

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

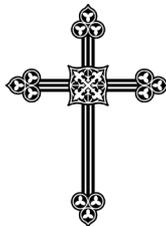
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May 9, 2021



## 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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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 Traditional or Family Table services, visit at [bit.ly/smecworshippersv](http://bit.ly/smecworshippersv) or call 713-621-3040. *Reservations are not required for the Wednesday noon service.*

## 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 Bagby Parish Hall open at 11:20 a.m. for the Wednesday service.
- Doors to The Church open at 8:20 a.m. for the 9 a.m. Sunday service.
- Doors to Bagby Parish Hall open at 8:45 a.m. for the 9:15 a.m. Family Table service.
- Doors to The Church open at 10:45 a.m. for the 11:15 a.m. Sunday 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 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/smecworshippersv](http://bit.ly/smecworshippersv) or contact Holli Kight at 713-985-3816 or [hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## 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 continues 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](http://stmartinsepiscopal.org/cafe-st-martins). Please contact Chrissy Kana at [cafe@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:cafe@stmartinsepiscopal.org) for further questions.
- St. Martin's Gift Shoppe is open 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday–Thursday. Private appointments are available by contacting [giftshoppe@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:giftshoppe@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3840.



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

MAY 9–15

**ADULTS**

**SUNDAY, MAY 9**



BASIC BIBLE STUDY  
**DEEPER**

**Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Sharron L. Cox**

*Deeper — Abiding with God*

Distributed in the morning via email

We know how to “say our prayers,” but do we know how to hear from God? Wrestle with God? Abide in God? This series will dig deeper into four aspects of prayer.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 12**

**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@smartinsespiscopal.org](mailto:kcoleman@smartinsespiscopal.org).

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**SUNDAY, MAY 9**



Children's Ministry has engaging 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@smartinsepcopal.org](mailto:hkight@smartinsepcopal.org).

# 7-1-7 STUDENTS

**SUNDAY, MAY 9**

## **BIG Sunday**

*"Big Stories"*

5–7 p.m. via Zoom

ID: 956 2270 9941

Passcode: 351690



As another school year comes to an end, we will focus this BIG Sunday on our graduating seniors and their Big Stories. Please join us and friends are welcome!

# HOLY EUCHARIST

## VOLUNTARY ..... "Sonata"

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

### HYMN 400 (vs. 1 and 7)

#### "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*Annamarie Zmolek, Christine Mahaffey, Brennan Blankenship,*

*Jeff Ragsdale, Patrick Perez and Joel Williams*

*St. Martin's Parish Choir*



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
\*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
\*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
\*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal  
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back  
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

*Refrain*

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1181/1182–1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855–1933), alt.; Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958); Copyright: Words: Copyright © 1985 by G. Schirmer. Used by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc. Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

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

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People:** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant says*

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(BCP p. 225)*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant:** Let us pray. *(kneel)*

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE LESSON ..... Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**Reader:**           The Word of the Lord.

**People:**           **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

HYMN 383 (vs. 1-2)..... "Fairest Lord Jesus"

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru-ler of all na - ture, O thou of  
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair-er still the wood - lands, robed in the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair-er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,  
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Words: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850, alt.; Music: *St. Elizabeth*, melody from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842; harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

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

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

THE GOSPEL.....John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN 383 (vs. 3) ..... "Fairest Lord Jesus"

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of  
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

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*Please be seated.*

THE SERMON

*"How Will You Send Yourself Back to God?"*

*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,\_\_; 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.**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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*Please be seated.*



# MEMBERSHIP

## 101

**Monday, May 10**

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, Director of Membership at St. Martin's.

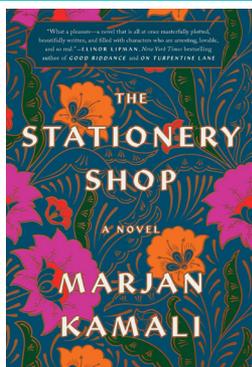
Reservations are required. To RSVP, contact Kathy Johnson at 713-985-3834 or [kjohnson@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:kjohnson@stmartinseiscopal.org) by 5 p.m. Sunday, May 9.



# DAY GROUP

**1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, May 12**

**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@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:kcoleman@stmartinseiscopal.org).



7-1-7 STUDENTS  
**CONFIRMATION**  
PARENT MEETING

**7 p.m. • Thursday, May 13 • Via Zoom**  
**[bit.ly/2021confirmationparentmeeting](https://bit.ly/2021confirmationparentmeeting)**

Parents of students in 8th grade and above are invited to this informational meeting explaining Confirmation for their children.

Registration is now open at [bit.ly/2021studentconfirmation](https://bit.ly/2021studentconfirmation).

Classes will begin with a retreat to Camp Allen Sept. 10–12.

For more information about Confirmation or scholarships, contact Florence Ritchie at [fritchier@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:fritchier@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3843.

ST. MARTIN'S  
**OUTREACH**  
MINISTRIES



## **Bo's Place**

**Times and Dates vary**

Bo's Place, dedicated to supporting those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, now has in-person volunteer opportunities during business hours (Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.). Volunteers will help prepare materials, stuff envelopes and more. Volunteers must complete a short health screening. Masks are required.

**If you are interested in helping, please email Kelly Prucnal at [kelly@bosplace.org](mailto:kelly@bosplace.org).**

# WAYS TO GIVE



## **TEXT TO GIVE**

Text SMEC to 73256



## **ONLINE**

[stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving](http://stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving)



## **MAIL**

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## **ESTATE PLANNING**

Contact: Director of Parish Stewardship, Ashley Pratka:  
[apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 346-335-8658



## **TRANSFER OF ASSETS**

Pledging and setting up a recurring gift online helps you and the church budget.  
Go online today: [stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving](http://stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving)

Please contact Accounting Supervisor, Debbie Hutchison  
with questions or for assistance:  
[dhutchison@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:dhutchison@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3803

# THE OFFERTORY

## ANTHEM ..... "Blessed is the Man" Jane Marshall

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by the streams of water.

Text: Psalm 1. Music: Jane M. Marshall. © 1960 by Abingdon Press.

## AT THE PRESENTATION ..... *Easter Hymn*

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

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

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

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

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

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(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.**

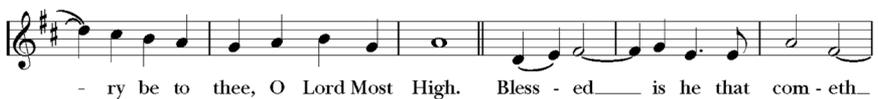
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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

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

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Celebrant and People*



Music: Healey Willan, From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880–1968); Copyright: By permission of Oxford University Press.

*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

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

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

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

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

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*The Celebrant says the Invitation. (BCP p. 338)*

*Distribution of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. 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.**

## EASTER BLESSING

*All stand.*

HYMN 291 (vs. 1 and 3).....“We Plow the Fields”

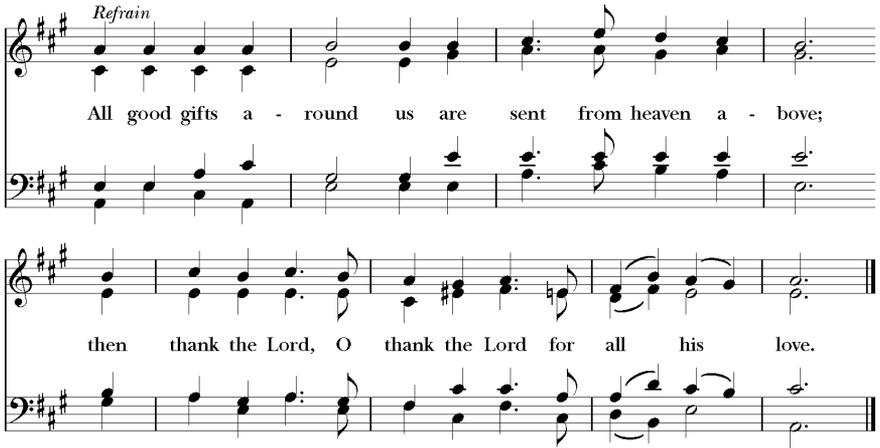
1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
 2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;  
 3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;  
 he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;  
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;  
 the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.  
 but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;  
 then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Words: Matthias Claudius (1740–1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817–1878), alt.; Music: *Wir Pflugen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747–1800).

## THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

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

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# RECOGNITIONS

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## FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Margaret James Shields  
by Kelly and James Shields

In thanksgiving for the baptism of James Pierce Sneed  
by Jordan and Clay Sneed



## BAPTISMS

May 1      Ann Kirkton Armbruster  
              Mason James Hirsch  
              Marshall William McClure



## WEDDINGS

May 1      Rebecca Anne Muff and John Aaron Randolph

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

# SERMON NOTES

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## CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Individuals are included on the *Continuing Prayers* list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

Michael Adams	Gladys Halbouty	Michelle McStravick
Harvey Altmann	Tish Hale	Hal Means
Robert Avery	Melinda Hall	Len Menefee
Shelly Bain	Tom Harrington	Mary Kay Mohrmann
Jack Beeson	Walesk Harvey	Fran Neilson
Alli Blackman	Susie Hatfield	Ann Nelson
Cory Blackman	Elizabeth Hill	Rick Noble
Michele Bouchard	Mollie Hill	Benice Nwabueze
John and Dianne Brock III	Jeff Holden	Judy and Jay O'Connor
Brock Burns	Elizabeth Holderfield	Jim Paddock
Jane Cabes	Britt Huckaby	Randal Parrott
Elaine Chandler	Ben Hunter	Rebecca Parsons
Elinor Christian	Debra Ibarra Mayfield	Erin Pedigo
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Wanda Jacobs	Troy Phillips
Beth Costa	Brittney Jacobson	Jimmy Prentice
Gail Davis	John Jamail	Ophelia Pujol
Mac Davis	Shirlee Jamail	Barbara Quackenbush
Sue Davis	Joyce Janak	Caroline Rawl
Tommy W. Davis	Connie Jessen	David Reese
Louis DelHomme	Helen Joyner	Rocky Robinson
Bobby deSosa	Muriel Kearby Albaral	Robert Rosales
Betty DeVerter	Sadie Knutzen	Larry S.
Chase Dixon	Paige Laird	David and Clare Sackllah
Nancy Doss	Wallis Larocque	Essa Sackllah
Jeff Dykes	Amy Lee	Tracy and Jimmy Sackllah
Jim Easterling	Stan Leong	Brady Samuelson
Stacey Elliott	Shawn Levenson	Jim Sanitato
E.J. Farhood	Nancy Liles	Ellie Schilling
Matt Fryar	Martha Ann Linden	Pam Schubert
Lauren Furr	Alex Litchfield	Robert and Sylvia Seals
Susan Galanski	Roberta Lloyd	Janell Sewell
Brad Gallion	Ryan Logan	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Robbie Gay	Charlie Malone	Clif Shoemake
Dee Gilbert	Jaclyn Manning	Frances Smith
Max Goodloe	Jo Nell Marshall	Pat Smith
Hollis, McKay and Rand	Jeffrey Martinson	Tyler Smith
Grace	BD McAndrew	William Gilbert Smith
Steve and Amy Gula	John McMahan	Matthew Snellgrave

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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](mailto:censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Ron Sponberg	Tim Womack	Luke
Sybil Stephens	Eric Zoerb	Marilyn
Jim Stokes	Ben	Mark
Aaron Strong	Betsey	Matthew
Susan Strother	Bruce	Millie
Paul Stumpff	Caroline	Noble Family
Marjorie Taishoff Craig	Casa San Martin, Bolivia	Oran
Paul Therrien	Curt	Patsy
Bart Tomlinson	Elizabeth	Poppy
H. Michael Tyson	Henry	RC
Randy Vander Naillen	Jane	Sally
Mae Joyce Wagner	Jenny	Sarah
Alexander Wang	John and Lisa	Thomas
Becky Wareing	Karen	Victor and Barbara
Charles Warren	Kathleen	Wang family
Mary Waters	Kathryn	Woody
Derry Wilkens	Laura	

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	LCDR Bradley Ryan	Lt. Holly E. Pace
Lt. Col. Julian Benton	Hoffman	Lt. Paul Piana
1st Lt. Benjamin Brown	Capt. Cody Horr	LCMR David A. Pilko
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