

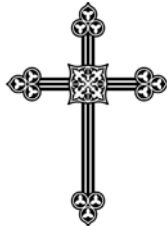
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY

January 30, 2022



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

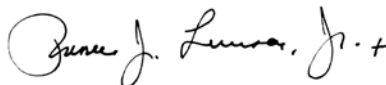
FROM THE RECTOR

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.***

Please continue to take CORONA virus precautions. We encourage all who visit our campus to be fully vaccinated. If not vaccinated, we request you wear a mask while on our campus; or continue to participate in the variety of virtual offerings for worship, education and fellowship. Please note that anyone not abiding by these recommendations is doing so at his or her own risk. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

JANUARY 30

Adults

All adult Sunday School classes will meet together at 10:15 a.m. in Bagby Parish Hall for the 69th Annual Parish Meeting. The 11:15 a.m. services in The Church and Parish Life Center will begin at 11:30 a.m. to accommodate the meeting.

*For more information about Adult Christian Education,
email Lori Rivera at lrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

7-1-7 Students

Episcopal Youth Community

10:15-11 a.m. | Student Life Center



Grades 6-12 are welcome to join Student Ministries for coffee, lemonade, donuts and conversation about the Scriptures shared in worship.

*For more information about 7-1-7 Students
email Student Ministries at students@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

Youth Choir

10:15-11 a.m. | Rehearsal in Student Life Center



St. Martin's Youth Choir is for young people who like to sing. Through the fellowship of music, Youth Choir members enjoy community as they deepen their walk with Christ.

*For more information about Youth Choir
email Carole Nelson at cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School

10:15-11 a.m. | Children's Life Center

We have engaging lessons, curriculum and content for both preschool and elementary school. Childcare is available during all morning services for infants through four-year-olds as well.



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

Choristers

8:30-9 a.m. | Rehearsal in Children's Life Center

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



St. Martin's Choristers, for children in grades 1-5, make joyful and beautiful music while affording them a special place in the worship services at St. Martin's.

*For more information about Choristers
email Carole Nelson at cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 5 Adults

Saintly Stitches

Monday, Jan. 31

9 a.m.-noon | Activity Center, Upper Hall East



Saintly Stitches fill St. Martin's with pew kneelers and other gifts for worship spaces. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at lnilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Education for Ministry

Tuesday, Feb. 1

6:30-8:30 p.m. | Welcome Center



EfM is a challenging and affirming four-year study developed and administered by the University of the South's School of Theology. For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay at smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Feb. 2

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. Lisa Neilson at lnilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, Feb. 2

7-9 p.m. | Welcome Center



Join our young adults as they explore the Alpha Film Series during this spring semester. There will be a 20-minute video, discussion, prayer and, of course, dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb. 3

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 the Rev. Dr. Chad Martin at cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Sterling's Market

Saturday, Feb. 5 | Rain or Shine

9 a.m.-noon | Corner of Woodway and Sage



The mission of the Sterling's Market at St. Martin's Episcopal Church is to glorify God through sharing the Gospel and the bounties of the earth with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors. For more information and to volunteer, contact info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Feb. 3

7-8 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



This men's group meets for fellowship, mutual support and Bible study. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions. For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Chad Martin at cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Feb. 3

8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center



Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Women

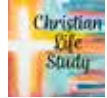
Christian Life Study

Tuesday, Feb. 1 – Evening Group

6:30–8 p.m. | Children's Life Center

Thursday, Feb. 3 – Morning Group

9:30–11:30 a.m. | Parish Life Center, Children's 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@stmartinsepiscopal.org or visit clsbiblestudy.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Feb. 1

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. Lisa Neilson at Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, Feb. 2

9:15–10:30 a.m. | Children's Life Center or via Zoom



Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for a book study of "Motherhood: Being Grounded in Christ" by Patty Pell. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Blanket Ladies

Wednesday, Feb. 2

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. Lisa Neilson at Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Feb. 2

6:30–8 p.m. | Student Life Center



Students in grades 6-12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

The logo for Sterling's Market at St. Martin's. It features a green star at the top with horizontal lines extending from its sides. Below the star, the word "STERLING'S" is written in a green, serif font. Underneath that, the word "MARKET" is written in a larger, bold, green, serif font. At the bottom, the words "AT ST. MARTIN'S" are written in a smaller, green, serif font.

STERLING'S MARKET AT ST. MARTIN'S

STERLING'S CREW INFORMATION NIGHT

**Learn more about a new opportunity to serve
and volunteer at St. Martin's!**

Whether you enjoy leadership roles or want to serve on a dynamic team, **"Sterling's Crew"** offers opportunities to make new friends in the Parish and community while serving at our new farmers market on Saturdays. Opportunities include everything from greeting visitors to spearheading logistics.

**Come learn more about this exciting new ministry
by joining us for a FREE dinner at 5:30 p.m.,
Wednesday, Feb. 2, in Bagby Parish Hall.**

Simply sign up at bit.ly/crewddinner2022

At the dinner, you will meet some of our talented vendors and sample their products. Current volunteers will talk about how the market is positively affecting their lives.

People of all ages are invited!

Bring the whole family and invite your friends. You do not have to be a member of St. Martin's to join Sterling's Crew.

*Sterling's Market is open most Saturdays
from 9 a.m. to noon at Sage and Woodway.*

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 "Intrada"

John Ireland

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

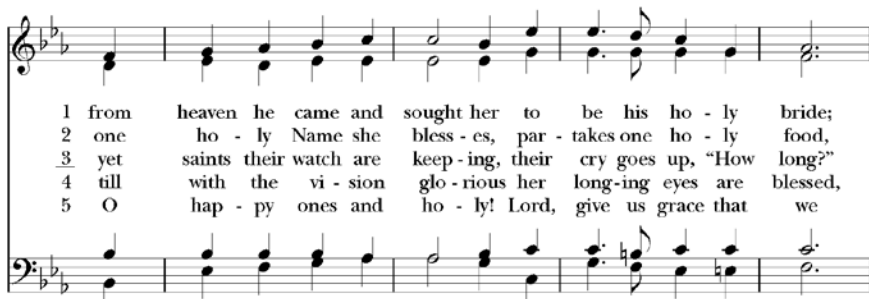
*HYMN 525 "The Church's One Foundation"



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

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

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839–1900); Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818–1876).

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.**

G L O R I A (*said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.*)

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

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847); Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800–1880).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(kneel)*

The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 488 (vs. 1-2)..... “Be Thou My Vision”

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880–1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860–1935), alt.; Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874–1948); Copyright: Words: This hymn appears courtesy of the Estate of Eleanor Hull and Chatto & Windus Ltd. Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL.....Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue at Nazareth: “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there

were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
 People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 41.

H Y M N 4 8 8 (vs. 3) "Be Thou My Vision"

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON ...The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D.
Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary
morning services

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay, Ph.D.
evening service

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; for persecuted Christians; for victims of terror attacks; for an end to war and conflict; for victims of natural disasters; for first responders; for those suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus; for health care workers; for those in the hospitals,__; for those whom our prayers have been requested,__; for those on our Continuing Prayer List; for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers,__; for the dearly departed,__; and 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.

Special Guest Preacher

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SUNDAY

The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D.

Sunday, January 30

8, 9 and 11:30 a.m.

The Church



The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D. is the Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary and professor of theology and ethics. Educated in the United Kingdom, he has degrees from King's College London, the University of Cambridge and the University of Exeter. He is the author and editor of more than 40 books, writing on topics as diverse as liturgy, religious diversity, religion and science, Christian ethics and doctrine. His latest book, "The New Apologetics," makes the case that science now provides a basis for the Christian sense that the universe is both spiritual and physical. He has been recognized with many awards, including serving as the Frank Woods Fellow at Trinity College, Melbourne; the Teape Lecture out of the University of Cambridge and delivered in India; and most recently, the Paddock Lectures of General Theological Seminary.

69th
Annual
PARISH
MEETING



Sunday, Jan. 30
10:15 a.m.
Bagby Parish Hall

Parishioners are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to learn about progress in the preceding year and plans for 2022. Sunday School for adults will not be offered on this Sunday so that all will have the opportunity to attend. *The 11:15 a.m. services in The Church and Parish Life Center will begin at 11:30 a.m. to accommodate the Annual Parish Meeting.*
Please join us!

STUDENT MINISTRIES
High School
MISSION TRIP
EL SALVADOR

Sunday, June 26 – Saturday, July 2
Apply before March 15

We will work with missionary Kurt Ackermann and Sus Hijos to build a house, feed the homeless and spend time with the forgotten youth of San Salvador.
Students must submit an application and be active participants in Student Ministries' Programs to be considered for the trip.

Submit your application at
<https://bit.ly/2022HSMissionTrip>

CARING *for the* MEMBERS *of* ST. MARTIN'S

We do many important things in and through the life of St. Martin's, but toward the top of that list is the vital work of caring for our members, particularly when they face a pastoral crisis, issue or need. Between our Clergy and extensively trained crew of lay pastoral volunteers, we do a great deal of this work. For instance, in 2021, despite the limitations put upon us by the COVID-19 pandemic, our clergy and members of our Shepherd's Guild made, when allowed by hospital guidelines, 2,634 hospital visits, 1,187 home communion visits and delivered altar flowers to 85 individuals.

In 2021, members of our Clergy team officiated at 104 baptisms, 12 marriages on campus and four off campus, for a total of 16, and 61 memorial services. In addition, through our pastoral care/prayer ministries, we offered up 1,885 prayers in response to those who filled out prayer request cards. And from March of 2020 (the beginning of the pandemic lockdown for Houston) until the end of December 2021, the Clergy, Vestry and other lay leaders made three rounds of "check-in calls" to every single St. Martin's household, not one – but three times. A total of nearly 4,000 households were called at least three times! (If you did not get your call, we may need you to call or email us with updated contact information!)

The dedication that goes into all of this work has been vital, but our ability to respond to the pastoral needs of our members depends, in large part, *on you*.

That is not the way it has always been! When I was first ordained, I could call the hospital and ask for the names of not just the members of my parish who might be admitted, but often the names of all Episcopalians. All of that changed in 1996 with the passage of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) that not only secured the privacy of hospital patients, but also made pastoral care more difficult. The shift has put the burden on the patient or parishioner to personally inform family, Clergy and lay pastoral caregivers if they wish to be visited. Often, this information is also required to allow hospital visits, at times even requiring names of potential visitors. Of course, the HIPAA laws have done many good things, and securing your privacy is increasingly important in a world with access to some of your most private information.

Your Clergy want to reach out to you and care for you whenever you request our care and involvement. This is not simply limited to the physical health of our members and their families, but it also includes your mental, emotional, relational and spiritual health. We can be the best caregivers within our power when we know before the crisis ensues or the need is on the horizon, but we cannot know if you do not tell us and thus we cannot respond if we do not know.

On this point, perhaps the best way to reach out with your pastoral need is to ***call the Church and ask for the Pastoral Care Department.***

While you are welcome to call any member of the Clergy at any time, often reaching out to a specific member of the Clergy may delay a response to your need—that clergy person may be traveling, ill, or out of town. In short, they may not be able to respond in the timely matter that you desire or need. ***When you call the Church first, you are ensuring the best and the most efficient way of getting in touch with our caring team sooner rather than later!***

So, when should you call?

- When you want to plan a baptism, marriage or want to pre-plan your memorial service.
- When you or a loved one are to be hospitalized, scheduled for surgery or admitted to the hospital in an emergency.
- When a loved one requires prayers for the sick and dying or has passed away.
- When your marriage or a close relationship starts to show signs of trouble.
- When your child is faced with peer pressure or succumbs to the pervasive abuse of alcohol or drugs.
- When you are under any burden of emotional, mental or spiritual strain.
- When you want a Clergy or layperson to pray with you in person or by phone.
- When you want your name, or that of a friend or loved one, added to our private or public prayer list. (Please keep in mind to always get the permission of someone you are asking to be placed on our public prayer list!)
- When you need to explore your faith, including any doubts or questions you may have.
- When you face financial stress, vocational difficulties or lose your job.

- And don't forget to call us when there is good news, such as when the baby arrives or when you get a new job! We want to hear about it when you receive good news about medical tests or when you get engaged.
- Any time that you feel you could gain counsel, help, insight or strength from our Clergy team.

Another important reason to call us is that we are human and forget things! If you tell one of your Clergy at the door on Sunday, or when you run into that person at the grocery or pharmacy, about an upcoming surgery or hospital stay, we would certainly hope to remember that, but we might forget, particularly when greeting hundreds on Sunday! So again, it is better for you to call the Pastoral Care department first, and we can better serve you in that way.

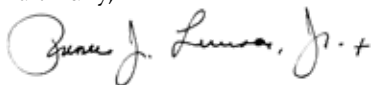
We cannot help if we do not know. Many years ago, in a different parish, I had a parishioner get upset because I did not come for a pastoral visit. When I asked, "Did you tell anyone that you were going into the hospital?" The answer was, "No! I just expected a visit anyway!" Though you know your Rector likes magic tricks, mind reading was not a spiritual gift endowed at the moment of ordination. If you need us, please let us know!

You can reach our Pastoral Care office during the day by calling 713-985-3817. At least one member of our Clergy team is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The number to reach a member of the Clergy after hours is 713-621-3040. The confidential Prayer Request Line is 713-830-4124.

It is so important to me that we do our best to respond to the pastoral needs of every single one of our more nearly 9,800 members. We are here for you, but may need some help from you to do the work we have been called to do.

Thank you in advance for understanding and, more importantly, for letting us know!

Faithfully,



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

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GIVE BLOOD

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Blood Drive

Monday, Jan. 31 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | Student Life Center

FREE COVID-19 Antibody Test with Donation

Appointments are required to donate during this time. Please go online to schedule at bit.ly/smeclblooddrive or contact Victoria Tidwell at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center: 832-602-9350 or vtidwell@giveblood.org

EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.



Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



Kids' Meals

Tuesday, Feb. 1 | 4 p.m.

Parish Life Center Kitchen

Come prepare sandwiches to help Kids' Meals, which provides and distributes nutritious lunches to hungry preschool children throughout Houston. St. Martin's makes more than 10,000 sandwiches for children annually. For more information about Kids' Meals, visit kidsmealshouston.org.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.

St. Martin's COVID-19 Vaccination Day



St. Martin's is partnering with Harris County Public Health to host a COVID-19 vaccination day.

Wednesday, February 2
9 a.m.–5 p.m. | Scout Center
No registration required

- No photo ID is required at Harris County Public Health vaccine sites.
- ***We will be administering second Pfizer (ages 5 and up) vaccines and third (booster) doses for the immunocompromised.***
- Those who received the first Pfizer dose at St. Martin's on Jan. 14 are welcome. Please bring your vaccination card.
- Those who need the second Pfizer dose are welcome as long as they are due or past due 21 days and must bring their vaccination card.
- You will be observed 15-30 minutes after receiving your dose.



SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR

Healing and Wholeness



St. Martin's International 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, Feb. 2 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center or via Zoom
bit.ly/oslservice

For more information, contact Tracee Martin at tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

The Order of the Daughters of the King



SATURDAY, FEB. 5 | 10 A.M.
CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

Bo's Place Outreach Project

Our Daughters will prepare adorable stuffed puppies, a signature gift for all grieving children at Bo's Place, by tying ribbons around the necks and individually packaging 120 of them for delivery later in February.

Visitors are welcome at any meeting to join us for fellowship, reflection and prayer while supporting St. Martin's and our communities.

For more information, please contact Tracee Martin at tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONFIRMATION

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SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 6–MARCH 6

10:15–11 A.M.

ACTIVITY CENTER, UPPER HALL

Join the Rev. Dr. Chad Martin to learn how the Episcopal Church is like other Christian churches and what makes our Anglican heritage unique. Time will be spent discussing The Book of Common Prayer, the Sacraments, and the Church's history and polity. Adults have the opportunity to be prepared for confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church on Saturday, March 26, with the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas, by attending this confirmation class.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Dania Lainez
at 713-985-3845 or dlainez@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

A Very Special Lenten Retreat *Icon Writing* with Teresa Harrison

March 7-11
Monday through Friday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



St. Martin's will host renowned instructor Teresa Harrison for a five-day course in the ancient technique of icon writing.

Participants will write their own icons using acrylic paint and gold leaf, a medium that resembles the traditional egg tempera.

Registration fee of \$495 includes all art supplies, but students will need to bring a small desk lamp and an apron or smock.

Seating is limited. Register at bit.ly/iconography2021 by Feb. 6.



Please join us for the Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's

Spring Luncheon

with Guest Speaker

Doro Bush Koch



Being

Bright, Bold & Real

in a Changing World

Join us for an exciting conversation with Doro Bush Koch, Honorary Chair of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, and Founding Partner of BB&R Wellness Consulting, as she returns to her home church for ECW's much anticipated spring luncheon.

Tuesday, February 8

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Tickets - \$35 • Table for 10 - \$350

Kindly register at bit.ly/2022ecwspringluncheon

ECW Committee Chairs

Laura Levenson, Stacy Cheesman and Megan Holstien

The mission of the Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's Episcopal Church is to bring women together for fellowship, service and outreach while spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.



CELEBRATE SCOUT SUNDAY

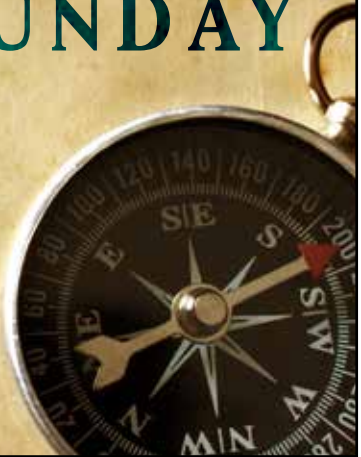
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

BOY SCOUTS

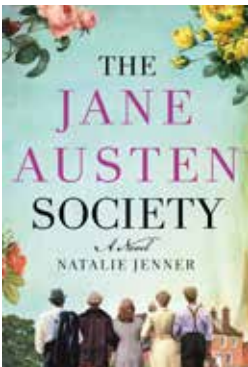
9 A.M.

THE CHURCH

St. Martin's will recognize our Scouts and leaders during this special service during which Scouts act as readers and flag bearers.



DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Feb. 9
Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom

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 Dania Lainez at dlainez@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



A DAY OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 10–11 A.M.

This is the 12th annual work day for St. Martin's Parishioners. Our faith in Christ is expressed by helping others in our community. Activities are planned on campus to serve the many agencies we support.

Just show up and visit a variety of projects and agency partners.

Wear your Outreach t-shirt, available at the Activity Center Information Desk.

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



Thursday, Feb. 17 · 6-8 p.m.
Parish Life Center Kitchen

St. Martin's hosts cooking classes with professional chefs designed for all skill levels, and perfect for those interested in sharpening their culinary skills and sharing in fellowship.

Register for class
with Chef Julio Flores
bit.ly/stmartinscooking5

Menu includes:
Chicken Cordon Bleu,
Lemon Risotto and more

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JUNE 12-17, 2022



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Registration deadline March 31

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Registration deadline March 31



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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM *St. Paul, "See What Love"*
Felix Mendelssohn

See what love hath the Father bestowed, yea, on us in His goodness, that we should be called God's own children.

Text: 1 John 3:1

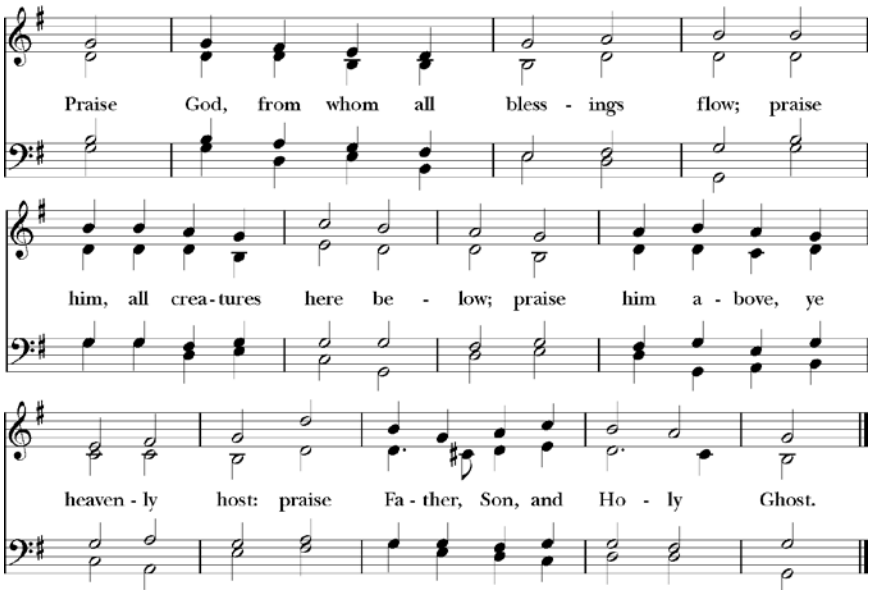
AT THE PRESENTATION

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

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

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

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*



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

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseumes 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 (said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord". The second staff continues the lyrics: "God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy". The third staff continues: "glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High." The fourth staff continues: "Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the". The fifth staff concludes the piece: "Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est." The music consists of a simple melody with some rests and a final double bar line.

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)*

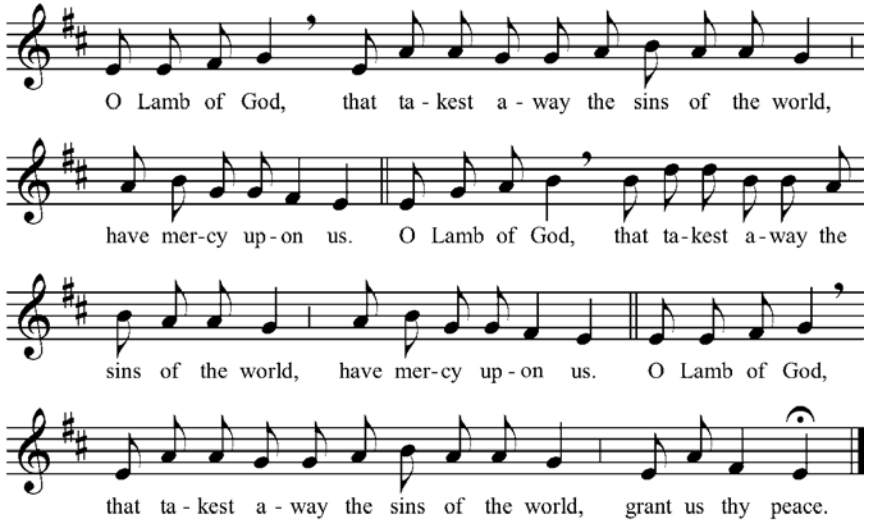
People and Celebrant

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.

(said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



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.

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

Then may be said

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)

Distribution of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. At this time, we are offering only the wafer, which is considered full Communion in the Episcopal Church. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

AN T H E M “I Sat Down Under His Shadow”
Edward C. Bairstow

I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

Music: Edward C. Bairstow. © 1925 Oxford University Press.

H Y M N 6 9 3 “Just As I Am”

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

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

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

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

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871); Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816–1868).

HYMN "Here I Am, Lord"



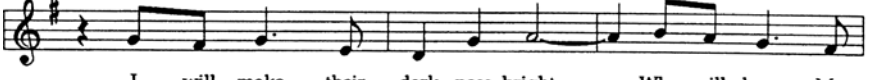
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



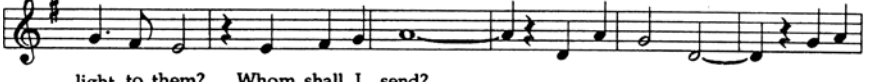
peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will



save, I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My



light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____ Here I am, Lord, _____ Is it
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____



I, Lord? _____ I have heard You calling in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____



_____ if you lead me. _____ I will hold Your peo - ple in my



heart. _____ heart. _____

HYMN 516 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the year - ning strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing,
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890), alt.; Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958).

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

All stand.

HYMN 598

“Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam’st to Earth”

1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam’st to earth, up - on a cross they
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -
 bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
 nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,
 by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -
 may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -
 stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
 pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882–1969), alt.; Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.); Copyright: Words: By permission of the family of Walter Russell Bowie.

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage

by Kim Thien Nguyen and Ian Andrew Shol

In thanksgiving for the ministry of the Very Rev. Ian S. Markham

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Eleanor Elizabeth Wendt

by her loving parents, Amber and Michael Wendt

In memory of Betty R. Paul and with thanksgiving for Keith Paul

by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren



BAPTISMS

Jan. 23 Ford Lawrence Stewart



WEDDINGS

Jan. 22 Lindsey Ellen Phillips and Bernard Connor Mannon



SYMPATHY

Feb. 14 Thomas Holmes Flory

Sept. 5 Carolyn Brown Hartland

Dec. 14 Gretchen M. Wilson

Dec. 30 John Oliver Bell

Jan. 7 Geraldine Eloise Anderson Eversole

Jan. 17 Phillip Riley Fitzgerald

Jan. 23 Marvin Ernest Chernosky, Jr.

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

SERMON NOTES

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENTJeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

THE PSALMPsalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed. In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold. Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor. For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young. I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

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:

Shelly Bain	Brittney Jacobson	Susan Strother
Cia Baze	Helen Joyner	Paul Stumpf
Jack Beeson	Muriel Kearby Albaral	Nancy Talbot
Missy Belote	Paige Laird	Paul Therrien
Anne Berry	Sherman Lasker	Bart Tomlinson
Alli Blackman	Amy Lee	H. Michael Tyson
Cory Blackman	Stan Leong	Randy Vander Naillen
Grace Blake	Shawn Levenson	Becky Wareing
John and Dianne Brock III	Nancy Liles	Charles Warren
Jane Cabes	Martha Ann Linden	Mary Waters
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Robertta Lloyd	Derry Wilkens
Beth Costa	Ryan Logan	James Wilkerson
Gail Davis	Jaclyn Manning	Eric Zoerb
Mac Davis	Jo Nell Marshall	Ben
Sue Davis	Jeffrey Martinson	Betsey
Tommy W. Davis	BD McAndrew	Elizabeth
Louis DelHomme	Michelle McStravick	Henry
Bobby deSosa	Hal Means	Jane
Betty DeVerter	Len Menefee	Kathryn
Chase Dixon	Benice Nwabueze	Laura
Nancy Doss	Jim Paddock	Lorrie
Jim Easterling	Troy Phillips	Marilyn
Stacey Elliott	Jimmy Prentice	Mark
Matt Fryar	Ophelia Pujol	Matthew
Brad Gallion	Barbara Quackenbush	Oran
Max Goodloe	Rocky Robinson	Patsy
Hollis, McKay and	Robert Rosales	RC
Rand Grace	Brady Samuelson	Sally
Shea Guinn	Jim Sanitato	Thomas
Gladys Halbouty	Ellie Schilling	Victor and Barbara
Walesk Harvey	Helen and Jim Shaffer	Willie
Elizabeth Hill	Patsy Shappley	Woody
Mollie Hill	Clif Shoemake	
Jeff Holden	Richard Smith	
Elizabeth Holderfield	Bob Spencer	
Wayne Hollis	Margaret Stewart	
Debra Ibarra Mayfield	Jim Stokes	
Robbie Jacobe	Aaron Strong	

Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks 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 Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	LCDR Bradley Ryan	2nd Lt. Alex Mullen
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