

TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

August 20, 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

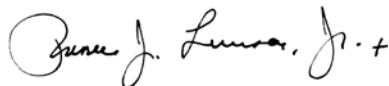
FROM THE RECTOR

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.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

AUGUST 20

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Marty 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.

Just For Summer with the Rev. Marty Bastian

The Lectionary Speaks

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

This class will focus on passages from the Sunday lectionary. What is each lesson saying? How do the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel lessons connect with each other? Join us and bring your worship booklet.

For more information about Adult Christian Education, contact Amanda DeViney at 713-830-4110 or 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.

Those who finished fifth grade are now part of Student Ministries.

For more information about 7-1-7 Students, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or 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 three-year-olds.

For more information about Children's Ministry, contact Rocio Velazquez at 713-985-3807 or rvelazquez@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

AUGUST 21-26

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Aug. 21

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 713-830-4131 or scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Aug. 22

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 713-830-4131 or scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Blanket Ministry

Wednesday, Aug. 23

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 713-830-4131 or scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Aug. 23

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 713-830-4131 or scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Aug. 24

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 713-985-3820 or dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Summer Fun at Sterling's Market

Saturday, Aug. 26 | 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 Sarah-Hampton Cambas at 713-985-3848 or info@sterlingsmarket.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 “Fugue in D Major”

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

*HYMN 427 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930), alt.; Musica *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Barnby (1838–1896).

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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

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

Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre -
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for
he is thy health and sal - va - tion;
join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan and
song, sound - ing in glad a - do - ra - tion.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuereten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

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 God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Psalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 635 (vs. 1)....“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621–1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829–1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621–1681).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The lectionary for the day is on page 25.

*HYMN 635 (vs. 2)“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON“The Giver Who Meets Your Deepest Needs”

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)*

Minister and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

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

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our
Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our bishops; the Clergy
of this Parish; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the
Church of England; 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, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “God So Loved the World”
John Stainer

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

Text: John 3:16-17.

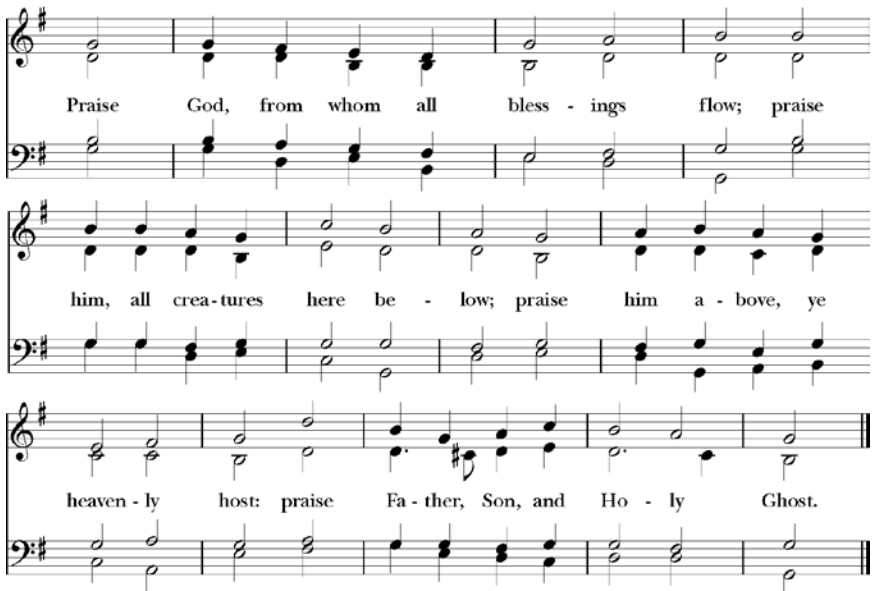
AT THE PRESENTATION *(stand)*

(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..... *Old 100th*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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 on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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, 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.

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus and Benedictus. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord'. The second line is 'God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy'. The third line is 'glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.'. The fourth line is 'Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the'. The fifth line is 'Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.'.

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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*



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Then may be said by the Celebrant and People

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.

AN THEM “My Eyes for Beauty Pine”

Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God’s grace, no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face. One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above: ‘Tis named when God’s name is said, ‘Tis Love, ‘tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Text: Robert Bridges. Music: Herbert Howells. © 1928 Oxford University Press, London.

HYMN “Trust and Obey”

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
 2. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share,
 3. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love
 4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet,

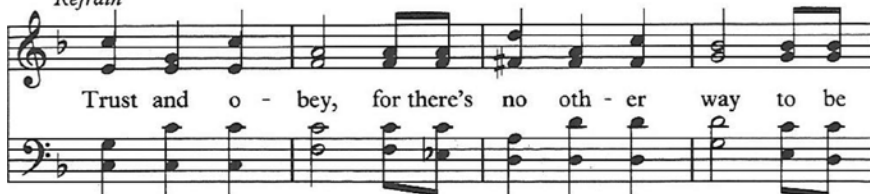
what a glo - ry he sheds on our way!
 but our toil he doth rich - ly re - pay;
 un - til all on the al - tar we lay;
 or we'll walk by his side in the way;

While we do his good will, he a - bides with us still,
 not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
 for the fa - vor he shows, for the joy he be - stows,
 what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;



and with all who will trust and o - bey.
 but is blest if we trust and o - bey.
 are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

Refrain



Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er way to be



hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

Words: John H. Sammis, 1887 (1 Jn. 1:7); Music: Daniel B. Towner, 1887.

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 645“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877); para. Psalm 23; Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

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.

At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

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

THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 537 "Christ for the World We Sing"

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813–1886); Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792–1892).

THE DISMISSAL

The Minister says the Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY “Fugue in G Major”
 J.S. Bach

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage

by Lauren Whitney Munro and William Michael Jobe

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Holton Henderson Hoffman

by Holton's family

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Anna Ruth McLean

by Taylor and David McLean

In thanksgiving for our 57th wedding anniversaries

by Sharon and Lovell Aldrich and Martha and Bill Smith

In memory of Jacquelyn Louise DeMouche

by Rebecca DeMouche

In memory of Mary Gray and Earl Lester on their wedding anniversary

by Linda and John Griffin, Laura and Jack Schuhmacher, and

Allison and Philip Lorenzo

In memory of Caroline Neuhaus and Sells Neuhaus

by Becky Neuhaus, Rad, Morgan and Ford Neuhaus, Steve, Jennifer,

Sophie and Stephen Neuhaus, Tim, Sarah, Emilie and Hall Neuhaus



BAPTISMS

Aug. 12 John "Jack" Madison Bailey



SYMPATHY

Aug. 4 Frances Ann Bredthauer

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

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

THE EPISTLE Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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:

Robin Adair	Marilyn Ingham	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Bobbie Adams	Nicole Jabbari	Caroline Shanahan
Carolyn Alban	Mary Anne Kannard	P.K. Sharkey
Katie and Harvey Altmann	Dick Kilday	Clif Shoemake
Patsy Angel	Amy Lacy	Bob Spencer
Judith Arnold	Reggie Lang	Jan and Jim Stokes
Shelly Bain	Rhea Latta	Julie Stulken
Denice Bass	Stan Leong	Paul Therrien
Bob Beeley	Shawn Levenson	Carlotta Thomas
Larry Biedenbarn	Patricia Levy	John Treanor
Cory Blackman	Nancy Liles	Christine Turner
Dianne Brock	Nicole Lockney	Mae Joyce and Grant Wagner
Levi Brock	Ryan Logan	Mike Webb
Nancy Burrows	Marie Lord	Charles Werlla
Paul Case	Ronnie Martin	Walt Williams
Doug Clarke	Jeffrey Martinson	Eric Zoerb
Robin Cogdell	Jack Mayfield	Beaux
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Deanna McCool	Catherine
Gail Davis	Janet McDaniel	Charlie
Marcella Davis	Sandra McHenry	Elizabeth
Susan Davis	Barbara McMahan	Eric and family
Tommy W. Davis	Michelle McStravick	Henry
Bobby de Sosa	Margaret Milner	Holden
Linda de Sosa	Kate Moorman	Jay
Don DeWalch	Stuart Nixon	Laura
Ross Dunn	Andrew O'Malley	Len
Kiersten Dyke	Bob Paddock	Martha
Stacey and John Elliott	Jim Paddock	Mary Jane
Nancy Ellison	Judy Peach	Susan
Charles Flores	Carol Postal	Tom
Alan Funderburg	Stephen Preston	
Cathy Gonzales	Ophelia Pujol	
Nancy Gore	Heather Rathnau	
Joyce Gubbs	Ted Reed	
Shea Guinn	Marjorie Reeks	
Cissy Gully	Monica Rivera	
Gladys Halbouty	John Davis Roady	
Mollie Hill	Joan Scales	
JoLynne Huddelston	Suzzy Schuwerk	

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	Capt. Cody Horr	James W. Peoples
Lt. Col. Julian Benton	Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell	Lt. Paul Piana
1st Lt. Benjamin Brown	Dallas Wayne Hunter	LCMR David A. Pilko
Lt. Col. Chris Davis	2nd Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
Wesley Dodd	Staton Jobe	PO1 Brian M. Powell
Sgt. James Drury III	Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs	SPC Joel Rowell
James Eilers	Krystal Martinez	Maj. Christian Schleider
Major Parker Firestone	PV2 Wills Masterson	1st Lt. Grant Suter
Capt. Dom Flatt	Ensign Ben Morris	CPO Evan Tomlin
1st Lt. Will Golinkin	1st Lt. Jack Mullen	
LCDR Bradley R. Hoffman	2nd Lt. Alex Mullen	

SERMON NOTES

HELP THOSE IMPACTED BY THE MAUI WILDFIRES

St. Martin's is partnering with Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) to provide aid to those affected by the Maui wildfires. You can donate in two ways:

- 1. By check:** Make out your check to St. Martin's Episcopal Church and earmark it: "Maui Wildfire Relief." You can mail your check to St. Martin's (717 Sage Road, Houston, Texas 77056), drop it by our offices, or place it in the offering plate at one of our upcoming Sunday or Wednesday worship services.
- 2. Donate online:** Visit bit.ly/givetosmec and select "Maui Fires" from the dropdown menu.

Please visit stmartinsepiscopal.org and click on the Maui Wildfires slide to read Dr. Levenson's letter and personal prayer for the islands.

For more information, contact Tracee Tindol at tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3811.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ST. MARTIN'S PRESENTS

Open House SUNDAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Come for an overview of the classes and events lined up at St. Martin's this year. See what's in store for the entire Parish, including Christian Education, guest preachers and teachers, special retreats and programs in the Activity Center. Come join us and find out more!

Adult Ministries

Adult Ministries

10:15–11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall
Contact Amanda DeViney at 713-830-4110
adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org



Student Ministries

10:15–10:35 a.m. and 10:40–11 a.m.
Student Life Center
Contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843
fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org



Children's Ministry

10:15–11 a.m. • Children's Life Center
Contact Rocío Velazquez at 713-985-3807
rvelazquez@stmartinsepiscopal.org



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Just 4
Summer**
The Lectionary
Speaks



**SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
AT ST. MARTIN'S**

Last Class Today!

10:15 a.m.–11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

St. Martin's yearly summer adult education class is focusing on passages from the Sunday lectionary. What is each lesson saying? How do the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel lessons connect with each other? Join us and bring your worship booklet.

For more information, contact Liz Gallien at
lgallien@smartinsepiscopal.org or 713-830-4139.



AUGUST 20–24

Sunday

9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Monday – Thursday

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**SIDEWALK
SALE!**



For more information, contact Barbara Shoemaker at
giftshoppe@smartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3840.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



SUNDAY, AUG. 20

9:15 A.M. • PARISH LIFE CENTER

Children are invited to bring their empty school backpacks to the Family Table Service. Each child will receive a blessing and a special St. Martin's tag to start the school year.

For more information, contact Ashley Monachelli at amonachelli@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3816.

DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIVES

Monday, Aug. 21

9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Schedule your next appointment.

bit.ly/smecblooddrive

Walk-ins Welcome!

*Sawyer
blood recipient*



For more information, contact Justin Jacobson Avery at jjacobson@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3838.



**Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center**

**EAT.
DRINK.
BRING I.D.**



Activity Center

TOTAL BODY STRETCH

Every Thursday | 2 p.m.
Aerobics Room

Sign up at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter
MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

This class is designed to help stretch the entire body, loosen muscles and joints, and leave your body feeling realigned!

For more information, contact Sarah-Hampton Cambas at 713-985-3835 or scambas@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

ST. MARTIN'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES



CCSC Work Day

Saturday, Aug. 26 | 9 a.m.–noon
3434 Branard, Houston, TX 77027

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

Contact Tracee Tindol at outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org
or 713-985-3811 for more information.

RIVERWAY

Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries with Riverway!
Sunday, Aug. 27

Following 11:15 a.m. services
Parish Life Center Narthex

We invite everyone who has had a recent birthday or anniversary to join us in acknowledgement of your special day, and share a dessert or breakfast item with us. Everyone is welcome!

For more information, contact Amanda DeViney at 713-830-4110 or adeviney@stmartinseiscopal.org.



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, AUG. 27

1-4 p.m.

Activity Center Upper Hall East

St. Clare's also meets during the week. For more information, contact **Amanda DeViney** at 713-830-4110 or adeviney@stmartinseiscopal.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

August 28
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall

LET'S HAVE A BALL!



Aug. 28
Bill Parish

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



**JUST
FOR**
SEPTEMBER
Small Groups

**REGISTRATION OPEN
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1!**



Our four-week small groups are beginning soon as we delve into the theme of “Fostering Communities of Delight.” You can sign up for a group on the Church’s website, just search for “Just For.” Groups meet throughout the week in homes and at St. Martin’s.

Find your small groups at bit.ly/justforsmallgroups

For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning, or Kathy Johnson,
Director of Membership, at smallgroups@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-621-3040.



SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR
Healing and Wholeness
Order of St. Luke

St. Martin's International Order of St. Luke (OSL) Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

Next Service
Wednesday, Sept. 6 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center or via Zoom
bit.ly/oslservice

For more information, please contact Amanda DeViney at 713-830-4110
or adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



ADULT
CONFIRMATION

SUNDAYS, SEPT. 10–OCT. 29
10:15–11 A.M.

ACTIVITY CENTER, UPPER HALL EASTER

Join the Rev. John Sundara to learn how the Episcopal Church is like other Christian churches and what makes our Anglican heritage unique. Time will be spent discussing "The Book of Common Prayer," the Sacraments, and the Church's history and polity. Adults have the opportunity to be prepared for confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church by attending confirmation class.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Juli Browning
at 713-985-3845 or jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDY

A Bible Study for Any Woman Seeking God's Truth

2023–24 Registration Now Open!

clsbiblestudy.com

MORNING GROUP STUDY

Class Starts Thursday, Sept. 14

Thursdays • 9:30–11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center and via Zoom

For more information, contact Anna McLean at
281-782-0594 or amaynebr1@gmail.com.

EVENING GROUP STUDY

Class Starts Tuesday, Sept. 12

Tuesdays • 6:30–8 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom

For more information, contact Ann Wilson at
713-828-8722 or annwilson33@gmail.com.



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Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's



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Contact Tracee Tindol at joyofgiving@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3811 for more information about donating to the Online Auction.

BENVENUTO IN ITALIA!



PARISH CHOIR - FLORENCE TOUR

June 21– July 1, 2024

Join St. Martin's Parish Choir for an exciting 10-day tour that will transport you into a world of beauty, culture, history and music!

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For more information, contact Dr. David Henning at dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3820.



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