

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

November 5, 2023

11:15 a.m.



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

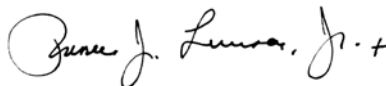
FROM THE RECTOR

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

NOVEMBER 5

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Lisa Neilson

Lectionary-based Bible Study

8:55-9:25 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

Reading and Book Signing for "Love Comes First"

Theology for Life and Family Life Class will meet together for this event.

10:15-noon

Bagby Parish Hall

Meet "America's favorite sister duo," Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush as they read from their newest book. This early-release special event will be followed by a question and answer time with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. and St. Martin's Parishioners.

Books will be available for purchase, and Jenna and Barbara will glad sign books until noon.

Seekers with the Rev. Dick Elwood

Lectionary-based Bible Study

10:15-11 a.m.

Activity Center, Aerobics Room

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

Adult Confirmation

10:15-11 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

For more information about Adult Confirmation, contact email Juli Browning at 713-985-3845 or jbrowning@smec.org.

7-1-7 Students

Sunday Get-Togethers

For students in grades 6-12

10:15-11 a.m.

Student Life Center, Living Room

For more information about 7-1-7 Students, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or students@smec.org.

Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School

For children through grade 5

10:15-11 a.m.

Children's Life Center

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@smec.org.

Music Ministry

Young Singers of St. Martin's

For children and youth in grades 1-12

8:15 a.m. | Rehearsal in Children's Life Center

9:15 a.m. | Family Table service in Parish Life Center

For more information about Young Singers of St. Martin's, contact Carole Nelson at 346-335-8677 or cnelson@smec.org.

NOVEMBER 6-11

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Nov. 6

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@smec.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Nov. 7

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@smec.org.

Blanket Ministry

Wednesday, Nov. 8

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@smec.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Nov. 8

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@smec.org.

Church Tours

Wednesday, Nov. 8

11 a.m.-noon | The Church

The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church. To schedule a group tour or special tours of The Church windows, Christ Chapel or Campus gardens, please contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@smec.org.

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

Wednesday, Nov. 8

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

Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as an OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@smec.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, Nov. 8

7-9 p.m. | Children Life Center

Young adults meet weekly for a time of fellowship and study. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at 346-335-8680 or rwarning@smec.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Nov. 9

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 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@smec.org.

Sterling's Market

Saturday, Nov. 10 | 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, contact Justin Avery at 713-985-3838 or info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Nov. 9

7-8 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

This men's group meets for fellowship, mutual support and Bible study. For more information, contact the Rev. John Sundara at 713-985-3842 or jsundara@smec.org.

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Nov. 9

8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center

Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at 346-335-8680 or rwarning@smec.org.

Women

Christian Life Study

Tuesday, Nov. 7 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, Nov. 9 – Day Group | 9:30-11:30 a.m. | Parish Life Center and via Zoom

This friendly and loving group of women meets over the course of the year to target various topics in the Bible to deepen faith. For more information, contact the Rev. Marty Bastian at lgallien@smec.org.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, Nov. 8

9:15-10:30 a.m. | Student Life Center Living Room

Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for a book study and fellowship. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at jferguson@smec.org.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Nov. 8

6-8 p.m. | Student Life Center

Students in grades 6-12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at 346-335-8659 or jferguson@smec.org.

THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY “Prelude in C”
by Johann Sebastian Bach

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

*HYMN 287 “For All the Saints”



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine! _____

thee _____ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet

Name, O _____ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
all are _____ one in thee, for all are thine.

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

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

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God’s call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

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 knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 707 (vs. 1)..... “Take My Life”

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on pages 30-31.

*HYMN 707 (vs. 2)..... “Take My Life”

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
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 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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Please be seated.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and

Godparents: **I present this child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and

Godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and

Godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT *(stand)*

Celebrant

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Minister: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Open their hearts to thy grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Fill them with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Keep them in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Send them into the world in witness to thy love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Bring them to the fullness of thy peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

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

People: It is meet and right so to do.

We thank thee, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it thy Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank thee, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray thee, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, using Chrism, and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray. *(kneel)*

Heavenly Father, we thank thee that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon these thy servants the forgiveness of sin, and hath raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized. *(stand)*

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 34 for upcoming events.

THE SERMON "The Secret of the Saints"

The Rev. John D. Sundara

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Come Down, O Love Divine” William H. Harris

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, and while my path illuming. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing: true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Amen.

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AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy 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 *(stand)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

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

Who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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

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

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The Celebrant continues (kneel)

All glory be to thee, 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Celtic Alleluia*

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

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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 Clergy administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

AN T H E M “Blessed Are the Pure in Heart”
 H. Walford Davies

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ’s abode. Still to the lowly soul he doth Himself impart, and for His cradle and His throne chooseth the pure in heart.

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H Y M N “Surely the Presence”

Sure - ly · the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can
 feel His might - y pow - er and His grace. I can
 hear the brush of an - gel's wings, I see glo - ry on each face;
 Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

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HYMN "Blessed Assurance"

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per-fect de - light, Vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God,
 burst on my sight: An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
 hap - py and blest: Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

Born of his Spir - it, wash'd in his blood.
 Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry, this is my
 Fill'd with his good - ness, lost in his love.

song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry,

this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908).

HYMN “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way dark - ness ap - pears, drear, pre - cious and the night, Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears, drear, pre - cious and the night, Lord, lin - ger draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,
 near, When my life is al - most gone;
 near, And the day is past and gone;

— Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 — At the ri - ver I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

light, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me on,
 fall, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me on,
 hand, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me on.

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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.

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 293 “I Sing a Song of the Saints”



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and _____
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who _____ toiled and _____ fought and _____
 his love _____ made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for _____
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the _____ world is _____ bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And _____
 Je - sus' sake, the _____ whole of their good lives long. And _____
 joy - ous saints who _____ love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was _____ slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the _____ green: they were all of them saints of _____
 by a fierce wild _____ beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of _____ God are just



God - and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like _____ me, and I mean to be one too.

Words: Lesbia Scott (1898–1986), alt.; Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861–1945).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY “Fugue in C”

by Johann Sebastian 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 Madison Kaye Ikeler and Gordon Pate Williford

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Spencer Daniel Hilton

by Liz and Robert Rigney

In thanksgiving for the baptism of George Harrison Kane, Jr.

by Harrison and Charlotte Kane

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Conrad Osborn Marlow

by Kayler and Kristian Marlow

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Charlotte Grace Noe

by Amy and Brad Noe and Noni and Popi

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Juliet Elizabeth Peine

by Taryn, Drew, Henry and Amelia Peine

In memory of Earl Lester, Jr.

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

Allison and Philip Lorenzo



BAPTISMS

Oct. 27 Nancy Louise Miller

Oct. 28 Coco Donna Deiso
John McLeod Malone
Brooks Patrick Moffit
Leighton Foxx Moffitt
Camden Scott Rodgers
Lilah Ann Rodgers

Oct. 29 Robert Jackson Taylor



WEDDINGS

Oct. 28 Anna Thomas Parkey and Yiannis Zannis Gazis

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

ALL SAINTS' DAY



painting by Fra Angelico

Wednesday, Nov. 1, was All Saints' Day.

It is believed by many scholars that the commemoration of all the saints on November first originated in Ireland, spread from there to England, and then to the continent of Europe. That it had reached Rome and had been adopted there early in the ninth century is attested by a letter of Pope Gregory the Fourth, who reigned from 828 to 844, to Emperor Louis “the Pious,” urging that such a festival be observed throughout the Holy Roman Empire.

However, the desire of Christian people to express the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ by a commemoration of those who, having professed faith in the living Christ in days past, had entered into the nearer presence of their Lord, and especially of those who had crowned their profession with heroic deaths, was far older than the early Middle Ages. Gregory Thaumaturgus (the “Wonder Worker”), writing before the year 270, refers to the observance of a festival of all martyrs, though he does not date it. A hundred years later, Ephrem the Deacon mentions such an observance in Edessa on May 13; and the patriarch, John Chrysostom, who died in 407, says that a festival of All Saints was observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Constantinople at the time of his episcopate. The contemporary lectionary of the East Syrians set a commemoration of all the saints on Friday in Easter week. On May 13, in the year 610, the Pantheon in Rome – originally a pagan temple dedicated to “all the gods” – was dedicated as the Church of St. Mary and All Martyrs.

“Lesser Feasts and Fasts”

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM Psalm 34:1-10, 22

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLERevelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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	Stephen Preston
Bobbie Adams	Ann Halverson	Ophelia Pujol
Carolyn Alban	Amy Heath	Heather Rathnau
Katie and Harvey Altmann	Mollie Hill	Ted Reed
Patsy Angel	JoLynne Huddelston	Marjorie Reeks
Judith Arnold	Marilyn Ingham	Monica Rivera
Ally Babineaux	Nicole Jabbari	John Davis Roady
Shelly Bain	Nisha Jains	Joe Rodriguez
Denice Bass	Mary and Jim Jennings	Kathryn S.
Kathy Beadnell	Mary Anne Kannard	Joan Scales
Bob Beeley	Dick Kilday	Suzzy Schuwerk
The Rev. Dr. Christopher and Shannon Beeley	Anne Kurtzahn	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Larry Biedenharn	Amy Lacy	Caroline Shanahan
Cory Blackman	Reggie Lang	Clif Shoemake
Dianne Brock	Rhea Latta	Bob Spencer
Kenny Brown	Bruce Michael Lee	Jan and Jim Stokes
Cole Cattan	Stan Leong	Kenneth Swann
Debbie Chernosky	Shawn Levenson	Paul Therrien
Doug Clarke	Patricia Levy	Carlotta Thomas
Robin Cogdell	Nancy Liles	John Treanor
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Nicole Lockney	Christine Turner
Hallie Cooley	Ryan Logan	Mae Joyce and Grant Wagner
Michael Craig	Marie Lord	Eammon Walsh
Gail Davis	Ronnie Martin	Mary Watters
Marcella Davis	Jeffrey Martinson	Walt Williams
Susan Davis	Jack Mayfield	Eric Zoerb
Tommy W. Davis	Deanna McCool	Beaux
Bobby de Sosa	Janet McDaniel	Catherine
Linda de Sosa	Sandra McHenry	Donald
Don DeWalch	Barbara McMahan	Elizabeth
Ross Dunn	Michelle McStravick	Elizabeth
Kiersten Dyke	Margaret Milner	Eric and family
Jim Easterling	Kate Moorman	Henry
Stacey and John Elliott	Stuart Nixon	Holden
Nancy Ellison	Ann Noel	Jay
Charles Flores	Deborah Oliver	Laura
Alan Funderburg	Andrew O'Malley	Len
Julie G.	Bob Paddock	Lynne
Cathy Gonzales	Jim Paddock	Martha
Nancy Gore	Patty Pate	Mary
Joyce Gubbs	Judy Peach	Mary Jane
Shea Guinn	Betty Polando	Susan
Cissy Gully	Carol Postal	Tom
	Joseph Powell	

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@smcc.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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



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SUNDAY, NOV. 5

Following the 11:15 a.m. service

Meet in the Narthex

St. Martin's docents offer free, public and private tours.

Everyone is welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

To schedule a tour, please call St. Martin's Docent Guild at 713-830-4117 and leave a contact name and number for a return call.

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2024 Stewardship is here! Please join us and prayerfully consider what St. Martin's means to you and your family and make an annual commitment in the form of an annual pledge. We are grateful for your stewardship pledges. Your generosity makes everything possible.

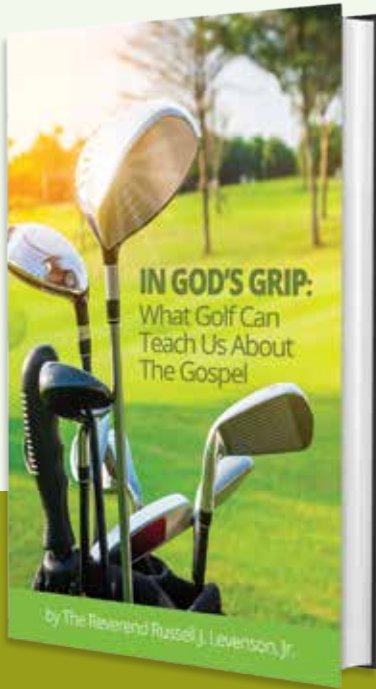
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Questions? Contact Ashley Pratka, Director of Development,
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Mark Your Calendars!

Join us for a special Book Event with Dr. Levenson.

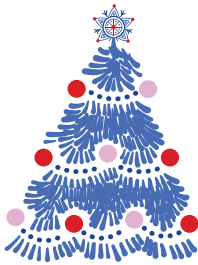
Wednesday, Nov. 15

6 p.m. · Holy Eucharist · Christ Chapel

6:30 p.m. · Book Event · Parish Life Center

“This is a book about God’s help.”

– Dr. Levenson



Angel Tree

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

DePelchin Children's Center

ANGEL TREE Christmas Gift Program

Bags Handed Out:

Sunday, Nov. 5 • 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Gifts Due to DePelchin:

Friday, Dec. 1 • 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Through the annual St. Martin's Angel Tree Project, volunteers sign up to purchase Christmas gifts for children in foster care, adoption and mental health services provided by DePelchin Children's Center.



St. Martin's sponsors 250 children annually.

Sign-up is required. More information will be published in future communications.

For more information, contact Outreach at 713-985-3811 or outreach@smec.org.



MEMBERSHIP 101

MONDAY, NOV. 6

Bagby Parish Hall and Online • 6 – 9 p.m. • Dinner will be served.

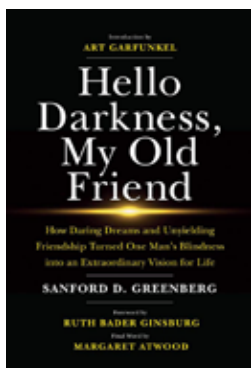
Reservations are required by 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5.

Learn more about the mission and core values of St. Martin's and broaden your understanding of our ministries and your role in the Church.

For questions or to R.S.V.P., contact Kathy Johnson at membership@smec.org or 713-985-3834.



DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Nov. 8
Children's Life Center, Room 132 and
Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom

While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

This month, we discuss "Hello Darkness, My Old Friend" by Sanford D. Greenberg.

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

Movies with a Message

Wednesday, Nov. 8

- 5 p.m. • Holy Eucharist • The Church
- 5:30 p.m. • Dinner • Café St. Martin's, Bagby Parish Hall
- 6:30–8:30 p.m. • Film and Discussion • Parish Life Center

To view menu and reserve dinner, visit bit.ly/moviesmessagedinner



"Risen"
with the Rev. Naomi Sundara

Clavius, a Roman Tribune, supervises the crucifixion of a Jewish freedom fighter named Yeshua (aka Jesus). Yeshua's body disappears and Clavius' soldiers claim his disciples stole his body. He embarks on an investigation to interrogate Yeshua's disciples to find the body before a riot breaks out, only to become increasingly convinced that Yeshua's body was not stolen at all.

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

St. Martin's Day

Sunday, Nov. 12
8, 9 and 11:15 a.m.
The Church

*As is our tradition, we will reflect on our
Patron Saint, Martin of Tours*

Parish Family Picture

10:15 a.m.

The Church Plaza



GUEST PREACHER

The Rev. Colin Ambrose

Vice Rector and Chief of Staff at
St. George's Episcopal Church
in Nashville, Tenn.

First Annual Cookie Contest!

10:30 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

*To register and for more details,
visit bit.ly/smeccookies*

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



Veterans Day

Sunday, Nov. 12
6 p.m.
The Church

*Join your Parish family in honoring the
brave men and women of our armed forces.*



GUEST SPEAKER

General Mark A. Welsh III

Interim President of Texas A&M and Dean of the Bush
School Government and Public Service

20th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, 2012-2016,
Commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe and NATO's
Air Command



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

For more information, contact Barbara Piana at
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2024 WHCSA Basketball League at St. Martin's

Registration closes November 10!

- 8-Game schedule runs January–March.
- Pre-K (age 4) through 5th Grade (age 11) may register.
- Registration (\$245) includes uniforms and pictures. Coaches and volunteers also needed!



Register today at bit.ly/smecball2024



For questions, contact Emily Lermann, Director of Basketball Operations, at 239-410-8749 or emily.lermann@fitcasa.com.

To learn more about the Activity Center, contact Sarah-Hampton Cambas at 713-985-3835 or scambas@smec.org.



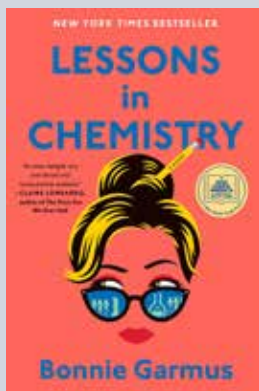
Faith
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LITERATURE

EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Nov. 14 | 7-8:30 p.m.

Children's Life Center, Room 109 and

Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom



While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

This month, we discuss "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus.

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



LUNCH & LEARN

SERIES FOR PARENTS WITH
YOUNG CHILDREN

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

Noon–1 p.m. • Children's Life Center, Large Pod

No Surprises: The Book of Psalms and the Life of Prayer

led by Eric Priest, *Lay Associate Pastor*

St. Martin's Children's Ministry presents a new series developed especially for parents of young children. These discussions are designed to grow your love of Jesus and what it means to live according to God's Word.

Grab lunch from Café St. Martin's and join us for the conversations.

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

HOUSTON
CIVIC
Symphony
CONCERT

Friday, Nov. 17

7 p.m.

The Church

Free admission



Under the direction of Music Director Brian Runnels, the orchestra will feature Georges Enescu's "Romanian Rhapsody No. 1," Symphony in E minor, Op. 32 "Gaelic," by Amy Beach and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's "Procession of the Nobles."

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

CHRISTMAS *Flowers*

Remember a loved one with poinsettias to decorate St. Martin's worship spaces and the Gardens of the Holy Cross.

All requests received by 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, will be included in the Christmas Flowers listing available in the worship booklets at all Christmas services. Any requests received after the deadline will be published in worship booklets in the weeks following Christmas.

Make your flower dedication online beginning 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 16 at bit.ly/ChristmasAltarFlowers (case sensitive)

For more information, contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at 713-830-4146 or relhakam@smec.org.

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