

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 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

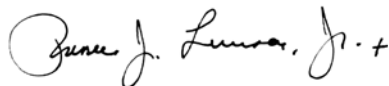
FROM THE RECTOR

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 worshippers*

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

APRIL 21

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Naomi Sundara

Lectionary-based Bible Study

8:55-9:25 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

Theology for Life with the Rev. Wesley Arning and Joy Hilley

"The Art of the Resurrection"

10:15-11 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Family Life Class with the Revs. Alex Graham and John Sundara

"Human Sexuality"

10:15-11 a.m.

Activity Center, Game Room

Seekers with the Rev. Naomi Sundara

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.

7-1-7 Students

Sunday Get-Togethers

For students in grades 6-12

10:15-11 a.m.

Student Life Center, Living Room

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

Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School

For children through grade 5

10:15-11 a.m.

Children's Life Center

Childcare is available during all morning services for infants through three-year-olds.

For more information about Children's Ministry, contact Rocio Velazquez at 713-985-3807 or rvelazquez@smec.org.

Music Ministry

Young Singers and Youth Choir of St. Martin's

For children in grades 1-5 and youth in grades 6-12

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

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

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

APRIL 22-27

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, April 22

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, April 23

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, April 24

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, April 24

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, April 24

11 a.m.-noon | The Church

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

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

Wednesday, April 24

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

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

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, April 24

7-9 p.m. | Children Life Center

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

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 25

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, April 27 | Rain or Shine

9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Corner of Woodway and Sage

Sterling's Market at St. Martin's Episcopal Church glorifies God through sharing the Gospel and the bounties of the earth with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors. For more information, contact Justin Avery at 713-985-3838 or info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, April 25

7-8 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

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

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, April 25

8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center

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

Women

Christian Life Study

Tuesday, April 23 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, April 25 – Day Group | 9:30-11:30 a.m. | Parish Life Center and via Zoom

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

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, April 24

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

Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for a book study and fellowship. For more information, contact Ashley Monachelli at 713-985-3816 or amonachelli@smec.org.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, April 24

6-8 p.m. | Student Life Center

Students in grades 6-12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. John Sundara at 713-985-3842 or jsundara@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 “Concerto in F: Allegro”

George F. Handel

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

*HYMN 518 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818–1856), alt.; Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659–1695).

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*)

Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con-que-ri-son; end - less is the
 vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 rolled the stone a - way, kept the fol - ded grave clothes
 where thy bo - dy lay. Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con-que-ri-son;
 end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 663 (vs. 1-2)..... “The Lord My God My Shepherd Is”

1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how
 2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and
 3 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -
 4 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for

1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by
 2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for
 3 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and
 4 all the days to come, that I may tell thy

1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.
 2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.
 3 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.
 4 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984); para. of Psalm 23; Music: *Crimond*, melody Jesse Seymour Irvine (1836–1887); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

T H E G O S P E LJohn 10:11-18

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on page 27.

HYMN 663 (*vs. 3-4*)..... “The Lord My God My Shepherd Is”

1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how
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 3 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON..... “The Good Shepherd”

The Rev. Lisa R. Neilson

THE NICENE CREED *(stand)*

Celebrant and People

I believe in one God,

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

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

**came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the
Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to
the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

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

**who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.**

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneel)*

Minister and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

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

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

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

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

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

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

Celebrant stands and says

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

THE PEACE *(stand)*

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 31 for upcoming events.

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

Celebrant

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

Presenter

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

Celebrant: Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church?

New Members: We do.

Celebrant: Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

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

Celebrant: Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “The Lord is My Shepherd”
John Rutter

The Lord is my Shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for His Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For Thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me: Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. But Thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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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.....*Easter Hymn*

Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley.

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

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.)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Celebrant continues (kneel)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant says

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

Celebrant and People

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Celtic Alleluia*

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

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

During the season of Easter, the Prayer of Humble Access is not a part of our public liturgy. You are invited to use it for your private preparation before receiving Communion.

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 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
Philip Stopford

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me. And on his shoulder gently laid and home rejoicing brought me. In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me, Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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HYMN “He Is Lord”

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is ris-en from the dead and He is Lord!

Ev-ery knee shall bow, ev-ery tongue con-fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.

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HYMN “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,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

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HYMN “Alleluia, He is Coming”

1 I looked up and I saw the Lord a - com - ing,
 2 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - weep - ing,
 3 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - dy - ing,
 4 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - ris - ing,
 I looked up and I saw the Lord a - com - ing down the road.
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - weep - ing for my sins.
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - dy - ing on the cross.
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - ris - ing from the grave.
 Al - le - lu - ia, He is com - ing,
 Al - le - lu - ia, He is here. Oh! Al - le -
 lu - ia, He is com - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, He is here.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

THE EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand.

HYMN 182 "Christ Is Alive!"

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY “Water Music: Fanfare”
 George F. Handel

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Isla Scott Campbell

by her parents, Nicole and William Campbell

In thanksgiving for the baptism of William Andrew Darby

by his parents, Lauren and Patrick Darby and

his grandparents, Dee and James Darby

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Wake William Francis

by Kenner and Richard Francis

In thanksgiving for the April 20 marriage of Patricia Lind and Michael Higgins

by Patricia's children and their families: the Taylor/McIlroys, the Taylors,

the Turners and the Paxtons

In memory of August Spencer Cummings

by the John Adkins family



BIRTHS

Dec. 28 Hallie Katherine Bell

Daughter of Kimberly and James Bell

Jan. 16 Hattie Louise Hibbert

Daughter of Madeline and John Edward Hibbert

Granddaughter of Sharon and Jim Hibbert

Feb. 8 Sutton Elizabeth Signorelli

Daughter of Rachel and Fred Signorelli

Granddaughter of Susan and Bob Porter



BAPTISMS

April 14 Madeline Rose Bock

Matthew Brody Bock

Tucker Raymond Cravens

Clara Olive Scully

Elizabeth Mary Swain



WEDDINGS

April 13 Lauren Michelle Jaehne and Colin Thomas Burns



SYMPATHY

March 29 August Spencer Cummings

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

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

THE PSALM Psalm 23, KJV

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul: *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: *
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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:

Bobbie Adams	Mary and Jim Jennings	Hillary Stonger
Carolyn Alban	John Justice	Paul Therrien
Buck Anderson	Sandra "Sandy" Justice	Annie Troung
Scotty Arnoldy	Mary Anne Kannard	Christine Troung
Edith Avery	Dick Kilday	Mary Watters
Shelly Bain	Marjorie Krajian	Stephen Wedemeyer
Beth Beathard	Reggie Lang	Ann Winters
Cory Blackman	Bruce Michael Lee	Stacy Wood
Cathy Blackwell	Nancy Liles	Eric Zoerb
John Boysen	Nicole Holford Lockney	Atticus
Harry Burrow	Amanda Lodge	Elizabeth and Scott
John Canon	Ryan Logan	Henry
Hallie Cooley	Madelyn Markham	Julie
Almeria Cottingham	Ronnie Martin	Laura
Sam Cruse	Janet McDaniel	Lynne
James Cunningham	Barbara McMahan	Mary Jane
Gail Davis	Frances Melicks	Roger
Bobby de Sosa	Len Menefee	Sarah
Linda de Sosa	Stuart Nixon	Stuart
Ross Dunn	Ann Noel	
Becca Earhart	Deborah Oliver	
Stacey and John Elliott	Bob Paddock	
Mary Finucane	Jim Paddock	
Charles Flores	Judy Peach	
Will Fogle	Joseph Powell	
Susan Folk	Ophelia Pujol	
Catherine Gonzales	Barbara Quackenbush	
Nancy Gore	Phyllis Reinhardt	
Shea Guinn	Julia Richards	
Cissy Gully	Monica Rivera	
Bette Haidusek	John Davis Roady	
Ann Halverson	Rhet Rollins	
Jean Hatton	Consuelo Saldana	
Mollie Hill	Helen and Jim Shaffer	
Marguerite Hillgers	Caroline Shanahan	
Cecilia Illeman	Clif Shoemake	
Marilyn Ingham	Bob Spencer	
Thelma Isenhardt	Trish St. Jean Martin	
Christine Jean	Jim and Jan Stokes	

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.

SERMON NOTES



PRAYER FOR RUSS AND LAURA

Lord God,

We are filled with gratitude for the beautiful ministry of Russ and Laura Levenson. How we have been blessed! Thank you, Father, for the many, many ways they have faithfully pointed us to You. Because of their 17 years of faithful leadership, our faith community has grown and flourished. We know they will continue to be a light for Christ's love in their new life ahead.

We ask that You continue to give the Levensons your wisdom, strength and courage. Guide them with Your Holy Spirit in the path you have set before them. We thank You for the way they have loved and served our Church and Congregation, and give you all the praise!

In Your holy name, we trust, Amen.

“I thank my God for you every time I think of you; and every time I pray for you, I pray with joy because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the gospel from the first day until now. And so I am sure that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on.”

– Philippians 1:3–6



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Say Farewell to
Russ and Laura

*Please plan to join us on Sunday, May 5, for one or more
of these special offerings.*

MORNING

- 8 a.m. • The Church • Holy Eucharist with Sermon by Dr. Levenson
Traditional Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. • The Church • Holy Eucharist with Sermon by Dr. Levenson
Combined Traditional and Family Table Worship Services
- 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall • “A Trip Down Memory Lane” with Russ and Laura
Children’s event in Activity Center; childcare available in Children’s Life Center
- 11:15 a.m. • The Church • Holy Eucharist with Sermon by Dr. Levenson
Traditional Worship Service; Riverway will join Dr. Levenson’s last service

EVENING

- 5:30 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall • “Fajitas and Farewell” Celebration Dinner for Adults

***Please R.S.V.P for dinner by April 28 at
smec.org/russ-farewell.***

- 6:30 p.m. • Concert • The Church
The Kingdom Pickers with Russ and Laura, featuring Haley and Tom Lynch
**No 6 p.m. Worship Service or Childcare*

*Finally, please continue to pray for Russ and Laura, for our wonderful Parish, for
the Clergy and Staff, and our fifth Rector. On behalf of the Vestry of St. Martin’s, we
offer our sincere thanks for your continued generosity.*

Contact: Brittney Pena • bpena@smec.org • 713-985-3821

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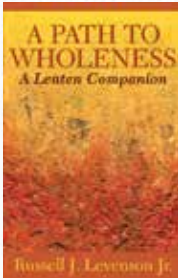
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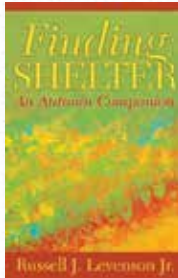
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On Saturday, April 13, the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas, presided over our Confirmation service. Please join us in congratulating those we welcomed to the Episcopal Church by confirmation, reception and reaffirmation.

ADULTS

Reaffirmed

Lisa Cole
Sarah Graham

Received

Christopher Cerrillo

Confirmed

Patrick Burch
George Carmichael
Aiden Cerrillo
Richard Cole
Randolph Gonzalez
Samuel Gonzalez

Confirmed

Nichole Hendrickson-Cerrillo
Alexi Holford
Christopher Justl
McKenzi McAdams
Donna Mintz
Keith Moriarty
Brittani Pena
Rob Stillwell
Sheryl Stillwell
Jack Wood
Jane Wood
Joel Wood

STUDENTS CONFIRMED

Oliver Absmeier	Laine Parrish
Adaline Bailey	Payton Peacock
Kathleen Bowes	Joseph Pearce
Mackenzie Bowes	Lee Pearce
Laura Carter	Riley Redlinger
Catherine Clampitt	Connor Roady
Adelaide Dooley	Oliver Reid
Elizabeth Essalih	Sienna Reid
Ann Fertitta	Harry Richardson
Evelyn Graham	Henry Simons
Madeleine Harvin	Taylor Synnott
Wesley Hennekes	Leighton Vermillion
Leighton Hinton	Brinkley West
Caroline Hull	James Wynn
Frances Meyer	Hannah Zoerb
Cary Miller	John Zoerb
Lawson O'Donnell	

*If you have questions about confirmation for students,
please email students@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

*If you have questions about confirmation for adults,
please email jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

Cruisin' Into Middle School

SUNDAYS
BEGINNING
APRIL 21

717
STUDENTS



Tyler "TD" Davis
Middle School Minister



Florence Ritchie
Coordinator of
Student Ministries



5th Grade Students
10:15 a.m.
Student Life Center

Join our Student Ministries for
Sunday Get-Togethers.

APRIL 21

Tour of the Student Life Center for 5th graders.

MAY 19

Parents and 5th graders learn about
our 2024-25 programs.

JUNE 2

5th grade "graduates" permanently move to
Student Ministries.



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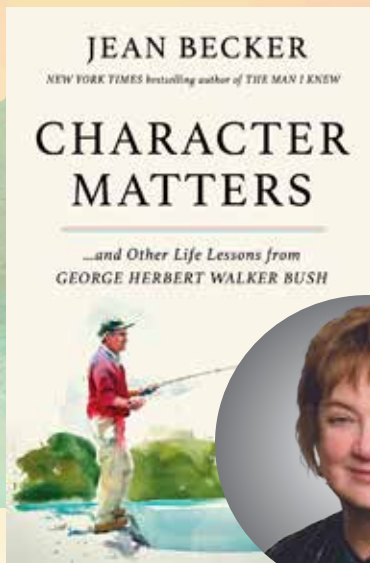
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The Ladies For Literacy Guild, in partnership
with St. Martin's Episcopal Church presents:

JEAN BECKER

in conversation with Khambrel Marshall to discuss her book



Wednesday, April 24

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. • Parish Life Center

To register, visit,

barbarabushhouston.org/bookclub

All are welcome! Space is limited and RSVP is required.

Books will be available at the event for signing.

Contact: Justin Jacobson Avery • events@smec.org • 713-985-3838



THE GATHERING

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

April 22

10 a.m – 1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Birds of a Feather, Flock Together

Paper clip birds



April 22

Dannette McMahon

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



ACTIVITY CENTER

ZUMBA

TUESDAYS

10–10:45 a.m.

Aerobics Room

Join Sandy for a class that is an easy-to-follow, high energy, calorie burning, total body dance-based workout!

Open to ALL levels.

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

For more information, visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Contact | Victoria Wilson
activitycenter@smec.org • 713-985-3835

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



CCSC Work Day

Saturday, April 27 | 9 a.m.–noon
3434 Branard, Houston, TX 77027

Organize and distribute food at the Emergency Services location for the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). CCSC assists the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy, and provides a back-to-school and Christmas program for low-income children.

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

RIVERWAY

Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate April Birthdays and Anniversaries
with Riverway.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
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.



ST. CLARE'S NEEDLEPOINT GUILD



Do you love to needlepoint?

Consider joining St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild. This guild welcomes stitchers of any skill level and teaches needlepoint from basic stitches to detailed and advanced work.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

1–4 p.m.

Activity Center Upper Hall East

St. Clare's also meets during the week. For more information, contact **Amanda DeViney** at 713-830-4110 or adeviney@smec.org.



[st.claresneedlepoint](https://www.instagram.com/st.claresneedlepoint)



[St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild](https://www.facebook.com/St.Clare'sNeedlepointGuild)

CLASS OF 2024

Senior Recognition Sunday!



Sunday, May 5
10 – 11 a.m.

Student Life Center

Graduating high school seniors and their families are invited to a breakfast celebration as St. Martin's will recognize our graduates. Please join us as we applaud their accomplishments and encourage them in their next adventure.

Parents, we need your help! Please share your child's future plans (college, specialized career path, armed forces, etc.) so that we can recognize each one.

Register » bit.ly/seniorrecognitionsunday (RSVP by April 28)

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

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



SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR
Healing and Wholeness
Order of St. Luke

St. Martin's International Order of St. Luke (OSL) Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

Next Service

Wednesday, May 1 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center or via Zoom
bit.ly/oslservice

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



CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDY

A Bible Study for Any Woman Seeking God's Truth

SHARING DAY

Thursday, May 2

9:30 a.m.–noon • Bagby Parish Hall

A special day where our group members share what the year has meant to them, stories of seeing God working in their lives and how they have grown in friendships and also spiritually through studying the Word of God. **We ask that you donate canned goods or blue jean pants for our outreach project.**



Contact: Liz Gallien • lgallien@smec.org • 713-830-4139



HOURS

Monday – Thursday

11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

View our menu at

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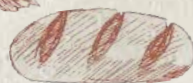
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Enjoy our hot meal entrées, sandwiches, salad bar, baked potato bar, desserts and more!

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HHCI Hope and Healing
Center & Institute

SUPPORT GROUP

Monthly Grief Support Group (VIRTUAL)

April 24

Presented by:



Rabbi Seth M. Stander, DD,
Community Aging Specialist,
HHCI CARES

Wednesday @ Noon CT
Available Online



CARES

Register today at bit.ly/seth-grief-support

For more information, contact Seth Stander at
sstander@hhci.org or 346-335-8627

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For all stewardship questions, contact Debbie Hutchison at
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