

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 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

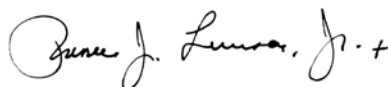
FROM THE RECTOR

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

MAY 14

Christian Education at 10:15 a.m will not be offered today so all may attend Dr. Suse McBay's farewell reception in Bagby Parish Hall. Please join us next Sunday, May 21, when Christian Education classes resume.

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Sharron Cox

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

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

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

MAY 15-20

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, May 15

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. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, May 16

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. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Blanket Ministry

Wednesday, May 17

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. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Church Tours

Wednesday, May 17

11 a.m.-noon | The Church

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

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, May 17

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. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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

Wednesday, May 17

4:30-6 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as an OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, May 17

7-8:45 p.m. | Off-campus

Join our young adults for a wrap-up event to celebrate the end of the term. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 18

7-9 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal Hall

Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation. For more information, contact Dr. David Henning at dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Sterling's Market - April Showers Bring May Flowers and Shopping!

Saturday, May 20 | Rain or Shine

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

Sterling's Market at St. Martin's Episcopal Church glorifies God through sharing the Gospel and the bounties of the earth with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors. For more information and to volunteer, contact info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, May 18

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@smartinsepiscopal.org.

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, May 18

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.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, May 17

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@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 "Prelude"

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

*HYMN 432 "O Praise Ye the Lord"

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

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

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150; Music: *Laudate Dominum*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918).

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

G L O R I A (*said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.*)

Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con-que- ring Son; end - less is the
 vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 rolled the stone a - way, kept the fol - ded grave clothes
 where thy bo - dy lay. Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con-que- ring
 Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 488 (*vs. 1-2*).....“Be Thou My Vision”

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880–1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860–1935), alt.; Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874–1948); Copyright: Words: This hymn appears courtesy of the Estate of Eleanor Hull and Chatto & Windus Ltd. Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELJohn 14:15-21

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The lectionary for the day is on page 28.

HYMN 488 (*vs. 3*).....“Be Thou My Vision”

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3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
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I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay, Ph.D.

THE NICENE CREED *(stand)*

Celebrant and People

I believe in one God,

**the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

**the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation**

**came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the
Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to
the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,

**who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one holy catholic and
apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission
of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneel)*

Minister and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve thee;

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

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

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

We pray for Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our
Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; and for all who govern and
hold authority in the nations of the World;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

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

That they may be delivered from their distress.

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

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

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

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

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

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

Celebrant stands and says

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

THE PEACE *(stand)*

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 29 for upcoming events.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION RECOGNITION

(9 a.m. only)

Rector: Children, please come forward and face the congregation.

Presenter: I present these children who have completed their Communion instruction classes and their family members.

Rector: Dear children of God: in Holy Communion we remember Christ's life, death, and resurrection, until his coming again; by it, we offer up to God our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we receive the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our union with Christ and one another, and the foretaste of the heavenly banquet which is our nourishment in eternal life. In Holy Communion, the outward and visible sign of bread and wine, and the inward and spiritual grace of the Body and Blood of Christ Jesus is given to us his people and received by faith, according to Christ's command.

Dear children, what do you seek?

Children: We seek Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven.

Rector: Almighty and everliving God, may these thy children who partake of this Holy Communion, worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, that together we all may be made one Body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. **Amen.**

Rector and

People: We recognize you as communicants of St. Martin's Episcopal Church and the Lord's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. Together, therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communion Instruction Participants

William Arterbury, Timothy Bailey, Harrison Bean, Lauren Beaupre, Teddy Beeson, Elizabeth Bowman, Maeve Boyleston, William Bridger, Cole Brodbeck, Laura Brunner, Maris Burke, Baker George Burns, Whitney Caltagirone, Savannah Cambre, Scarlett Cambre, Elizabeth Carter, Fowler Carter, Parker Caughlin, John Coleman, Molly Cook, Augustus Craig, Burke Dalton, Robert Day, Grace Eubanks, Avery Fernandez, Tony Fernandez, Victoria Gamboa, Easton Gervais, Harrison Groves, Henry Halpin, Robert Halpin, Caroline Hedges, William Holstien, Anneliese Huffman, Carsten Huffman, Caroline Hutson, Nicole Jabbari, Catherine Jenkins, Elizabeth Kerr, Madeleine Mabry, John Mertz, Susan Meyer, Charlotte Miller, Madeline Montgomery, Ethan Oholendt, Julia Omelianchuk, Madeleine Owen, Reilly Painter, Grier Piazza, Reva Rea, Travis Rea, Sloane Roper, Lawrence Savoie, Charles Schneider, Annie Shackouls, Catherine Shackouls, Charles Shackouls, Caroline Shackouls, Minnie Sharpe, Cooper Shields, Peyton Shields, Sydney Shields, Maitland Spalding, James Stouffer, George Stouffer, Henry Virene, Olivia Walker, Bobby Wilson, Thomas Price Wilson, Dayton Wood

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “If Ye Love Me”
Philip Wilby

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 for ever. Even the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

Text: John 14: 15-18. © Banks Music Publications 1992.

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.....*Easter Hymn*

Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley.

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
 Hosts: Hea - ven 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.

Music: Healey Willan, From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880–1968); Copyright: By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Celebrant continues (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

During the season of Easter, the Prayer of Humble Access is not a part of our public liturgy. You are invited to use it for your private preparation before receiving Communion.

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 “The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee”
William Harris

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plentuous. The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him. Yes all such as call upon him faithfully he will fulfill the desire of them that fear him. He also will hear their cry and will help them. The Lord preserveth all them that love him, all them that love him.

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HYMN “Father, We Adore Thee”

1. Fa - ther,
2. Je - sus, we a - dore thee, lay our lives be
3. Spir - it,

fore thee, how we love thee.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line has three verses of lyrics: '1. Fa - ther,', '2. Je - sus, we a - dore thee, lay our lives be', and '3. Spir - it,'. The bass line has corresponding notes. The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line has the lyrics 'fore thee, how we love thee.' and the bass line has corresponding notes. The music is in 4/4 time and G major.

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HYMN "They'll Know We are Christians"

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.

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HYMN “Shall We Gather at the River”

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv - er, where bright an-gel feet have
 2. On the mar-gin of the riv - er, wash-ing up its sil-ver
 3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev-ery bur-den
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will

trod, with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing
 spray, we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the
 down; grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-
 cease; soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the

Refrain

by the throne of God?
 hap-py gold-en day. Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er,
 vide a robe and crown.
 mel-o-dy of peace.

the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er; gath-er with the
 saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

Music and text by Robert Lowry; Tune: *Hanson Place*. Based on Revelations 22:1-5.

After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

THE EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand.

HYMN 516 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the year - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay, Ph.D.
In thanksgiving for those who have completed Communion Instruction
In thanksgiving for mothers
In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Aerin and Madeleine Monk
by Leslie and Brian Monk
In thanksgiving for the baptism of Bretton Taylor Smith, Jr.
by Charis and Taylor Smith



BIRTHS

Jan. 29 Walker Thomas Marietta
Son of Emily and Matthew Marietta



BAPTISMS

May 6 Wilson Kirkland Bruce Denby
Riley Brian Marietta
Walker Thomas Marietta
William Griffin Grier Shackouls



WEDDINGS

May 6 Emma Claire Barnes and Scott Mixson Staffel II



SYMPATHY

April 30 June Goen Napier
May 3 Nancy Reed Chickering

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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	Michelle McStravick
Carolyn Alban	Andrew O'Malley
Katie and Harvey Altmann	Bob Paddock
Patsy Angel	Jim Paddock
Shelly Bain	Carol Postal
Denice Bass	Stephen Preston
Pam Bentley	Ophelia Pujols
Cory Blackman	Ted Reed
Dianne Brock	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Nancy Burrows	Caroline Shanahan
Paul Case	P.K. Sharkey
Robin Cogdell	Clif Shoemake
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Bob Spencer
Gail Davis	Paul Therrien
Marcella Davis	Carlotta Thomas
Susan Davis	John Treanor
Tommy W. Davis	Mae Joyce and Grant Wagner
Ross Dunn	Mike Webb
Kiersten Dyke	Charles Werlla
Stacey and John Elliott	Vern Wilson
Charles Flores	Eric Zoerb
Nancy Gore	Betsey
Shea Guinn	Charlie
Cissy Gully	Elizabeth
Mollie Hill	Eric and Family
Marilyn Ingham	Henry
Nicole Jabbari	Laura
Mary Anne Kannard	Len
Stan Leong	Martha
Shawn Levenson	Mary Jane
Patricia Levy	Nancy
Nancy Liles	Susan
Nicole Lockney	
Ryan Logan	
Marie Lord	
Jeffrey Martinson	
Jack Mayfield	
Janet McDaniel	
Sandra McHenry	

Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks before Easter and All Saints' Day. Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. To put someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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
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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
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Contact the Prayer Request Line at 713-830-4124,
or Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or
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After Hours Emergencies

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

Death Notifications and Funerals

Contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or
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READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

THE PSALM Psalm 66:7-18

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard; who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip. For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried. You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats. Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me. I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue. If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me; but in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.



Farewell Receptions for

**The Rev. Dr.
SUSE McBAY, PH.D.**

Sunday, May 14

10:15 – 11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Sunday, May 21

12:30 p.m. • Parish Life Center Narthex

Please join us to celebrate Suse's ministry work and her many accomplishments. She will preach at our four traditional services on Sunday, May 14, and then her final Riverway service on Sunday, May 21.



MEET

GREGORY CROSS

Summer Seminarian Intern at St. Martin's

Gregory W. Cross returns to St. Martin's during June and July, serving as a full-time seminarian intern. Last year, Cross served the Church as an intern during the summer while completing his clinical pastoral education at Methodist Hospital in the Texas Medical Center. He is currently pursuing a Master in Divinity degree at Virginia Theological Seminary.

Cross graduated from Texas A&M University with a History degree in 2020. He actively participated in student government functions and the Episcopal Student Center, serving as Senior and Junior Warden before entering the discernment process for the priesthood.

Please welcome Gregory Cross when you see him on Campus this summer, helping with ministry work.



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THREE
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STUDENTS



The Rev. Jane P. Ferguson,
Associate for Family and
Student Ministries



Tyler "TD" Davis,
Middle School Minister



5th Grade Students
10:15 a.m.
Student Life Center



ST. MARTIN'S
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SUNDAYS IN MAY

5th grade students are invited to join our Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) Sunday mornings.

MAY 7

Students tour the Student Life Center—meet as normal in the Children's Life Center.

MAY 21

EYC Sunday mornings. Parent meeting for incoming 5th grade families in the main hall.

JUNE 4

5th grade "graduates" permanently move to Student Ministries.

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

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Children's Life Center, Room 109 and
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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 or 713-830-4110.



THE GATHERING

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

May 22
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall



Par for the Course!
May 22 - Bill Parish

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



CELEBRATE THE DAY OF
PENTECOST
• WHITSUNDAY •
SUNDAY, MAY 28

Whitsunday refers to 50 days after Easter and the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles (Acts 2:1). Parishioners are encouraged to wear red on this Sunday because red signifies the power and gifting of the Holy Spirit, represented by tongues of flame resting upon the apostles.

Red velvet cupcakes are served in honor of the birth of the Church after every morning service in the breezeways.

For more information, contact Barbara Piana at bpiana@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-830-4116



ST. CLARE'S NEEDLEPOINT GUILD



Do you love to needlepoint?

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SUNDAY, MAY 28

1–4 p.m.

Activity Center Upper Hall East

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild also meets during the week. For more information, contact Amanda DeViney at adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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