

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 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

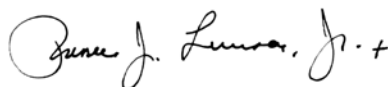
FROM THE RECTOR

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

MARCH 10

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Marty Bastian

Lectionary-based Bible Study

8:55-9:25 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

Theology for Life with the Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson, Jr.

"A Short History of Christian Thought"

10:15-11 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Seekers with the Rev. Marty Bastian

Lectionary-based Bible Study

10:15-11 a.m.

Activity Center, Aerobics Room

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

Adult Confirmation with the Rev. John Sundara

10:15-11 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

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

MARCH 11-16

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, March 11

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, March 12

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, March 13

10-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room

Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@smec.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, March 13

Noon-3 p.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall East

St. Clare's Guild undertakes a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@smec.org.

Church Tours

Wednesday, March 13

11 a.m.-noon | The Church

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

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

Wednesday, March 13

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.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal Hall

Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation. For more information, contact Dr. David Henning at 713-985-3820 or dhenning@smec.org.

Sterling's Market

Saturday, March 16 | 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.

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 “An Wasserflüssen Babylon” Johann Sebastian Bach

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

*HYMN 158 “Ah, Holy, Jesus, How Has Thou Offended”

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Words: Johann Heermann (1585–1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930), alt.; Music: *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johann Crüger (1598–1662), alt.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(kneel)*

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Trisagion)

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

TRISAGION

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note Bb3, and a quarter note C4. The second system continues the vocal line with a half note D5, followed by a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note D4, followed by a quarter note E4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note G4. The score ends with a double bar line.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: Trisagion; Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE EPISTLEEphesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 321 (vs. 1-2).....“My God, Thy Table Now is Spread”

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
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 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - less
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

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 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1–3, Philip Doddridge (1702–1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalms in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731–1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740–1816).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELJohn 3:14-21

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 24.

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “Wanted: Dead or Alive”

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

morning services

THE SERMON “... But God”

The Rev. Naomi B. Sundara

evening service

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our bishops; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Episcopal Church; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, and John, our Mayor; for the Congress and the Courts; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those in hospitals ____, and those who have requested our prayers ____, and those on our continuing prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for all who remember and care for them; for first responders, and for all who serve in our armed forces and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially ____, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the blessings of this life; and in the communion of St. Martin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son 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 28 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “God So Loved the World” Bob Chilcott

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who-so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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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 *Gardiner*



All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all



gifts, to of - fer thee; And hence with grate - ful hearts to -



day Thine own be - fore thy feet we lay.

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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.

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People (said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.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.

The Celebrant continues (kneel)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with 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 Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Grant us thy peace.

FRACTION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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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.

ANTHEM “When We Love”

Elaine Hagenberg

The towering tree spreads his greening canopy, A veil between the soil and sky, Not in selfish vanity, But the gentle thrush to shade and shelter. So it is with love. For when we love, Simply love, Even as we are loved, Our weary world can be transformed. The busy thrush builds her nest below, A fortnight’s work to weave and set, Not for herself alone, But her tender brood to shield and cherish. And so it is with love. For when we love, Simply love, Even as we are loved, Our weary world can be transformed. Into the Kingdom of God!

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HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dore thee! My
heart is glad to say the— words: thou art ho - ly, Lord.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

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HYMN “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

1. I am weak but thou art strong;
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,

Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 Time for me will be no more; Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, Dai - ly walk - ing close to

long As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

D.C. for Refrain

Words: Anonymous; Music: American Folk Song.

HYMN “In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified”

1. In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;—
 2. In my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;—
 3. In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;—

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to - day.
 In my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to - day.
 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to - day.

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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.**

LENTEN BLESSING

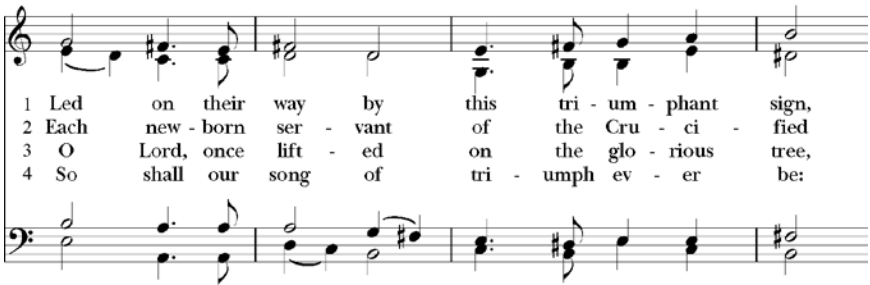
All stand.

HYMN 473 "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain

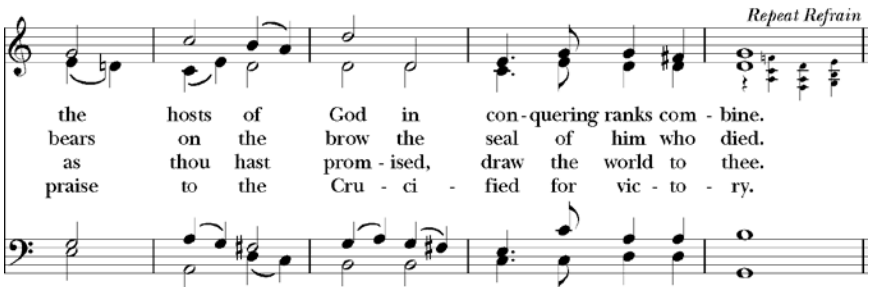


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
 till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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THE DISMISSAL

Alleluias are omitted during the season of Lent.

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Fugue in C”
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

RECOGNITIONS



BIRTHS

Jan. 18

Grace Elizabeth Rains

Daughter of Tricia Clarke Rains and Rodger Rains II

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

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENTNumbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

THE PSALMPsalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

SERMON NOTES



“Who am I? I am a Jekyll and Hyde, a mixed-up kid, having both dignity, because I still have a fallen and rebellious nature. I am both noble and ignoble, beautiful and ugly, good and bad, upright and twisted ... My true self is what I am by creation, which Christ came to redeem ... My false self is what I am by the fall, which Christ came to destroy.”

From “The Cross of Christ,” p. 285.
The Reverend Dr. John R.W. Stott

Books by the Reverend Dr. John R.W. Stott

- “Basic Christianity”
- “The Cross of Christ”
- “The Incomparable Christ”
- “The Radical Disciple”
- “Romans”
- “Ephesians”
- “The Birds: Our Teachers”

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

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:

LCDR Bradley Hoffman
Lt. Col. Wesley J. Hunnell
Capt. Blake J. Kidd
Capt. Jack Mullen
1st Lt. Alex Mullen
PFC. Parris F. Owen
Corporal James W. Peoples
Lt. Paul Piana
Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant

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 vriviera@smec.org.

Please circle the name of any loved one that you would like to remain on our Continuing Prayer list, tear out this sheet of your bulletin and place it in the Prayer List box in the Narthex. You may also email Valerie Rivera at vriviera@smec.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

THE RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE WANTS YOUR HELP!



St. Martin's Search Committee is committed to helping find the 5th Rector and invites you to help with the process! We are working to identify the Church's needs and aspirations, and to create a Parish profile.

The Search Committee invites your continuing prayers and asks for your input in suggesting specific candidates and other suggestions.

Particularly, the Committee wants Parishioners' feedback regarding the qualifications and characteristics that should be prioritized as they review potential candidates. Please provide candidate names and their current location to the Search Committee for consideration. All feedback will be shared with the Committee members and remain confidential. We are very thankful for your support.

To provide feedback, please email the Rector Search Committee at searchcommittee@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

PRAYER FOR THE SEARCH OF ST. MARTIN'S 5TH RECTOR



Heavenly Father,

As a community of believers, we come together in prayer seeking Your guidance as St. Martin's Episcopal Church begins the search for our 5th rector. May we be blessed with Your Holy Spirit's wisdom and discernment. We especially ask that You guide the hearts and minds of the Search Committee who will be deeply involved in this choice. Lord Jesus, shepherd Your flock with tender care and love. Give us patience as we wait, trusting in Your gracious provision. Guide us, Oh Lord, as we navigate this season of change, knowing that You are with us every step of the way. Our fervent prayer is that Your will be done.

With humble expectations,

Amen.

Isaiah 30: 21, "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it."



ST. MARTIN'S
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NEW BOOK BY THE REV. DR. RUSSELL J. LEVENSON, JR.

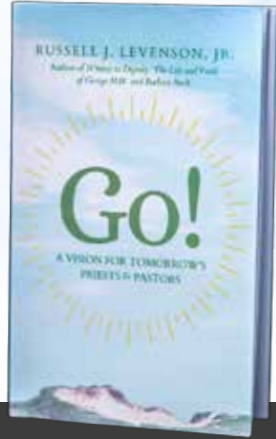
Go! A VISION FOR TOMORROW'S PRIESTS & PASTORS

When it comes to priests and pastors, today's crisis of vocation isn't just about the numbers. It runs into issues of identity and purpose. Originally delivered at the 177th Commencement Address at Nashotah House Theological Seminary, "Go!" seeks to reignite the passion of priests and pastors everywhere.

Dr. Levenson reminds us that pastoral ministry can always be renewed so long as we are willing to obey the fundamental command of Jesus Christ: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

“ These are tough days for the Church, and we need a united Christ-centered ministry for the service of Christ. Russ crafts an attractive vision of ministry. ”

— George Carey, 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury



Contact: Barbara Shoemaker
Gift Shoppe Supervisor
bshoemaker@smec.org • 713-985-3834

Published by VTS Press and available at St. Martin's Gift Shoppe or wherever fine books are sold.

ST. MARTIN'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Church in the Field

Tuesday, March 12 | 6:30-9 p.m.

Meet in St. Martin's parking lot

Church in the Field ministers to the homeless in downtown Houston by serving a meal, serving as prayer partners and providing praise music for the worship service once a month. Volunteers, age 18 and older, carpool to the service. Sign up to provide desserts at bit.ly/citfdesserts.

To sign up, contact Tracee Tindol at outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3811.



ACTIVITY CENTER

MAT PILATES

Wednesdays

Noon–12:45 p.m. | Aerobics Room

Join Natalie for Pilates on a mat! This class helps to strengthen and lengthen your muscles, improve your posture, reduce pain in your body and allows you to benefit from a mind/body connection. All exercises are performed on the floor. **Open to ALL levels.**

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

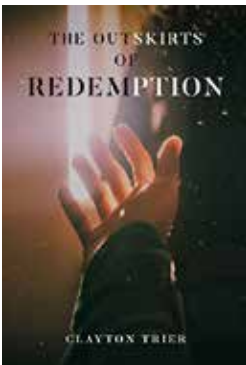
For more information, visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Contact | Victoria Wilson

activitycenter@smec.org • 713-985-3835



DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, March 13
Children's Life Center, Room 132 and
Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom

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

This month, we discuss "The Outskirts of Redemption" by Clayton Trier.

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

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Sundays, before and after
the morning services.**

*Parishioners and guests are invited
to make their pilgrimage along the
Via Dolorosa, or "Way of Sorrows,"
during Lent and Holy Week 2024.*

A free guide is available in the Northex
of the Church or download a digital
copy at bit.ly/smeclent

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

Contact: Barbara Piana

bpiana@smec.org • 713-830-4116

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT LENTEN SERIES



MARCH 13

"Lead ... Deliver Us From Evil ... "

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.

Pre-register for dinner at bit.ly/lentendinners

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY...

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

Join us weekly as Dr. Levenson offers this
five-part review of our Lord's most well-known
sermon. Each class is of its own, so weekly
attendance is not necessary ... but preferred!

Contact: Amanda DeViney • adeviney@smec.org • 713-830-4110

THURSDAY AFTERNOON ADULT LENTEN SERIES

Then Sings My Soul



The Rev. Sharron L. Cox
Associate for Spiritual
Formation and
Pastoral Ministries

Thursday, March 14
4–5 p.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

During Lent, join St. Martin's Clergy as they share a favorite hymn or song that transformed their lives and their faith, and learn how this drew them closer to Christ.

Contact: Amanda DeViney, Clergy Assistant
adeviney@smec.org • 713-830-4110



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Volunteers are invited to be part of the cast for Palm Sunday Dramatic Re-Enactment Services

Rehearsal Date

Saturday, March 23

10 a.m.–noon

The Church

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24

9 and 11:15 a.m. services

The Church

No “acting” experience needed and costumes will be provided.
Adults, youth and children over the age of 10 (with participating parents).
Limited time commitment.

Interested? Please respond by Monday, March 18, to Bruce Morgan at
robertbrucemorgan@gmail.com.

DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIVES

Monday, March 18
9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Student Life Center

Schedule your next appointment at
bit.ly/smecblooddrive

Walk-ins Welcome!



Receive a tumbler as a thank you to helping patients in our local hospitals! (while supplies last)



Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center

Questions? Contact Justin Jacobson Avery
at events@smec.org or 713-985-3838.



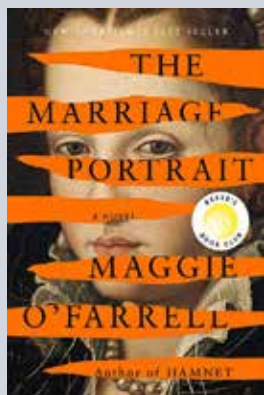
EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, March 19 | 7-8:30 p.m.
Children's Life Center, Room 109 and
Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom

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

This month, we discuss "The Marriage Portrait" by Maggie O'Farrell.

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





LUNCH & LEARN

SERIES FOR PARENTS WITH
YOUNG CHILDREN

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

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

Christ's Exaltation and Ours

led by the Rev. Alex Graham III

St. Martin's Children's Ministry continues its Lunch-And-Learn series this spring with a discussion developed especially for parents of young children.

Join us and grow your love of Jesus and discover what it means to live according to God's Word.

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

Contact: Ashley Monachelli • amonachelli@smec.org • 713-985-3816



PALM CROSSES for PALM SUNDAY

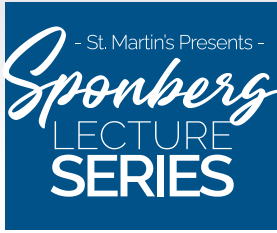
Stripping of the Palms and Palm Cross Making

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

8:20 A.M. – 5 P.M. • STUDENT LIFE CENTER

Join members of the Altar Guild as volunteers strip, divide the fronds and make palm crosses to distribute on Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday. This annual tradition is a fun and meaningful time of fellowship and service. Please bring scissors.

Contact: Barbara Piana
bpiana@smec.org • 713-830-4116



How the Christian Revolution Remade the World

with Tom Holland

Thursday, March 21 • 7 p.m. • The Church



Registration required at
bit.ly/032124sponberg

\$20 for adults | \$10 for students



Tom Holland, author and historian, will speak about his book, “**Dominion: How the Christian Revolution Remade the World.**” The book looks at how Christ’s teachings liberated the Western mind and has been described as the most important theological writing of the last 50 years.



Ron Sponberg was a loyal member of the Church and the Men of St. Martin’s. His life was dedicated to God, his family and his country.

Before his death, Ron and his family endowed a lecture series designed to re-educate us about our country’s core principles and teach us about their genesis.

American democracy, as it should, has always allowed for a healthy debate about the direction of the country.

When its core principles are at risk of being eliminated — whether by those at the right or left of the political spectrum — they need to be defended. This series will remind us of what they are and where they came from.



Contact: Juli Browning, Worship Service Coordinator
jbrowning@smec.org • 713-985-3845

STUDENT WORSHIP NIGHT

7 1 7 STUDENTS

Palm Sunday

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

5 – 6 P.M. • STUDENT LIFE CENTER

All middle and high school students are welcome to join us for prayer, praise, music and dinner. Parents are welcome!

Contact: Florence Ritchie • fritchie@smec.org • 713-985-3843



The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's Invites You to



Saturday, March 30 • 10 a.m. • Free Admission
Parish Life Center
Bring your egg basket!

The adventures begin with a reading of the Easter story in the Parish Life Center, followed by an Easter egg hunt, crafts, a petting zoo, face painting, balloons and more. Everyone is welcome!

Contact: Valerie Rivera • 713-985-3817 • vrivera@smec.org

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

AT ST. MARTIN'S

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

HOLY WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 27

Traditional Services

7 a.m. and noon, Holy Eucharist
Christ Chapel

Taizé Prayer Service
6 p.m., Holy Eucharist
Christ Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 28

Traditional Service

7 p.m. · The Church

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29

Traditional Services

Noon and 6 p.m. · The Church

Family Table Service
Noon · Parish Life Center

Riverway Contemporary Service
6:30 p.m. · Parish Life Center

HOLY SATURDAY BAPTISM

Saturday, March 30

10 a.m. · Christ Chapel

EASTER DAY

Easter Morning Breakfast

Sunday, March 31

8-11 a.m. · Bagby Parish Hall

Traditional Worship Services

7, 9, 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The Church

Family Table Service

8 and 9:15 a.m. · Parish Life Center

Riverway Contemporary Service

11:15 a.m. · Parish Life Center

Student Ministries Easter Egg Hunt

10:15-10:40 a.m. and 10:45-11 a.m.

Student Life Center and Soccer Field



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Student Mission Trip • June 15–22

Nashville

TENNESSEE



Registration: bit.ly/2024nashvillemissiontrip

Deadline to register: March 31

Cost: \$800

Open to students who are currently in 6th–12th grade.

An Opportunity To See Nashville With The Lord's Heart And Eyes

This summer, the students and their leaders will head to Nashville for a week-long mission dedicated to help local elderly, children and homeless people. “Week of Hope” participants will serve the non-profit Group Missions team through Jesus-centered programs that combine work, fun and worship.

Contact | Florence Ritchie • fritchie@smec.org • 713-985-3843

RIVERWAY

Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate March Birthdays and Anniversaries
with Riverway.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

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!

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

PASSION CAMP – JULY 8-12, 2024

DAYTONA BEACH
 OCEAN CENTER

717 STUDENTS

To register, visit bit.ly/2024passioncamp

Total cost: \$800 • Deadline to register: April 30

Complete trip dates: July 7–13 (*Overnight stop in Mobile, Ala. each way*)

Middle and high school students completing grades 7–12 in May are invited to join the Student Ministries leaders in Florida for four days of worship, teaching and community service. Meet Christian teens from around the country in worship, music, fun and foundational conversations about being disciples of Christ.

Contact: Florence Ritchie • students@smec.org • 713-985-3843

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 helps you and the church budget

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