

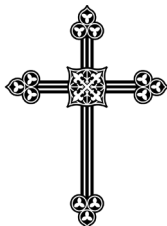
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 24, 2021



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

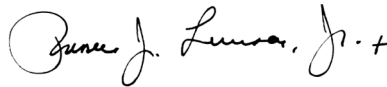
FROM THE RECTOR

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.***

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your provision for our church family, especially the resources we need to expand and develop our church campus in order to further the work of Your Gospel in this place. Give us strength and grace as the construction takes place, that it would go as You will, for Your purposes and Your kingdom. Bless and keep safe all those who labor on our behalf. All this we ask through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register for the next in-person service?

Registration opens at 9 a.m. on Monday for Sunday in-person services for that week. To register for The Church or The Family Table services, visit at bit.ly/smecworshipsvp or call 713-621-3040. *It is not necessary to register for Wednesday in-person services.*

What do I do when I arrive?

Please check in when you arrive.

- Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. When seated, use the six feet signs in the pews to social distance yourself from the people sitting next to you. Ushers are available to assist if needed.
- Doors to The Church open at 11:20 a.m. for the Wednesday service.
- Doors to The Church open at 9:20 a.m. for the Sunday service.
- Doors to Bagby Parish Hall open at 8:45 a.m. for The Family Table service.
- Doors close 5 minutes before the service starts. We appreciate your understanding and assistance in keeping on schedule.

What if my plans changed and I cannot attend?

Please cancel your reservation to allow others the opportunity to have your seat. The link to cancel can be found in your confirmation email. If the number of people in your reservation changes:

- For The Church, please contact Kathy Johnson at 713-985-3834.
- For The Family Table, please contact Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146.

Will childcare be available?

Currently child care is available for Sunday in-person worship only. *Availability is limited.* For additional information and to register, visit bit.ly/smecworshipsvp or contact Holli Kight at 713-985-3816 or hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Will I be able to use the Bibles and/or Books of Common Prayer that are in the pew racks?

No. All materials, including hymnals and Books of Common Prayer, have been removed for your safety. All service information will be the worship bulletin. You are welcome to bring your own Book of Common Prayer or Bible to use.

Will valet parking be available?

While valet parking is unavailable at this time, family members may drop off others under porte cochères.

Are services available online?

Yes, we will continue to live stream our services on YouTube and Facebook.

Now that we have reopened for worship, has St. Martin's campus also reopened?

Essential staff continue to work on campus as needed, but the campus remains closed.

- Café St. Martin's Curbside is available for lunch Monday–Friday. The menu and instructions for ordering and pick-up are available at stmartinsepiscopal.org/cafe-st-martins. Please contact Chrissy Kana at cafe@stmartinsepiscopal.org for further questions.
- St. Martin's Gift Shoppe is open 9 a.m.–noon Sundays and 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday–Thursday. Private appointments are available by contacting giftshoppe@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3840.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT **ST. MARTIN'S**

JANUARY 24–30

ADULTS

SUNDAY, JAN. 24

Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay

"Big Beliefs for Real Life: Journeying from 'Creation to New Creation'"

Distributed in the morning via email with links to Facebook and YouTube



This series will take us through big beliefs of faith, using the book *Café Theology* to consider the big story of God and how it affects our smaller stories of faith. We know how to "say our prayers," but we do we know how to hear from God? Wrestle with God? Abide in God? This series will dig deeper into four aspects of prayer

Family Life Class with the Rev. Alex Graham III

"Alpha for Families"

Distributed in the morning via email with links to Facebook and YouTube



How do we get talking about big questions of faith within our families? Have you ever thought about why we are here? Why do we pray? What about the Spirit? And how do we discuss these things with our middle schoolers or teens? This fall we're going to be doing the Alpha Course which looks at some of these big faith questions. Each week, we'll have a different topic covered by a different cleric with questions you can discuss within your families. This series will ground in the basics of the Christian faith and open up conversation within your home.

Seekers

Seekers will be joining Basic Bible Study this spring.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

Wednesday Night Bible Study

“Redeeming Men and Women: From Eden to Eternity”

7 p.m. via Facebook and YouTube



This four-week series will look at the biblical story of men and women where texts have been misused and misunderstood and what light the Cross sheds on this complicated story.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

“The Return of the King: A Study of Revelation”

7:30 p.m. via Zoom (ID: 986 960 5785)



Many people think that the Book of Revelation is hard to understand; it is filled with strange, dazzling imagery that can be confusing to decipher. However, the Book of Revelation is extremely important for us today as it offers the clearest picture of God's ultimate purpose for our world. Join us on Wednesday nights as we explore the teachings of this often misunderstood book.

For more information about Adult Christian Education,
email Katwana Coleman at kcoleman@stmartinespicopal.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY, JAN. 24

Children's Sunday School



Children's Ministry has brand-new lessons, curriculum and content for both preschool and elementary school. We'll be sending out weekly emails with links to virtual Sunday school videos and parent leader guides.



For more information about Children's Ministry, email Holli Kight at hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

Life Groups

Wednesdays through May 5 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Middle School ID: #949 5175 4882

High School ID: #962 9273 1076

Life Groups break out by groups for a time of study and discussion on biblical perspectives that guide our lives today. Our spring schedule is as follows:



- Jan. 13: Like Me series
- Feb. 3: More to the Story series
- March 3: Good for You series
- March 24: Afterlife series
- April 14: Invisible series

For more information about 7-1-7 Students and to receive Zoom passcodes, email Student Ministries at students@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY “Allegretto”

Felix Mendelssohn

Dr. David Henning, Director of Music and Parish Organist

All stand following the greeting.

Begin on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(BCP p. 215)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(kneel)*

The Celebrant says the Collect

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

HYMN 408 (vs. 1 and 3).....“Sing Praise to God”

*Annamarie Zmolek, Christine Mahaffey, Patrick Perez, Joel Williams,
Jan Cornelius LeClair, and Ben LeClair
St. Martin's Parish Choir*



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640–1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897), alt.; Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kischengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.).

THE LESSONJonah 3:1–5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a

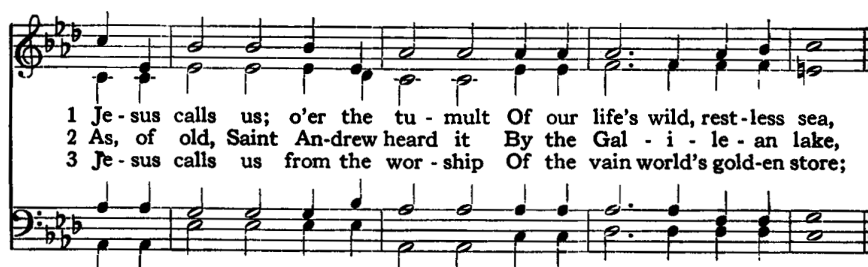
fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

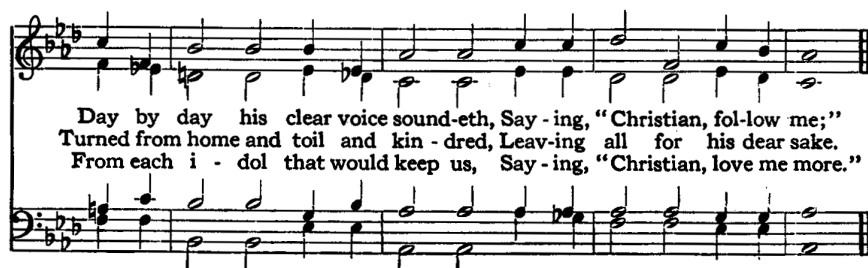
People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN (vs. 1-2)..... "Jesus Call Us"



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult Of our life's wild, rest-less sea,
 2 As, of old, Saint An-drew heard it By the Gal - i - le - an lake,
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the vain world's gold-en store;



Day by day his clear voice sound-eth, Say - ing, "Christian, fol-low me;"
 Turned from home and toil and kin - dred, Leav-ing all for his dear sake.
 From each i - dol that would keep us, Say - ing, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
 Days of toil and hours of ease,
 Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
 "Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
 Saviour, make us hear thy call,
 Give our hearts to thine obedience,
 Serve and love thee best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852, *alt.*; Tune: *Galilee*, William H. Jude, 1887.

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

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

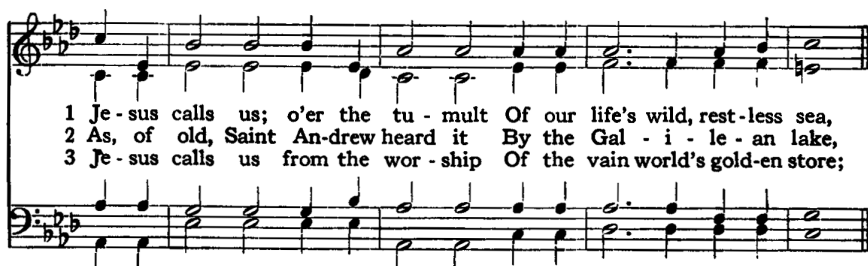
THE GOSPEL Mark 1:14–20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

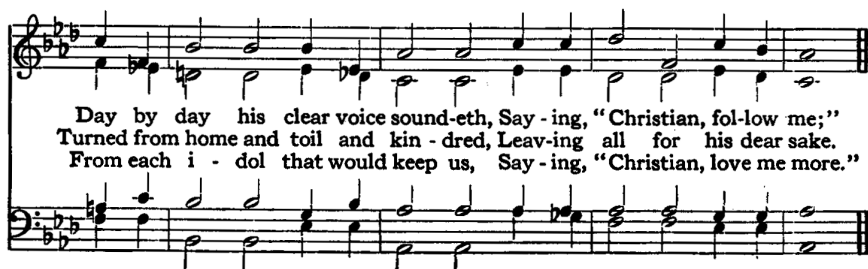
Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN (vs. 5) "Jesus Call Us"



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THE SERMON "Who Will Live Because of You?"

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

THE NICENE CREED (*BCP p. 327*)

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 (BCP p. 387,
Form III) (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 our Anglican Communion; for the Archbishop
of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael;
for our Bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector; for all bishops,
priests and deacons;
**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word
and Sacraments.**

We pray 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.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief
or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor and the Congress and the Courts; for all who serve in our armed forces and their families; we pray for peace throughout the world, and especially in the Middle East; and we pray for the victims of terror attacks; and we remember before you, and pray for the protection of our Christian brothers and sisters who face danger or persecution for their faith; and we pray for victims of all natural disasters. We pray for the safety of all law enforcement agents, firefighters, paramedics and all first responders who provide security and protection to the citizens they serve. We continue to pray for the many people who have contracted the coronavirus; for those in isolation, those who have lost their job or their business, and for all those in our communities involved in ministering to the sick, especially for all health care workers; and we pray for those in the hospitals; and those for whom our prayers have been requested__; and for those on our Continuing Prayer List; and for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers__; and we remember before you the departed especially__; we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind.

I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

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

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (BCP p. 394)

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People (BCP p. 331)

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

Priest stands and says (BCP p. 332)

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.**

T H E P E A C E *(stand)*

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.



MEMBERSHIP

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Monday, Feb. 8

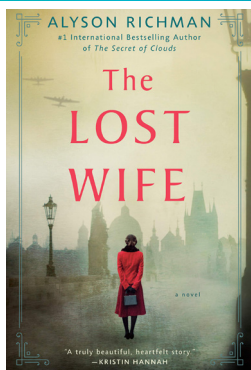
6 p.m. | via Zoom

Learn about the mission and core values of St. Martin's and broaden your understanding of our ministries and your role in the Church during this membership class that will include a virtual instructed Eucharist, a presentation by St. Martin's Rector, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., and a question-and-answer session by Kathy Johnson, Lay Minister of Membership at St. Martin's.

Reservations are required. To RSVP, contact Kathy Johnson at 713-985-3834 or kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org by 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7.



DAY GROUP



12:30–2 p.m. | Wednesday, Feb. 10

Zoom ID: 972 7924 7164 | Passcode: 801112

The Faith in Literature group explores, discusses and makes relevant connections between faith and works of fiction, past and present. While operating within the framework of Christian theology, we seek to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at 713-830-4110 or kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



Friday–Sunday,
Feb. 20–21

Cost: \$150

For students in
9th through 12th grade

Join us for our first Impact Houston weekend this spring! High schoolers, are you ready for an amazing weekend of service around our city, learning about the root causes of poverty and working with organizations that focus on helping the less fortunate? In addition to serving with partner organizations, expect fun and a few adventures.

It's going to be a weekend to remember!

Register now online: bit.ly/2020highschoolretreat

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



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Wednesday, Feb. 3
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Sylvia Muzquiz-Drummond, M.D.

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ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU!

WE MISS YOU!

GOD LOVES YOU!

We may not be able to meet in person right now, but we want to know if you are sick, hospitalized or need to speak with a member of the Clergy. Don't hesitate to call the church.

General Questions

Contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040.

Prayer Requests

Contact the Prayer Request Line at 713-830-4124 or Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

After Hours Emergencies

Call 713-621-3040 and press 2 to reach the Priest on Call.

Death Notifications and Funerals

Contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; for when humbly, in Thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now Thy garment’s hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit Thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve Thee faithfully.

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AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*

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

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(BCP p. 340) (stand)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

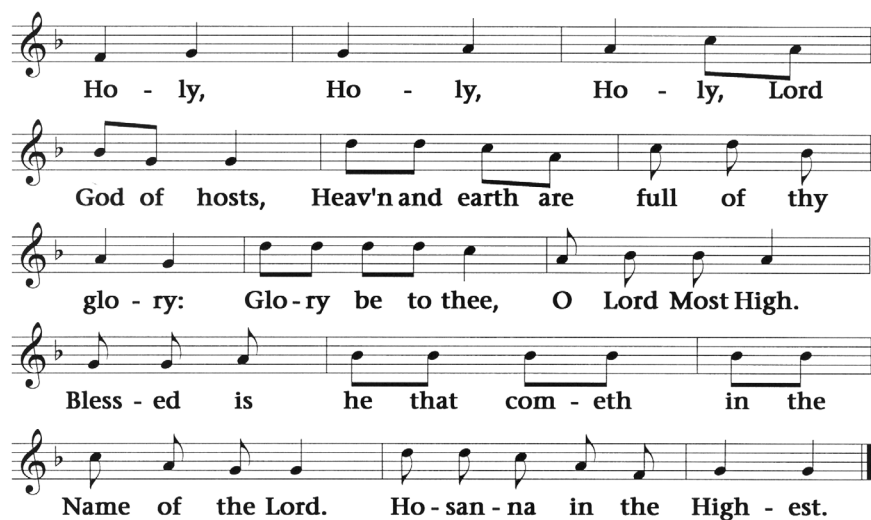
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

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

The Celebrant continues (BCP p. 341) (kneel)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(BCP p. 336)*

People and Celebrant

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.



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS *(BCP p. 337)*

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. (BCP p. 338)

Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *(BCP p. 339)*

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.

THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Please be seated.

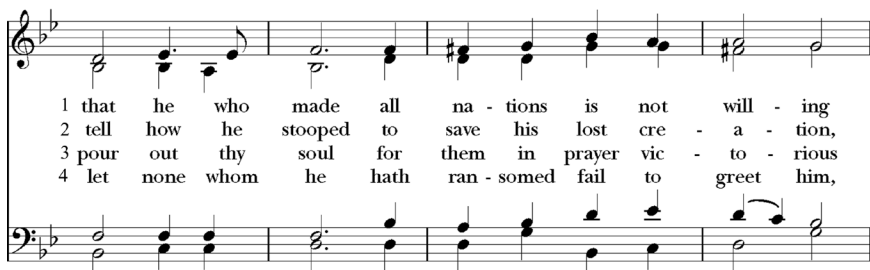
HYMN 539 (vs. 1 and 4)....."O Zion Haste



1 O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 3 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
 4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,



1 to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 2 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
 3 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
 4 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;



1 that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 2 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 3 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
 4 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,



1 one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 2 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 3 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 4 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1834–1923), alt.; Music: *Tidings*, James Walch (1837–1901).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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	Britt Huckaby	Rebecca Parsons
Michael Adams	Ben Hunter	Erin Pedigo
Harvey Altmann	Debra Ibarra Mayfield	Troy Phillips
Shelly Bain	Wanda Jacobs	Jimmy Prentice
Jack Beeson	Brittney Jacobson	Ophelia Pujol
Alli Blackman	Shirlee Jamail	Caroline Rawl
Michele Bouchard	Joyce Janak	Robert Rosales
John and Dianne Brock III	Connie Jessen	David and Clare Sackllah
Brock Burns	Helen Joyner	Tracy and Jimmy Sackllah
Jane Cabes	Muriel Kearby Albaral	Brady Samuelson
Elaine Chandler	Gene Kindrachuk	Jim Sanitato
Beth Costa	Sadie Knutzen	Ellie Schilling
Gail Davis	Paige Laird	Pam Schubert
Sue Davis	Wallis Larocque	Robert and Sylvia Seals
Tommy W. Davis	Amy Lee	Janell Sewell
Bobby deSosa	Stan Leong	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Betty DeVerter	Shawn Levenson	Clif Shoemake
Chase Dixon	Nancy Liles	Frances Smith
Nancy Doss	Martha Ann Linden	Pat Smith
Jeff Dykes	Alex Litchfield	Tyler Smith
Jim Easterling	Robertta Lloyd	William Gilbert Smith
Stacey Elliott	Ryan Logan	Bob Spencer
E.J. Farhood	Sande Lyman	Ron Sponberg
Matt Fryar	Charlie Malone	Sybil Stephens
Lauren Furr	Jaclyn Manning	Jim Stokes
Brad Gallion	Jeffrey Martinson	Paul Stumpff
Robbie Gay	BD McAndrew	Marjorie Taishoff Craig
Max Goodloe	John McMahan	Paul Therrien
Steve and Amy Gula	Michelle McStravick	Bart Tomlinson
Gladys Halbouty	Hal Means	Mae Joyce Wagner
Tish Hale	Mary Kay Mohrmann	Alexander Wang
Melinda Hall	Fran Neilson	Becky Wareing
Walesk Harvey	Ann Nelson	Charles Warren
Susie Hatfield	Rick Noble	Charles Warren
Elizabeth Hill	Benice Nwabueze	Mary Waters
Mollie Hill	Judy and Jay O'Connor	Karen Weber
Jeff Holden	Jim Paddock	Derry Wilkens
Elizabeth Holderfield	Randal Parrott	James Wilkerson

Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the months before Easter and All Saints' Day. Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. To put someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Tim Womack	Jane	Millie
Eric Zoerb	John and Lisa	Noble Family
Ben	Karen	Oran
Betsey	Kathleen	Patsy
Bruce	Kathryn	RC
Caroline	Laura	Sally
Casa San Martin, Bolivia	Luke	Thomas
Curt	Marilyn	Wang family
Elizabeth	Mark	
Henry	Matthew	

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	1st Lt. Will Golinkin	Lt. Paul Piana
Lt. Col. Julian Benton	Capt. Cody Horr	LCMR David A. Pilko
1st Lt. Benjamin Brown	Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell	Maj. Thomas Cook Plant
Lt. Col. Chris Davis	Dallas Wayne Hunter	E-4 Brian Matthew Powell
Wesley Dodd	Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs	PFC Joel Rowell
James Drury III	Krystal Martinez	Maj. Christian Schleider
James Eilers	PV2 Wills Masterson	1st Lt. Grant Suter
Capt. Dom Flatt	1st Lt. Ben Matthews	1st Lt. Luke Voss
Nathan Fordice	Lt. Holly E. Pace	

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the 7th birthday of Anneliese and Carsten
by Meredith and Dean Huffman

In memory of Victoria May Westbrook
by her loving children Brenda, Brent and Laura



BAPTISMS

January 16 Mollie "Mimi" Michele Halpin
Stella Paige Smith



SYMPATHY

December 13 John Marshall Harlan
January 15 Charles F. Thomas

To mark a special occasion with an altar flower dedication, visit bit.ly/ChurchFlowers or contact Barbara Piana at 713-830-4116.

SERMON NOTES

"Jesus was born in a borrowed manger. He preached from a borrowed boat. He entered Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey, He ate the Last Super in a borrowed upper room and He was buried in a borrowed tomb. Now He asks to borrow the lives of Christians to reach the rest of the world. [And] If we do not speak, then He is dumb and silent."^[1]

Pastor Leighton Ford

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have..."

I Peter 3:15

"There is love whose measure is that of an umbrella. There is love whose inclusiveness is that of a great marquee. And there is love whose comprehension is that of the immeasurable sky. The aim of the New Testament," he wrote, "is the conversion of the umbrella into a tent and the merging of the tent into the glorious canopy of the all-enfolding heavens... Push back the walls of family love until they include the neighbor; again push back the walls until they include the stranger; again push back the walls until they comprehend the foe."^[2]

John Henry Jowett, d. 1923

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

John Wesley, d. 1791

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours..."

Teresa of Avila, d. 1582

[1] From *A Box of Delights*, J. John and Mark Stibbe, comp. (Monarch Books: London, 2001), p. 61.

[2] John Henry Jowett, *The Epistles of Peter*, quoted in *Swindoll's Ultimate Book of Illustrations*, p. 360.

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