FEAST OF ST. MARTIN

November 12, 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.



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.

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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 12

Christian Education for Adults, Children's Ministry and 7-1-7 Students will not be offered today so that all may participate in the Parish Photo and Cookie Tasting Contest. Please join us next Sunday, Nov. 19, when Christian Education classes resume.

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 13-18

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Nov. 13

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. 14

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. 15

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. 15 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. 15 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. 15

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. 15 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. 16 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Choir Behearsal 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. 18 | 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 with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

Thursday, Nov. 16 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. 16 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. 14 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom Thursday, Nov. 16 – 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 Igallien@smec.org.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, Nov. 15 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-I-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Nov. 15 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.

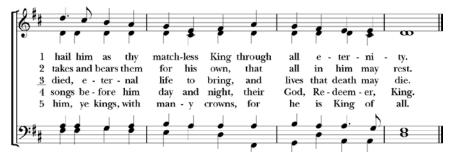
HOLY EUCHARIST

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"O God Our Help in Ages Past" by Charles H.H. Parry

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





Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894); Music: Diademata, George Job Elvey (1816-1893).

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.**

GLORIA (said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 and 11:15 a.m.)



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847); Music: Lauda anima, John Goss (1800-1880).

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

Lord God of hosts, you clothed your servant Martin the soldier with the spirit of sacrifice and set him as a bishop in your Church to be a defender of the catholic faith: Give us grace to follow in his holy steps, that, at the last, we may be found clothed with righteousness in the dwellings of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

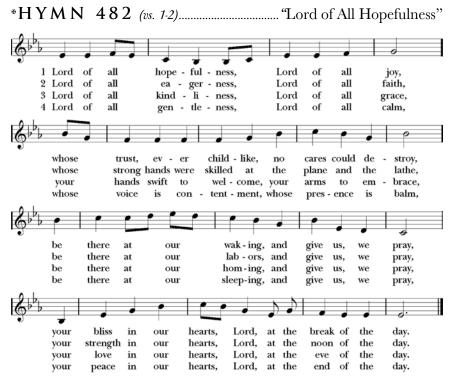
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ΤН	E LESSONPsalm 15
1	LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
2	who may abide upon your holy hill? Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
-	who speaks the truth from his heart.
3	There is no guile upon his tongue;
	he does no evil to his friend; *
	he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
4	In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
	but he honors those who fear the LORD.
5	He has sworn to do no wrong *
	and does not take back his word.
6	He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
	nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
7	Whoever does these things *
	shall never be overthrown.
Reac	der: The Word of the Lord.

All stand.

Thanks be to God.

People:



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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

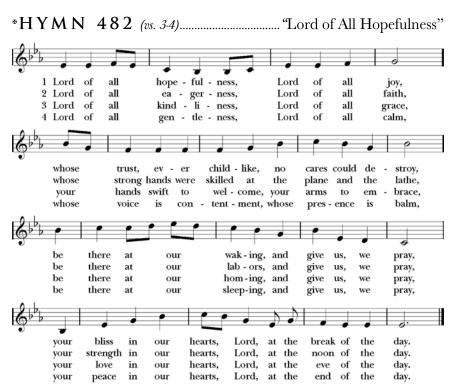
Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 26.



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Please be seated.

THE SERMON The Rev. Colin Ambrose

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 Anglican Church of Mozambique Angola; 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

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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.

Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE (stand)

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 30 for upcoming events.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS (11:15 a.m.)

Celebrant

Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of St. Martin's Episcopal Church. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

Presenter

I present these Christians to be welcomed as members of St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

Rector: Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as

a member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church?

New Members: We do.

Rector: Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in

this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and

give to build up our common life?

New Members: We will, with God's help.

Rector: Will you who witness these promises, do all in your

power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will. Rector: Let us pray.

Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought these new members to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM""O How Amiable" Ralph Vaughan Williams

O How amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy-work, O prosper thou our handy-work. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

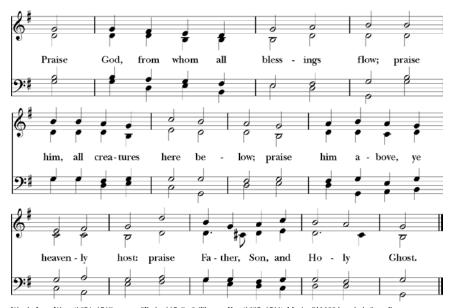
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AT THE PRESENTATION

(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.



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.

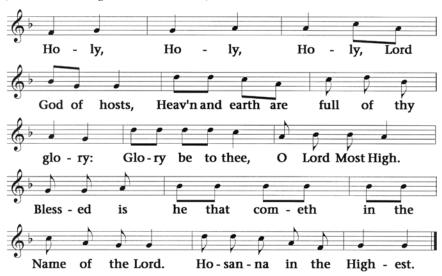
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the chosen vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

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

(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 and 11:15 a.m.)



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The Celebrant continues (kneel)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



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Then may be said by the Celebrant and People

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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

The Celebrant says the Invitation.

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the Clergy administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

God be in my head, And in my understanding; God be in my eyes, And in my looking; God be in my mouth, And in my speaking; God be in my heart, And in my thinking; God be at my end, And in my departing.

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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.



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THE DISMISSAL

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage

by Margaret Louise Strode and Thomas Edgar Smith, Jr.

In thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Colin Ambrose

In thanksgiving for our veterans and those who have given their lives in service of our country

In thanksgiving for Rev. Lisa Neilson and St. Martin's Pastoral Care Team by Gay Speller

In thanksgiving for the marriage of Julia Rose Lockin and G. Trevor Davis, Jr.

by Ellen and Geoffrey Davis

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Asa Wooten

by Jill and Harris Wooten



BIRTHS

Oct. 11 Isla Scott Campbell

Daughter of Nicole and William Campbell, Jr. Granddaughter of Diane and Bill Campbell Great Granddaughter of Lynne Bonham



BAPTISMS

Nov. 5 Levi James DeBusk

Eleanor Alice Geise Spencer Daniel Hilton Eloise Harris Howe

George Harrison Kane, Jr.

William Edward Lynn

Conrad Osborn Marlow

Miles Ryan Martins

Charlotte Grace Noe

Evie Lucia Osterhus

Juliet Elizabeth Peine

Palmer Leigh Sample

Hudson Drewry Stewart

Charlotte Rose Wadsworth



WEDDINGS

Nov. 4 Madison Kaye Ikeler and Gordon Pate Williford

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

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENTIsaiah 58:6-12

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry

and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness

and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,

and satisfy your needs in parched places,

and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water,

whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to live in.

SERMON NOTES

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 Jolympe Huddelston Marjorie Reeks

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

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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 vrivera@smec.org.

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CONTINUING PRAYERS

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme
Lt. Col. Julian Benton
1st Lt. Benjamin Brown
1SG Tom Cadwallender
1SG Yonatan Cadwallender
Lt. Col. Chris Davis
Wesley Dodd
Sgt. James Drury III
James Eilers
Major Parker Firestone
Capt. Dom Flatt
Daniel Goldman
Max Goldman

1st Lt. Will Golinkin
LCDR Bradley R. Hoffman
Capt. Cody Horr
Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell
Dallas Wayne Hunter
2nd Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich
Staton Jobe
Capt. Blake J. Kidd
Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs
Krystal Martinez
PV2 Wills Masterson
Ensign Ben Morris
Capt. Jack Mullen

2nd Lt. Alex Mullen
James W. Peoples
Lt. Paul Piana
LCMR David A. Pilko
Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
h PO1 Brian M. Powell
SPC Joel Rowell
Maj. Christian Schleider
2nd Lt. Jeffers Shaper
1st Lt. Grant Suter
CPO Evan Tomlin



Window 21B - St. Martin

About Our Patron Saint

Martin, one of the patron saints of France, was born in 316 at Sabaria, the modern Szombathely in Hungary. His early years were spent in Pavia in Italy. After a term of service in the Roman army, he traveled about Europe, and finally settled in Poitiers, whose bishop, Hilary, he had come to admire.

According to an old legend, while Martin was still a catechumen, he was approached by a poor man, who asked for alms in the name of Christ. Martin, drawing his sword, cut off part of his military cloak and gave it to the beggar. On the following night, Jesus appeared to Martin, clothed in half a cloak, and said to him, "Martin, a simple catechumen, covered me with this garment."

Hilary ordained Martin to the presbyterate sometime between 350 and 353, and Martin, inspired by the new monastic movement stemming from Egypt, established a hermitage at nearby Ligug. To his dismay, he was appointed Bishop of Tours in 371. He agreed to serve only if he were allowed to continue his strict, ascetic habit of life. His monastery of Marmoutier, near Tours, had a great influence on the development of Celtic monasticism in Britain, where Ninian, among others, promoted Martin's ascetic and missionary ideals. The oldest church in Canterbury, which antedates the Anglo-Saxon invasions, is dedicated to St. Martin.

Martin was unpopular with many of his episcopal colleagues, both because of his manner of life and because of his strong opposition to their violent repression of heresy. He was a diligent missionary to the pagan folk of the countryside near his hermitage, and was always a staunch defender of the poor and the helpless.

Martin died on November 11, 397. His shrine at Tours became a popular site for pilgrimages, and a secure sanctuary for those seeking protection and justice.

from "Lesser Feasts and Fasts"

ST. MARTIN TAPESTRY IN THE NARTHEX



Martin, a Roman soldier preparing to be baptized in about 348, cut his military cloak in half and gave one part to a poor man requesting alms in the name of Christ. The tapestry was designed by Jacque Lamy and hand-woven in the traditional manner in the Aubusson region of France by Ateliers Pinton (est. 1515). The artist's image was faithfully reproduced using thousands of hand-dyed wool threads and hand-woven into a beautiful tapestry.

ST. MARTIN'S ALTARPIECE IN THE PATRON'S CHAPEL



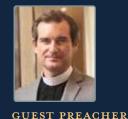
This beautiful, winged altarpiece of polychromed sculptures was created in the late 15th century, an art form especially popular in that era. The exquisite wood carvings are believed to be from the historic state of Tyrol, a region in what is now northern Italy and western Austria. The piece does not attempt to replicate the fourth century costumes of St. Martin's era. Instead, the figures are clothed in costumes typical of the period when the altarpiece was created.

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



in Nashville, Tenn.

First Annual Cookie Contest! 10:30 a.m. Bagby Parish Hall

The Rev. Colin Ambrose
Vice Rector and Chief of Staff at
St. George's Episcopal Church

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



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

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

Interim President of Texas A&M and Dean of the Bush



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



GUEST PREACHER

THE REV. COLIN AMBROSE

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

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

In addition to teaching in the pulpit and classroom, the Rev. Ambrose has a passion for building Christian communities — communities of belonging that restore our relationships to God and one another in Christ. Before discerning a call to ordained ministry, he worked in investment banking and business. The Rev. Ambrose is grateful to play a small part in God's reconciling ministry to the world. He is married to Trisha, and they have three teenage children.

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

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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, at apratka@smec.org or 346-335-8658.

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Place orders now at St. Martin's Gift Shoppe, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Books-A-Million and wherever fine books are sold. For more information, contact Barbara Shoemaker at bshoemaker@smec.org or 713-985-3840.



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



Activity Center

LINE DANCING IS FOR EVERYONE!

Mondays and Thursdays 1 p.m. | Gym

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

Join Britt to learn popular line dances like Cha-cha Slide, Cupid Shuffle, Boot Scoot and Boogie, Copperhead Road and many more in this easy-to-follow class. Open to all levels. Non-slip, comfortable shoes are recommended.

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



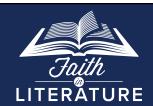


Amazing Place Fall Carnival Party

Tuesday, Nov. 14 | 10 a.m. 3735 Drexel Dr., Houston, TX 77027

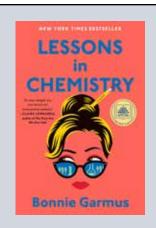
Come join us as we help celebrate this fall season with our friends at Amazing Place. Visit amazingplacehouston.org to learn about this organization that serves adults with mild to moderate dementia.

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



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.



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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.



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.



DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIVES

Monday, Nov. 20
9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. • Student Life Center
Schedule your next appointment at
bit.ly/smecblooddrive

Donate blood and receive a warm cozy blanket!



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





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 at bit.ly/ChristmasAltarFlowers (case sensitive)

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







November 27

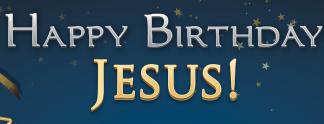
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

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

A WALK IN THE WOODS

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





CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Hosted by the Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's

SATURDAY, DEC. 2 10 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The joys of the seasons come to life for children up to 12 to celebrate Jesus' birthday and enjoy a fun-filled celebration. Activities include a reading of the Christmas Story, camel rides, photos with Santa, face painting, balloon art, crafts and more holiday fun.



For more information, contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.



The Shepherd's Guild ministry complements the work of St. Martin's Clergy in visiting homebound Parishioners or those who reside in retirement and assisted living facilities.

The trained lay volunteers offer support, prayers and Holy Communion, being a physical reminder of Jesus' love for them and their value and importance within our church community.

To learn more about joining this ministry or to provide information about Parishioners who may benefit by the Shepherd's Guild, contact Deacon Gill at gkeyworth@smec.org or 346-335-8660.

Training and support is provided.





How to Care for Someone Living with Dementia Without Losing Your Sanity

NOVEMBER 16

Presented by Don German, Alzheimer's Association Houston & Southeast Texas Chapter

Thursday at Noon CT Available In-Person & Online

Register at hhci.org/events

For more information, contact Emilee Clyburn at eclyburn@hhci.org or 346-335-8622

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