

# LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

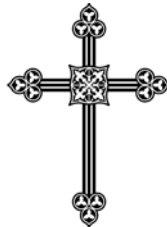
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*February 11, 2024*



## OUR MISSION

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



**ST. MARTIN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## FROM THE RECTOR

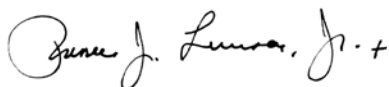
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IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD,  
JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

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

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

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



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

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

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

### **NOTICES**

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

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

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



# OUTREACH SUNDAY

AT ST. MARTIN'S

**SUNDAY, FEB. 11 • 10–11 A.M.**

**Activity Center and Children's Life Center**

*Join us for the fourteenth annual serve day for St. Martin's parishioners. Our faith in Christ is expressed by helping others in our community.*

*No special skills are needed and there are projects for every skill level and age; simply show up and visit the set-up areas that feature projects and agency partners.*

*Activities are planned on Campus to serve the many agencies we support.*

## **Package Clothing Packs for Clothed By Faith**

Working through agencies and school districts, Clothed by Faith provides gently used and new clothes to those in the midst of a crisis.

## **Donate clothes for the Clothed by Faith Clothing Drive**

## **Assemble Hygiene Kits for The Beacon**

The Beacon is a day shelter in downtown that provides meals, laundry services and other assistance for the homeless. It connects homeless individuals with next-step services and finds housing solutions.

## **Package Care Kits for ECHOS**

ECHOS works with more than 30 public agencies and non-profit organizations to provide food and key social services.

## **Assemble Hygiene Kits for Have Shears Will Travel**

Have Shears Will Travel is a non-profit hair care ministry organized to serve the local community with special needs that restrict their ability to obtain these services due to physical impairment, lack of transportation, or financial means.

## **Package Snack Packs for Kids' Meals**

Kids' Meals' mission is to end childhood hunger in Houston by delivering free healthy meals, year-round to the doorsteps of Houston's hungriest preschool-aged children and through collaboration provide their families with resources to end the cycle of poverty.

## **Assemble Shower Kits for Lord of the Streets**

Lord of the Streets helps to rebuild the lives of homeless and to the marginalized by providing clothing, food and services.

## **Create Goody Bags for Senior Rides and More**

Senior Rides and More volunteers reach out to isolated and housebound seniors throughout the city by providing life-sustaining services.

## **Prepare Packages for Undies for Everyone**

Undies for Everyone provides new underwear for children living in poverty or crisis.

## **Pack Camper Toiletory Kits for The Periwinkle Foundation**

The Periwinkle Foundation develops and provides programs that positively change the lives of children, young adults and families who are challenged by cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and are cared for at Texas Children's Hospital.

## **Decorate prayer postcards for World Missions Partners**

Decorate prayer postcards for the kids in the schools of Village Schools International and Africa New Life, and patients receiving medical treatment with Faith in Practice.

## **Make bracelets for World Missions Partners**

Bracelets are for kids we are visiting with Sus Hijos on our Adult/Family mission trip to El Salvador.

## **Cut shoe patterns for Sole Hope**

Join St. Martin's World Missions ministry and cut shoe patterns out of denim material for Sole Hope. The organization makes shoes for vulnerable children in Uganda.

## **Prayer Shawls**

Learn how to knit a prayer shawl with our Prayer Shawl Ministry, which gives blessed shawls to people in need of prayer.

**Contact:** Tracee Tindol • 713-985-3811 • outreach@smec.org

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

## FEBRUARY 12-17

### Adults

#### **Saintly Stitchers**

Monday, Feb. 12

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](mailto:scox@smec.org).

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Tuesday, Feb. 13

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](mailto:scox@smec.org).

#### **Blanket Ladies**

Wednesday, Feb. 14

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](mailto:scox@smec.org).

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

Wednesday, Feb. 14

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](mailto:scox@smec.org).

#### **Parish Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, Feb. 15

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](mailto:dhenning@smec.org).

## **Sterling's Market**

Saturday, Feb. 17 | 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](mailto:info@sterlingsmarket.org).

## **Men**

### **Men of St. Martin's**

Thursday, Feb. 15

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](mailto:jsundara@smec.org).

### **Dads' Bible Study**

Thursday, Feb. 15

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](mailto:rwarning@smec.org).

## **Women**

### **Christian Life Study**

Tuesday, Feb. 13 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, Feb. 15 – 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](mailto:lgallien@smec.org).

# HOLY EUCHARIST

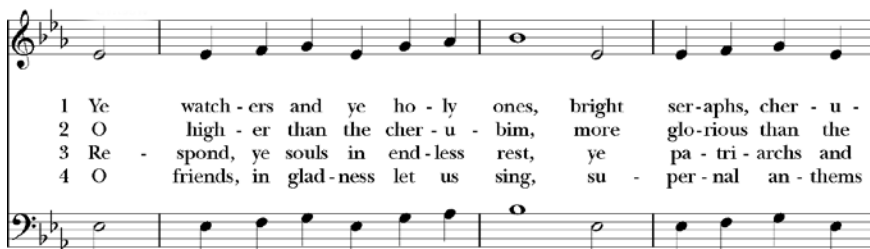
*Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.*

## VOLUNTARY ..... "Praeludium in E"

Nikolaus Bruhns

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

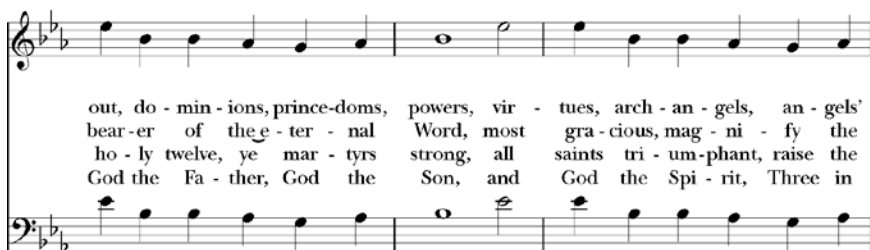
## \*HYMN 618 ..... "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems



bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To



out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in



choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
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Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858–1945); Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958); Copyright: Words, Music: By permission of Oxford University Press. All Rights Reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-705539.

**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., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.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*

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# THE LESSON ..... Psalm 50:1-6

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to  
its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

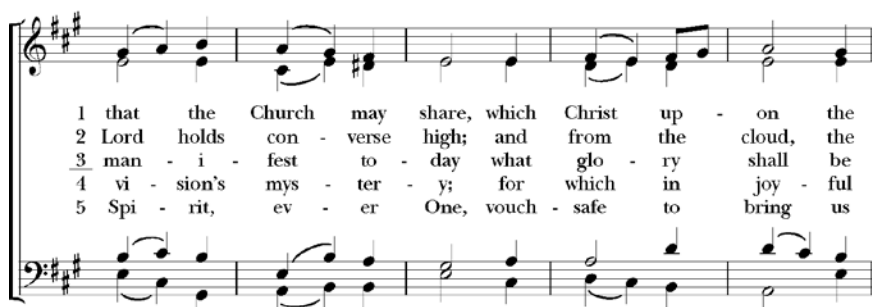
*All stand.*



# HYMN 137 (vs. 1-3).....“O Wondrous Type!”



1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great  
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly



1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the  
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the  
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us



1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.  
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1848–1866), alt.; Music: Wareham, melody William Knapp (1698–1768); alt.; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, after James Turle (1802–1882).

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

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

**T H E G O S P E L** .....Mark 9:2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

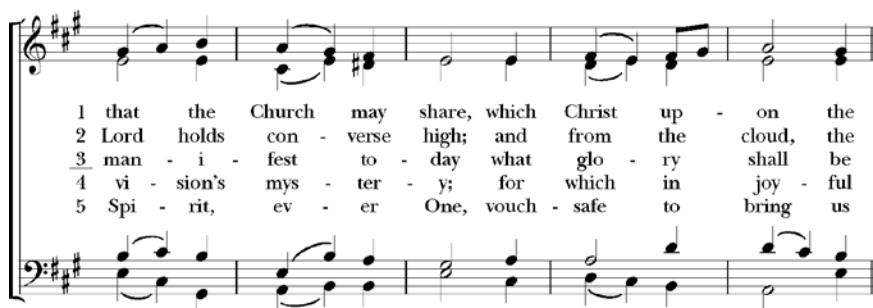
**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*The remaining readings for the day are on pages 26-27.*

# HYMN 137 (vs. 4-5).....“O Wondrous Type!”



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*Please be seated.*

# THE SERMON.....“Listen...”

*The Rev. Sharron L. Cox*

# 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  
Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; 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, John, 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*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

*Minister says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*A moment of silence is observed.*

*Minister and People*

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

*Celebrant stands and says*

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

## THE PEACE *(stand)*

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

**People:**   **And with thy spirit.**

*Please be seated.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see page 30 for upcoming events.*

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## THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “Hail, Gladdening Light”  
Charles Wood

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured who is the immortal Father, heavenly blest, holiest of holies, Jesu Christ, our Lord. Now we are come to the sun’s hour of rest, the lights of evening round us shine, we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine. Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung with undefiled tongue, Son of our God, giver of life, alone: therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

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## AT THE PRESENTATION *(stand)*

*(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)*

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

**People:**   **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## DOXOLOGY ..... *Old 100th*

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

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People: It is meet and right so to do.**

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

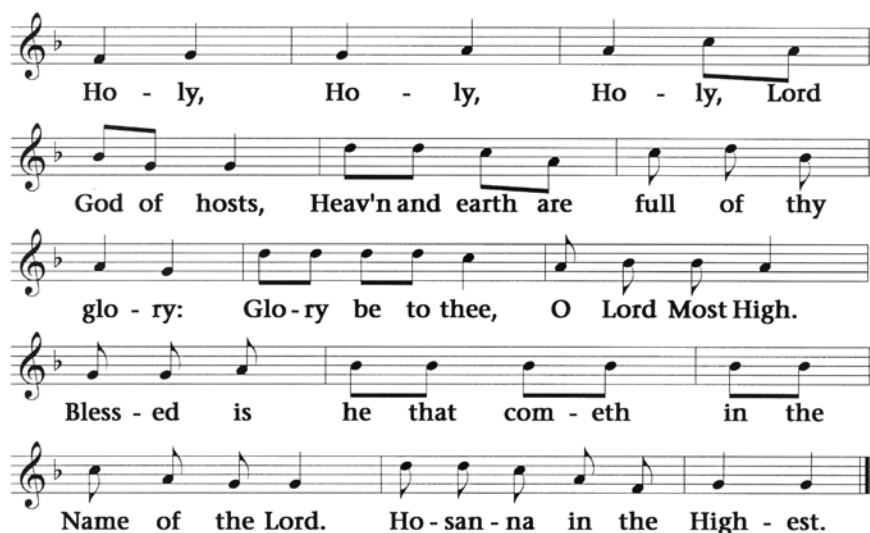
Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



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

*The Celebrant continues (kneel)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

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

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

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

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM ..... *Celtic Alleluia*



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*Then may be said*

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*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.*

AN T H E M ..... “Beautiful Savior”  
F. Melius Christiansen

Fair are the meadows, Fairer are the woodlands, Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

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H Y M N ..... “Glorify Thy Name”

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

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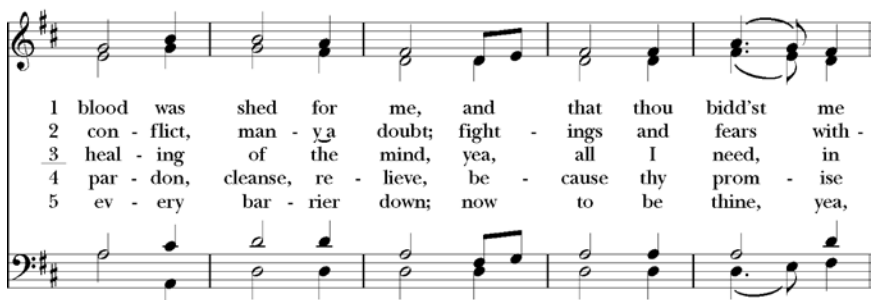
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# HYMN 693 ..... “Just As I Am”



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



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

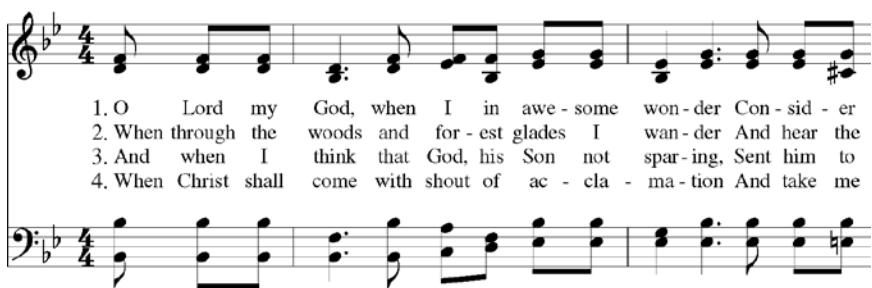


1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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

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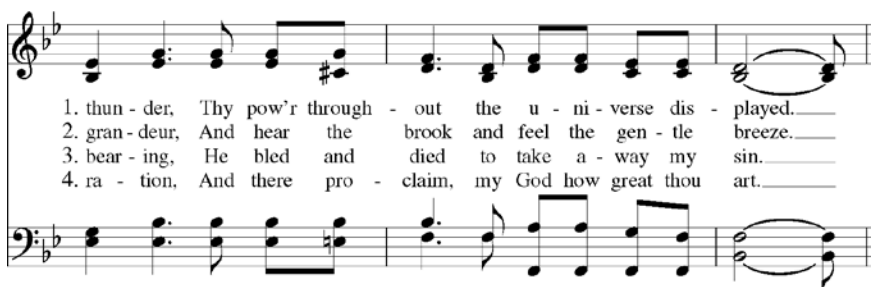
# HYMN ..... "How Great Thou Art"



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



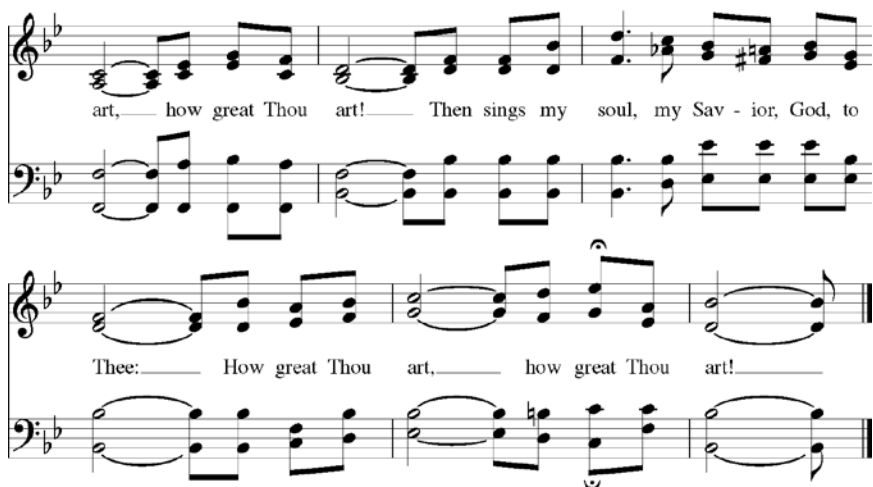
1. all the worlds\* thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing\*  
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.  
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art.



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: How great Thou



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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

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 135 ..... "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,





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## THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

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

**VOLUNTARY** ..... “The Heavens Declare”  
Benedetto Marcello

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

# RECOGNITIONS

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## FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Lee William Hofer

by Grace and Evan Hofer

In thanksgiving for all those who participate in Outreach Sunday



## BAPTISMS

Feb. 3

Brigitte Elizabeth Benak



## SYMPATHY

Nov. 21

Michael B. Boylan

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# SERMON NOTES

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## READINGS FOR THE DAY

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### THE OLD TESTAMENT ..... 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

## READINGS FOR THE DAY

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### THE EPISTLE .....2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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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	Christine Jean	Monica Rivera
Bobbie Adams	Mary and Jim Jennings	John Davis Roady
Carolyn Alban	John Justice	Joe Rodriguez
Katie and Harvey Altmann	Sandra "Sandy" Justice	Maggie Rodriguez
Scotty Arnoldy	Mary Anne Kannard	Consuelo Saldana
Edith Avery	Candi Keebler	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Ally Babineaux	Dick Kilday	Caroline Shanahan
Shelly Bain	Marjorie Krajian	Clif Shoemake
Kathy Beadnell	Reggie Lang	Bob Spencer
Beth Beathard	Rhea Latta	Paul Therrien
Cory Blackman	Bruce Michael Lee	LaVonne Waldron
Kenny Brown	Nancy Liles	Mary Watters
Bella Carosi	Nicole Holdford Lockney	Stephen Wedemeyer
Cole Cattani	Ryan Logan	Stacy Wood
Debbie Chernosky	Bella Martin	Ann Winters
Doug Clarke	Ronnie Martin	Eric Zoerb
Hallie Cooley	Janet McDaniel	Alexi
Michael Craig	Barbara McMahon	Atticus
Sam Cruse	Dave McStravick	Henry
Gail Davis	Frances Melicks	Julie
Bobby de Sosa	Len Menefee	Laura
Linda de Sosa	Margaret Milner	Lynne
Ross Dunn	Ruth Moorhead	
Kiersten Dyke	Stuart Nixon	
Jim Easterling	Ann Noel	
Stacey and John Elliott	Deborah Oliver	
Charles Flores	Andrew O'Malley	
Will Fogle	Bob Paddock	
Julie G.	Jim Paddock	
Catherine Gonzales	Judy Peach	
Nancy Gore	Betty Polando	
Bette Haidusek	Joseph Powell	
Ann Halverson	Ophelia Pujol	
Kayla Hamaker	Barbara Quackenbush	
Amy Heath	Heather Rathnau	
Mollie Hill	Dana Raymant	
Marguerite Hillgers	Ted Reed	
Marilyn Ingham	Marjorie Reeks	
Thelma Isenhardt	Phyllis Reinhardt	

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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](mailto:vriviera@smec.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

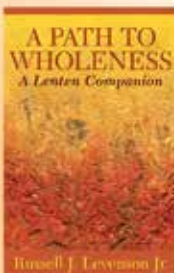
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Corporal James W. Peoples  
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Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant

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# SHROVE TUESDAY

FAMILY DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT

**TUESDAY, FEB. 13**

**5–7:30 P.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL**

All Parishioners are invited to attend this family gathering, which will include a traditional pancake dinner, red beans and rice, live entertainment, children’s activities and prizes.

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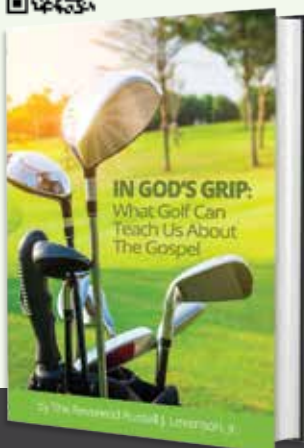
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## ASH + WEDNESDAY

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14**

*The first day of Lent is a special day of Holy Obligation. Clergy will impose ashes on your forehead, making the mark of the cross.*

### **Traditional Worship**

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes  
7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. • The Church  
*The noon service will be livestreamed.*

### **Riverway Contemporary Worship**

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes  
6:30 p.m. • Parish Life Center  
*Our contemporary service provides a more relaxed worship experience in the Anglican tradition. Join us for worship as we impart ashes and take the Eucharist.*

### **Ash Wednesday Student Supper and Worship**

5:30–8 p.m. • Student Life Center and Parish Life Center  
*Students in grades 6–12 are invited to a simple soup supper, followed by worship at the Riverway community's Ash Wednesday service. There is no cost for this event.*



# THEOLOGY *for* LIFE

Sundays  
Feb. 18 – March 17  
10:15 – 11 a.m.  
Bagby Parish Hall

## A SHORT HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

*Led By The Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson, Jr.*



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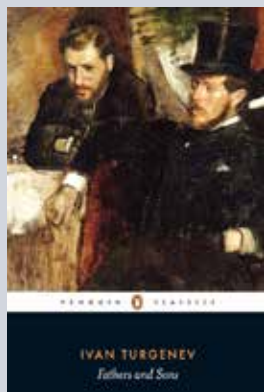
*Faith*  
in  
LITERATURE

## EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Feb. 20 | 7-8:30 p.m.

Children's Life Center, Room 109 and

Via Zoom | [bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom](http://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 "Fathers and Sons" by Ivan Turgenev.*

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# DAY GROUP



**1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Feb. 21**  
**Children's Life Center, Room 132 and**  
**Via Zoom | [bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom](https://bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom)**

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*This month, we discuss "The Great Blue Hills of God"*  
*by Kreis Beall.*

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## THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Sundays, before and after  
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**Wednesdays, Feb. 21–March 20**  
4:30–5:30 p.m. • The Church

**Holy Week, March 25–28**  
11 a.m.–1 p.m. • The Church

**Good Friday, March 29**  
11 a.m.–noon and 1–2 p.m. • The Church

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## WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT LENTEN SERIES

**FEBRUARY 21**

*"Our Father"*

Dinner • Bagby Parish Hall ..... 5–6:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist • The Church ..... 5:30 p.m.

Program • Bagby Parish Hall ..... 6:30 p.m.



## LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY...

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## THURSDAY AFTERNOON ADULT LENTEN SERIES

*Then Sings My Soul*

**Thursday, Feb. 22**

**4–5 p.m.**

**Chapel Reception Hall**



*The Rev.  
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**ST. MARTIN'S  
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# OSL Lenten Quiet Day

*Putting on Christ: The Baptismal  
Nature of Lent*

**Saturday, Feb. 24**

**9 a.m. – noon • Parish Life Center**

The Church has long associated the season of Lent with the preparation for the sacrament of baptism and for living a baptismal life. Meditations by the Revs. Sharron Cox and Wesley Arning on the intersection between this sacrament and Lent will be given, with quiet time for reflection and prayer.

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## RIVERWAY

*Celebration Sunday!*

**Celebrate February Birthdays and Anniversaries  
with Riverway.**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 25**

**Parish Life Center Narthex**

*Following the 11:15 a.m. services*

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!

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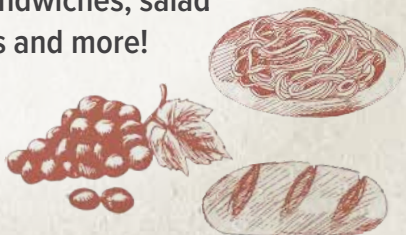
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