

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

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*August 27, 2023*



OUR MISSION

*To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.*



ST. MARTIN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## FROM THE RECTOR

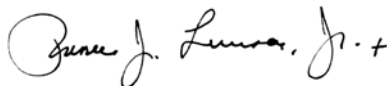
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IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD,  
JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

I want to personally invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.



The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., Rector

### ***Prayers Before Worship***

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **NOTICES**

*St. Martin's is a gun-free campus.*

*St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.*

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

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**

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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  
fritchier@stmartinsepiscopal.org



**Children's Ministry**

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



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

## AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 2

### Adults

#### **Saintly Stitchers**

Monday, Aug. 28

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](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Tuesday, Aug. 29

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](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

#### **Blanket Ministry**

Wednesday, Aug. 30

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](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

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

Wednesday, Aug. 30

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](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# HOLY EUCHARIST

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

## VOLUNTARY ..... “Sonata in C Major: Allegro” Johann Sebastian Bach

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

## \*HYMN 371 ..... “Thou, Whose Almighty Word”

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing  
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!  
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!  
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780–1825), alt.; Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792–1872).

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*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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** ..... Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there — since there are five more years of famine to come — so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

\*HYMN 660 (vs. 1-2).....“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,  
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836–1918); Music: *Maryton*, Henry Percy Smith (1825–1898).



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

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

**THE GOSPEL** ..... Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The lectionary for the day is on page 26.*

\*HYMN 660 (vs. 3-4).....“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

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*Please be seated.*

THE SERMON .....“Maybe It’s Time to Lose Control”  
*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  
Hong Kong Anglican Church; 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.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see page 27 for upcoming events.*

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## THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “King of Glory, King of Peace”  
Eric H. Thiman

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee; and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee; e’en eternity’s too short to extol thee.

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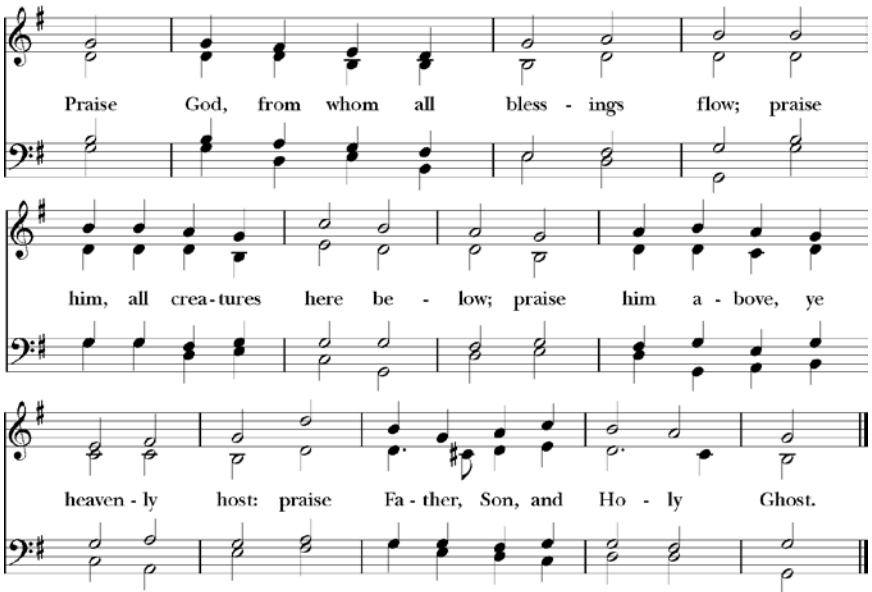
## AT THE PRESENTATION *(stand)*

*(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. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are: "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."

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

*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.*

## ANTHEM ..... “O Most Merciful”

Charles Wood

O most merciful! O most bountiful! God the Father almighty! By the Redeemer’s sweet intercession Hear us, help us when we cry!

Words: Bishop Heber and Psalm 104 © 2005 Novello & Company Ltd.

HYMN 693 ..... “Just As I Am”

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya  
 \* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,  
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,  
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -  
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise  
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love  
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
 here for a season, then above:  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871); Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816–1868).

HYMN ..... “Jesus, Remember Me”

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom."

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HYMN ..... “Glorify Thy Name”

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
 2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
 3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains the lyrics: "Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy name,". The third system contains the lyrics: "Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords.

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*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 436** ..... “Lift Up Your Heads”

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 \*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
 5 So come, my Sov - erign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner  
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590–1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878); Music: *Turo*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872), alt.

**THE DISMISSAL**

*The Minister says the Dismissal*

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**VOLUNTARY** ..... “Suite No. 1”

Florence Price

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

# RECOGNITIONS

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## FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Vivienne and Luke Williams

by Erin and Rickey Williams

In memory of Edward Older

by Natalie and David Older

In memory of Sprague Summers

by his family



## BAPTISMS

Aug. 19      Holton Henderson Hoffman

Anna Ruth McLean



## WEDDINGS

Aug. 19      Lauren Whitney Munro and William Michael Jobe



## SYMPATHY

July 30      Julian Bell Hoffer

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

# SERMON NOTES

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## Verses that Remind Us about the Good News of Forgiveness

*“For the Lord your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to him.”*

II Chronicles 30:9

*“Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.”*

Proverbs 14:27

*“Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.”*

Micah 7:18

*“Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.”*

Psalms 32:5

*“Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret-it leads only to evil.”*

Psalms 37:10

*“You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.”*

Psalms 86:5

*“Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.”*

Micah 7:18

*“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”*

Matthew 6:14

*“Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”*

Matthew 18:21-22

*“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”*

Mark 11:25



# SERMON NOTES

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*“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”*

Luke 6:37

*“Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”*

Luke 23:24

*“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”*

Ephesians 4:32

*“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”*

Colossians 3:13

*“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”*

Hebrews 8:12

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

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	



**A PRAYER  
FOR RAIN**

**O God, heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all those who seek thy kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send us, we entreat thee, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to thy honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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## THE PSALM ..... Psalm 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

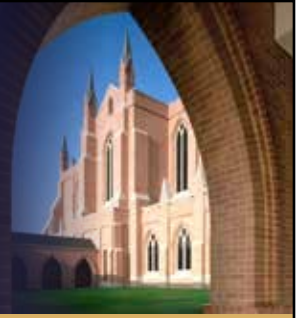
## THE EPISTLE ..... Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

# KICK-OFF *Sunday*

SEPTEMBER 10



## **Theology for Life with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.\***

“Blessed are Those Who Know Their Need of God: A 12-week Survey of the Sermon on the Mount”

Sept. 10–Dec. 10\*\*

10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall • *\*Oct. 8 class will be led by the Rev. R. Wesley Arning*

## **Adult Confirmation Class with the Rev. John D. Sundara**

Sept. 10–Oct. 29 • 10:15 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

## **Family Life Class with the Rev. Alex D. Graham III**

“Old Testament Overview” • Sept. 10–Nov. 5

“Artificial Intelligence” • Nov. 19–Dec. 17\*\*

10:15 a.m. • Activity Center, Game Room

## **Children’s Sunday School** — For children in grades K–5

Sept. 10–Dec. 17\*\* • 10:15 a.m. • Children’s Life Center

## **Sunday Get-Togethers** — For students in grades 6–12

Sept. 10–Dec. 17\*\* • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center, Living Room

## **Spiritual Formation with the Rev. Sharron L. Cox**

“Praying the Lord’s Prayer” • Sept. 10–24

“Praying the Jesus Prayer” • Oct. 22 and 29

10:15 a.m. • Pastoral Care Center, Bride’s Parlor

## **8+** — Lectionary-based Bible Study

Sept. 10–Dec. 17\*\* • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

## **Seekers** — Lectionary-based Bible Study

Sept. 10–Dec. 17\*\* • 10:15 a.m. • Activity Center, Aerobics Room

## **For information about:**

Adult Education classes, contact Amanda DeViney at [adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-830-4110.

Adult Confirmation classes, contact Juli Browning at [jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3845.

Children’s Sunday School, contact Rocio Velazquez at [rvelazquez@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:rvelazquez@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3807.

Student Ministries, contact Florence Ritchie at [fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3843.

**\*\*Sunday School will not be offered on Nov. 12 and 26.**



ST. MARTIN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



# 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](https://bit.ly/givetosmec) and select "Maui Fires" from the dropdown menu.

*Please visit [stmartinsepiscopal.org](https://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](mailto:tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3811.



ST. MARTIN'S  
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# 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](mailto: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](mailto:adeviney@stmartinseiscopal.org).



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



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



**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](https://bit.ly/justforsmallgroups)

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

## 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!

What could be better than to hear our extraordinary Parish Choir sing in one of the world's most enchanting cities? You will join the group for guided tours in Florence and the surrounding areas of Tuscany.  
*Places are limited!*

For more information, contact Dr. David Henning at [dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3820.







## 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](mailto:kattellepsen@me.com).



## Activity Center

### NEW WATERCOLOR CLASS!

Wednesdays | 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Room

Sign up at [bit.ly/smecactivitycenter](https://bit.ly/smecactivitycenter)  
MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

Watercolor painting is one of the oldest forms of painting. Join us as we teach a new design each week. All levels are welcome and all supplies provided.

For more information, contact Sarah-Hampton Cambas at 713-985-3835 or [scambas@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:scambas@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# The Moms' Group

## KICK-OFF

**Coffee and Conversation • Wednesday, Aug. 30  
9:15–10:30 a.m. • Student Life Center**

Join mothers of infants through 12th grade for coffee and conversation. We will begin the study of “Brave and Beloved” by Meredith Storrs on Sept. 6.

*Childcare is provided for infants through age 4.*

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




**LIFE**groups

**KICK-OFF**

**Wednesday, Aug. 30**

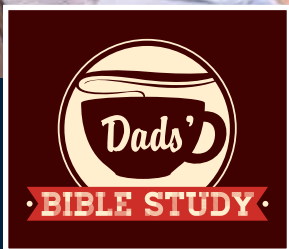
**6–8 p.m. • Student Life Center,  
Main Hall**



Students in grades 6–12 are welcome to join Life Groups. This is a great way to get plugged into St. Martin's and grow in your faith. High school and middle school boys and girls meet at 6 p.m. and then divide into respective study groups.

Dinner is provided each week but please bring \$5 to cover the cost of the meal. Connect with your peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life.

For more information contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or by email at [fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org).



## Kick-Off Meeting

Aug. 31 • 8–9 a.m.

Welcome Center

Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. This men's group is for those who want to begin their day seeking ways to connect to the Gospel. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions led by the Rev. R. Wesley Arning. **All Dads are welcome!**

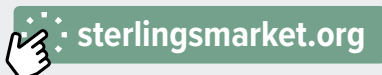
For more information, contact the Rev. R. Wesley Arning at [rwarning@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:rwarning@stmartinseiscopal.org) or 346-335-8680.

# STERLING'S MARKET

Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Rain or Shine • Sage and Woodway

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



[sterlingsmarket.org](http://sterlingsmarket.org)

For more information, contact Justin Jacobson Avery at [info@sterlingsmarket.org](mailto:info@sterlingsmarket.org) or 713-985-3838.

 [Sterlings\\_Market](https://www.instagram.com/Sterlings_Market)

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**SEARCH**

*For a Houston without Homelessness*

## Coming Home Dinner

**Tuesday, Sept. 5 | 5 p.m.**

**5501 Main St. • Houston, Texas 77004**

**Sign-up required at [signupgenius.com/go/5080B44ACAA2CA2F85-search](https://signupgenius.com/go/5080B44ACAA2CA2F85-search)**

Volunteers are needed to decorate tables, bring dinner items, and help serve dinner at SEARCH. SEARCH Homeless Services works to engage, stabilize, educate, employ and house individuals and families who are homeless in the Houston area.

**Contact Tracee Tindol at 713-985-3811 or [outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org) for more information.**



## 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](https://bit.ly/oslservice)

For more information, please contact Amanda DeViney at 713-830-4110 or [adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

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## Kick-Off Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

Dinner and Bible Study • 7 p.m.

Sylvia's Enchilada Kitchen • 6401 Woodway Dr., Houston 77057

This fall, we will cover a different theological topic each week. Over the past year, the group has grown tremendously and continues to welcome new friends. The group also meets throughout the city for a monthly Saturday social event. Everyone is welcome and no reservations are needed.

For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at [rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-621-3040.

**MEN**  
of  
**ST. MARTIN'S**

## FALL SOCIAL

Cyclone Anaya's  
Thursday, Sept. 7, 5–7pm.  
5761 Woodway Dr.  
Houston, Texas 77057


\$20 food and beverage  
with no-host cocktails

Register at [bit.ly/mosmfallsocial2023](https://bit.ly/mosmfallsocial2023)

Join the Men of St. Martin's at Cyclone Anaya's for refreshments and fellowship as we prepare for our fall Bible study!

For more information, contact Juli Browning at [jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3845.

*The  
Order  
of the  
Daughters  
of the King*



**SATURDAY, SEPT. 9 • 10 A.M.  
CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER**

GUEST SPEAKER

**THE REV. SHARRON L. COX**

The Order of the Daughters of the King® Chaplain will speak about this year's theme, "...count it all joy." The Rev. Sharron Cox will lead the Installation Service for new members as current members will renew their vows.

For more information, please contact Tracee Tindol at [tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3811.



## **BIBLE PRESENTATION**

Sept. 10 • 9: 15 a.m.

Parish Life Center



**Join us in Family Table as we present Bibles to  
our third-grade students.**

To sign up to receive a Bible for your child, please contact Rocio Velazquez at [rvelazquez@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:rvelazquez@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3807.



# ADULT CONFIRMATION

**SUNDAYS, SEPT. 10–OCT. 29**

**10:15–11 A.M.**

**CHAPEL RECEPTION HALL**

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](mailto:jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.org).**

717 STUDENTS

# CONFIRMATION

## ***PARENT MEETING***

Sunday, Sept. 10

12:30–2p.m. • Student Life Center

This is an information meeting for families with students in grades 8–12 who are interested in confirmation at St. Martin's. We will discuss all the components and expectations of this preparatory class.

Registration for confirmation is open Sept. 1–27 at [bit.ly/studentconfirmation2024](https://bit.ly/studentconfirmation2024) and program begins Oct. 1.

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



# CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDY

A Bible Study for Any Woman Seeking God's Truth

**2023–24 Registration Now Open!**  
[clsbiblestudy.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:annwilson33@gmail.com).



*33rd Annual  
Joy of  
Giving  
Market*

*Help make the 2023  
Joy of Giving Market a huge  
success by volunteering!*

Volunteer opportunities are open to everyone—both men and women!

### ***Volunteers are needed to:***

- Help decorate before the Market begins
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- Help with guest check-in at the Premier Shopping Party
- Volunteer in the Pantry before and during the Market
- Drive golf car to assist shoppers to and from the parking lot and Bagby Porte Cochère
- Assist shoppers with the Online Silent Auction
- Help with merchant hospitality, hosting, and many more opportunities!



Contact Tracee Tindol at [joyofgiving@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:joyofgiving@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3811 for more information or to be put on the volunteer list.



# Witness to Dignity

*The Life and Faith of  
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“What a fulfilling life the Bush senior lived.  
Most interesting and inclusive book.  
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## WAYS TO GIVE



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### MAIL

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Houston, TX 77056



### ONLINE

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