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@smartinsepiscopal.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 “Imperial March”
Edward Elgar

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

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who cometh in the name of the Lord.

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OUR LORD’S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW *(remain standing)*

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

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

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace;

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 154 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.; Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584–1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONPhilippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

(8 a.m. and 6 p.m. only)

Matthew 27:11-54

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

Please stand.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed

his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

THE NICENE CREED *(8 a.m. and 6 p.m. only)*

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.**

(9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. only)

PASSION DRAMA

According to the Gospels

PASSION DRAMA ANTHEMS

“Do This in Remembrance of Me”

Larry Visser

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Gilbert Martin

Please kneel.

PASSION HYMN 168 "O Sacred Head"

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
2 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn;
2 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
2 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
2 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607–1676); sts. 1–3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804–1859), alt.; Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612); adapt. And harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750).

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(all services)*
(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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa; 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; 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

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(8 a.m. and 6 p.m. only)

Minister 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.

Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE *(stand)*

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

People: And with thy spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 28 for upcoming events.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “The Holy City”
Stephen Adams

Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair, I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there. I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang, Methought the voice of Angels from Heaven in answer rang. “Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!” And then methought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang, Hushed were the loud Hosannas the little children sang; The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill, As the shadows of the cross arose upon a lonely hill. And once again the scene was changed; new earth there seemed to be, I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea; The light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide, And all who would might enter, and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night, or sun to shine by day, It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away.

Text: F. E. Weatherly, 1976 ed., (Original copyright 1892).

AT THE PRESENTATION *(stand)*

(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 offer thee; And hence with grateful hearts to -
day Thine own before 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

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 for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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.

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Invitation.

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 “Lamb of God”

F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer, patient, still and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer. Our sins by Thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken: Have mercy, O Jesu!

Text: N. Decius (1531). Music: F. Melius Christiansen. © 1938 by Augsburg Publishing House.

HYMN 172“Were You There”

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh! _____
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! _____
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh! _____
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! _____

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Words: African-American spiritual; Music: *Were you There*, Afro-American spiritual; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944).

HYMN 479 “Glory be to Jesus”

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find,
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
 4 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing wafts its praise on high,
 5 Lift ye then your voic - es; swell the might - y flood;

1 poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins!
 2 blest be his com - pas - sion in - fi - nite - ly kind!
 3 which from sin and sor - row doth the world re - deem!
 4 an - gel hosts, re - joic - ing, make their glad re - ply.
 5 loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood.

Words: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall (1814–1878), alt.; Music: *Wem in Leidenstagen*, Friedrich Filitz (1804–1860).

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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After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)

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.

HOLY WEEK BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN "Ride On!"

1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -
 2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride
 3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel ar - mies

san - na cry; Thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road
 on to die: O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin
 of the sky Look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes

With palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed.
 O'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.
 To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.

4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
 Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
 The Father on his sapphire throne
 Expects his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die;
 Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
 Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Text: Adapted from *Musikalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690; Music: Second Tune *Winchester New*, Henry Hart Milman, 1827, alt.

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

RECOGNITIONS



BIRTHS

Jan. 21

William Griffin Grier Shackouls

Son of Elizabeth and Scott Shackouls

Grandson of Judy and Bobby Shackouls



SYMPATHY

March 22

William Patrick Moore, M.D.

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

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

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



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

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!



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Scan here for a complete list of Easter Worship times.

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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.



**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.



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.

ST. MARTIN'S **OUTREACH** MINISTRIES



Kids' Meals

Tuesday, April 4 | 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.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.



Activity Center

NEW EARLY CLASS: HATHA YOGA

Every Wednesday
7:30 a.m. | Aerobics Room

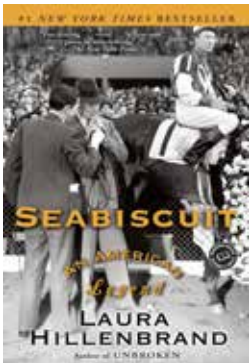


Enhance strength, flexibility and balance with Hatha yoga, which is practiced at a slower pace with focus on the breath, controlled movements, and gentle stretching.

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



DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, April 12
Children's Life Center, Room 132 and
Via Zoom | 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.



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!



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

GIVE BLOOD

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Monday, April 17
9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall



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Tuesday, April 25
6–8 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall
\$30 per person

Childcare will be available during the event.



Registration now open at
bit.ly/2023ecweveningevent
Registration deadline is April 18



The Humor, The Hard and The Holy... God is in it All

For more details, please contact Valerie Rivera at vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713.985.3817.



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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

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@stmartinepiscopal.org

717 STUDENTS

Student Mission Trip

The deadline to register for this trip is April 30.



Daytona Beach, FL • July 9–14 • \$650

REGISTRATION

bit.ly/717studentsmissiontrips

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



SUPPORT GROUP

General Caregiver Support Group

Presented by:



Peggy Determeyer, Ph.D., M.Div., McGee Fellow & Director of HHCI CARES and Rabbi Seth M. Stander, MAHL, Community Aging Specialist, HHCI CARES



April 14

Meets every 2nd Friday of the month

Friday @ 10-11 am CT
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For more information, contact Peggy Determeyer at pdetermeyer@hhci.org

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Contact the Prayer Request Line at
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Call 713-621-3040 and press 2 to reach
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