

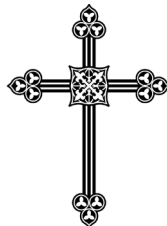
LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
CHRIST THE KING

November 26, 2023



OUR MISSION

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



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

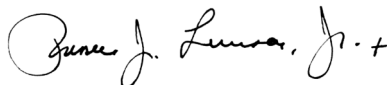
FROM THE RECTOR

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

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

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

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



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

Prayers Before Worship

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

NOTICES

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

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

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

NOVEMBER 26

Christian Education for Adults, Children's Ministry and 7-1-7 Students will not be offered today in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Please join us next Sunday, Dec. 3, when Christian Education classes resume.

The 6 p.m. Traditional worship service will not be offered today.

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 2

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Nov. 27

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. 28

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 Ladies

Wednesday, Nov. 29

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.

Church Tours

Wednesday, Nov. 29

11 a.m.-noon | The Church

The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church and Dr. Henning will perform on the Gloria Dei organ. 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. 29

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. 29

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. 30

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.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Nov. 30

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. 30

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

Thursday, Nov. 30 – 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. 29

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. 29

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 "Fanfare"

by John Cook

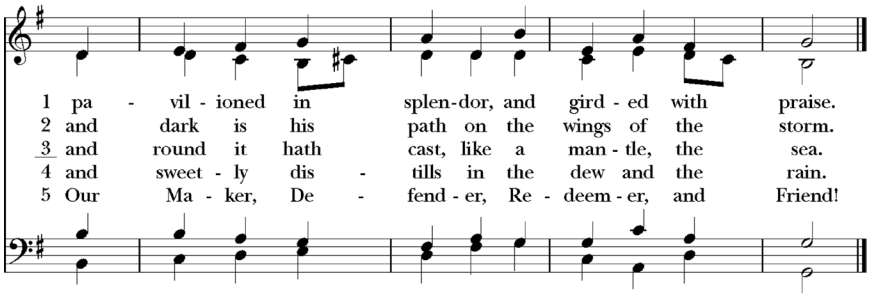
The Celebrant greets the People. Following the greeting, all stand.

*HYMN 388 "O Worship the King"

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!



1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779–1838); Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678–1727).

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 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.*)



Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven;
 to his feet thy tri - bute bring; ran - somed,
 healed, re - stored, for - gi - ven, e - ver - more his
 prai - ses sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia! Praise the e - ver - las - ting King.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-17

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 645 (vs. 1-3).....“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



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



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



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

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

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELMatthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 24.

*HYMN 345 (vs. 4-6).....“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON“The Secret of Happiness”

The Rev. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

THE NICENE CREED *(stand)*

Celebrant and People

I believe in one God,

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

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

**came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the**

Virgin Mary,

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried;

**and the third day he rose again according to
the Scriptures,**

and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,

and he shall come again, with glory,

to judge both the quick and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

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

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together

is worshiped

and glorified;

who spake by the Prophets.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneel)*

Minister and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

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

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

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

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

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

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

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

That they may be delivered from their distress.

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

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

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

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

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

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

Celebrant stands and says

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

THE PEACE *(stand)*

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 29 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “I Saw a New Heaven”

Edgar Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

Words: Revelation 21:1-4; Music: Edgar L. Bainton © 1928 by Novello & Co. Limited. Copyright renewed 1956.

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 *Pseauxmes 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.

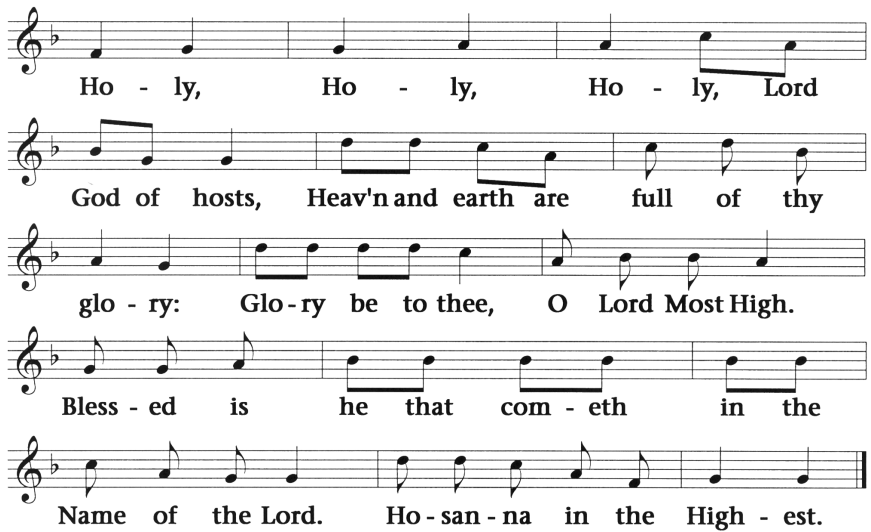
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord thou hast received us as thy sons and daughters, made us citizens of thy kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.)



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*

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

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

ANTHEM “Verleih uns Frieden”

Felix Mendelssohn

Lord, in thy mercy grant us peace throughout all generations; thou art alone our sword and shield, Lord who dost guide the nations. Defend us, O God, we pray thee.

Text: Martin Luther. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, edited by John Rutter. © 1996 Oxford University Press.

HYMN 508 “Breathe On Me, Breath of God”

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835–1889), alt.; Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885–1969).

HYMN “Children of the Heavenly Father”

1. Child - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish, In His
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, Your pro -
 5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish; From all e - vil things He
 Lord His child - ren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 tect - or nev - er slum - bers; At the will of your de -
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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HYMN “Spirit of the Living God”

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

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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 494 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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

THE DISMISSAL

The Minister says the Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY “Toccata”
Max Reger

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for Bobby Newman and King Newman

by Molly Parr

In memory of Olive Horne Becker on the anniversary of her birthday

by Linda Lester Griffin

In loving memory of my husband, John Lollar on the anniversary of his birthday

by Klinka and his girls, Carolyn, Kristen and Sydney



BAPTISMS

Nov. 17 Reece Kenedy Halverson



WEDDINGS

Nov. 18 Anabel Ricardo and Matthew Weisberger

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 PSALM Psalm 100

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE EPISTLE Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks after Easter and All Saints' Day. The list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Prayers for those on Active Military Duty in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	1st Lt. Will Golinkin	2nd Lt. Alex Mullen
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1st Lt. Benjamin Brown	Capt. Cody Horr	Lt. Paul Piana
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Wesley Dodd	Staton Jobe	SPC Joel Rowell
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James Eilers	Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs	2nd Lt. Jeffers Shaper
Major Parker Firestone	Krystal Martinez	1st Lt. Grant Suter
Capt. Dom Flatt	PV2 Wills Masterson	CPO Evan Tomlin
Daniel Goldman	Ensign Ben Morris	
Max Goldman	Capt. Jack Mullen	

Please be advised that each year the week after Veterans Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Military Service Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.



On Saturday, Nov. 18, the Rt. Rev. Hector F. Monterroso, Bishop Assistant, presided over our Confirmation service. Please join us in congratulating those we welcomed to the Episcopal Church by confirmation and reception.

Confirmed

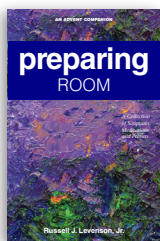
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Travis C. Harper
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Kiara Rankin Miglioretti
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Amy Arlene Stephens
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Emily Sullivan

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Annie Janis
Donald D. Kirby
Shannon G. McNally
Donald L. Nona, Jr.

Advent Resources

Prepare for this solemn and wonderful season with these special resources:



“Preparing Room” by the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

- Scriptures key to telling the Christmas story as it centers on Jesus
- Brief meditations to help readers step more deeply into the Advent story
- Reflections on how to prepare just a bit more room for the King
- Prayers from Judeo-Christian tradition or by the author



“Advent Wreath Devotional” by Laura and Russ Levenson

The “Advent Wreath Devotional” in both adult and children’s versions provides a framework within which to traverse the Advent season.

Available for sale through St. Martin’s Gift Shoppe.
Contact Barbara Shoemaker at bshoemaker@smec.org or 713-985-3840 for more information.

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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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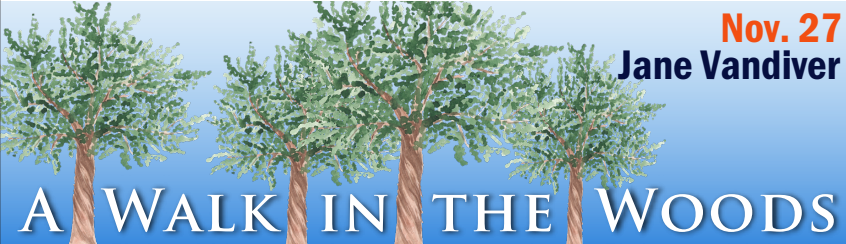
Questions? Contact Ashley Pratka, Director of Development,
at apratka@smec.org or 346-335-8658.



THE GATHERING

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



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

2024 WHCSA Basketball League at St. Martin's



Registration closes December 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!

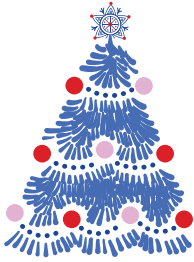


Register today at bit.ly/smecbball2024



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@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



Angel Tree

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

DePelchin's Children's Center

ANGEL TREE Christmas Gift Program

Gifts due to DePelchin:

Friday, Dec. 1 📅 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
4815 Dickson St., Houston, TX 77007

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



St. Martin's sponsors 250 children annually.

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

STERLING'S MARKET

Every Saturday • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Rain or Shine • Sage and Woodway

Will be closed Dec. 23 and 30.

Discover unique treasures and fresh foods
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A portion of the proceeds supports St. Martin's Outreach Ministries.

For more information, contact Justin Jacobson Avery at
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

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.

To sign up for the Reindeer Food donations, visit
bit.ly/ecwreindeerfood

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



Advent Festival

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

4-6 P.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL

Please join us for an Advent celebration! Make a family Advent wreath then enjoy a pancake dinner. Fresh evergreens and supplies will be available to make the wreath. Please come join the fun!

To register and purchase a ticket, visit bit.ly/adventfamilyfest.
(tickets are \$5 per family member)

For more information, contact Rocio Velazquez at
rvelazquez@smec.org or 713-985-3807.

RIVERWAY

Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries with Riverway!

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

Following the 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@smec.org.



TOUR A GOTHIC-STYLE CHURCH WITHOUT LEAVING HOUSTON!

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

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.



Christmas Coffee

Monday, December 4 • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

At the home of Susie and Jim McCulloch

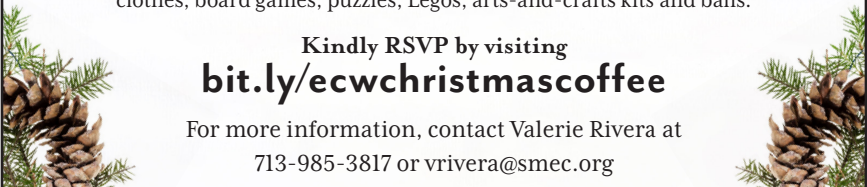
Christmas casual attire • Carpooling is highly encouraged • Valet parking will be offered

In the spirit of the season, please bring an unwrapped gift for children ages 5-17 to be given to DePelchin Children's Center and Christian Community Service Center.

Gift Wish List: Gift cards (\$15-\$20 to Walmart, Target, Academy, H-E-B or Kroger), clothes, board games, puzzles, Legos, arts-and-crafts kits and balls.

Kindly RSVP by visiting
bit.ly/ecwchristmascoffee

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



The Moms' Group

OUTREACH EVENT AND COFFEE

Wednesday, Dec. 6

9:15–10:30 a.m.

Student Life Center Living Room

In this meeting, we will gather to put together hygiene kits and children's items for the Riverside Project.

To contribute to the Riverside Project Amazon wish list, visit
a.co/fK6HVJ0.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at fritchie@smec.org or 713-985-3843.



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, Dec. 6 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center or via Zoom
bit.ly/oslservice

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

ADVENT



QUIET DAY

THE PRAYERS OF ADVENT

SPONSORED BY THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING®

SATURDAY, DEC. 9 | 9 A.M. – NOON | PARISH LIFE CENTER

The Collects for the season of Advent cover the Advent themes of longing, preparation, waiting and return. St. Martin's Clergy will provide meditations on one of the four Advent Collects to prepare for the celebration of our Lord's birth. The Quiet Day will end with Noonday Prayer.



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



Cocoa & Carols



SUNDAY, DEC. 10

10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center

All children Sunday School classes will gather for a fun-filled morning to celebrate the coming of Jesus.

During the Sunday school hour, children will listen to a story, enjoy hot cocoa and sing Christmas carols.



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

Christmas Crash

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

5 – 8 p.m. • Student Life Center

For Students in Grades 6-12

Students are encouraged to bring a friend for an awesome night of games, contests dinner and prizes. Wear a tacky Christmas sweater, reindeer antlers or a festive Christmas outfit!

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at fritchie@smec.org or 713-985-3843.

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PRAYER SERVICE

SUNDAY, DEC. 10
5 p.m. • Christ Chapel

This quiet and prayerful time apart from the bustle of holiday activities will nourish your soul as you continue preparations for the birth of Christ anew in your heart this Advent season!

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 10
7 P.M.
PARISH LIFE CENTER



WAYNE & FRIENDS

BORN IS THE KING!

Wayne Watson, St. Martin's Director of Contemporary Music, opens the Christmas season with a gathering of talented musicians who will perform an unforgettable concert filled with instrumental Christmas classics, carols and modern Christmas compositions.

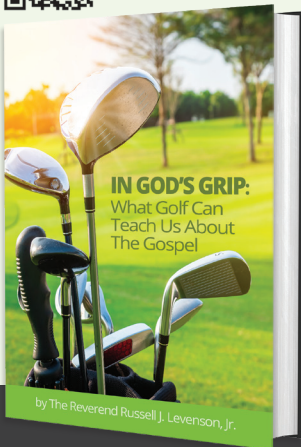
All are welcome! Bring family and friends!

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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.**

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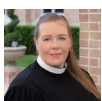
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