

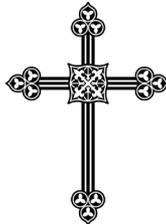
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

July 11, 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.*

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



ADULTS

SUNDAY, JULY 11

Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Robert E. Wareing

Being the Body: Irritations

10:15–10:45 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



Part of being a Christian is being called into community with others. It is part of how we spiritually grow and help others to do so, and part of our witness to a world as we share God’s love. As we come

back physically together as a church, our summer series will look at why our call to community is foundational, how we’re called to it and how God might want to shape us in in our communities to reflect his love and glory. We will draw from the book, *Called to Community*, a collection of 52 writings about how we might live a shared life in Christ more fully.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

Wednesday Bible Study Series with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

Growing in Grace: Sanctification

Distributed Wednesdays via email with links to Facebook and YouTube



We speak a great deal about the life of grace, and God’s mercy, forgiveness and salvation “by grace.” Yet what does it mean to “grow in grace” as the good Apostle Peter counseled the early Christians? (II Peter 3:18) For 10 weeks, we will explore some key Christian beliefs, as well as various Christian disciplines, as one avenue of

growing into a mature faith in Christ. Please see the announcements in this worship guide for more information and registration information about this series.

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

CHILDREN

SUNDAY, JULY 11

Children's Sunday School

10:15–10:45 a.m. | Activity Center



Children's Ministry has engaging lessons, curriculum and content for both preschool and elementary school.



Childcare is available during all morning services for infants through four-year-olds in The Children's Life Center.

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

7-1-7 STUDENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 11

Episcopal Youth Community

10:15–10:45 a.m. | Student Life Center



Join us for coffee, doughnuts and conversation on today's scripture readings.

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

HOLY EUCHARIST

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY “Amazing Grace” arr. George Shearing

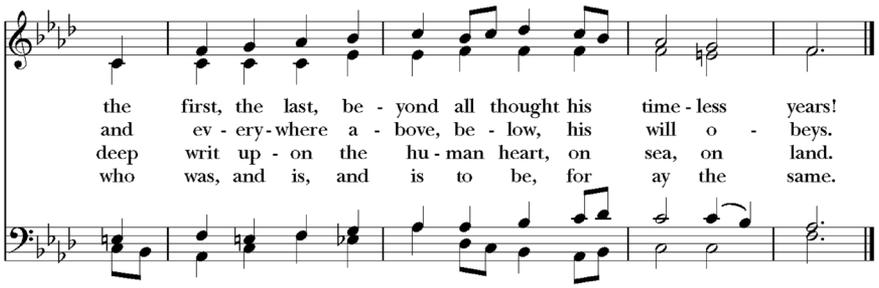
The Celebrant greets the People. Following the greeting, all stand.

HYMN 372 “Praise to the Living God” St. Martin’s Parish Choir

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845–1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836–1926); Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

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.**

GLORIA (*said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 and 11:15 a.m.*)



Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre -
 a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for
 he is thy health and sal - va - tion;
 join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan and
 song, sound - ing in glad a - do - ra - tion.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 230)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONEphesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 671 (vs. 1-3).....“Amazing Grace”

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 *5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Mark.
 People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Mark 6:14–29

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN 671 (vs. 4-5).....“Amazing Grace”

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON“God’s Chosen”

The Rev. Dr. Chad T. Martin

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.

A period of silence is kept.

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.

Summer Hang-outs

Tuesdays and Thursdays
July 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29

Student Life Center | Grades 6-12

Cost: \$150 for three weeks | \$50 for one week | special pricing for single day

Join Student Ministries this July for fun, fellowship and lots of activities.

Check out stmartinsepiscopal.org/student-ministries
for details and registration.

ST. MARTIN'S **OUTREACH** MINISTRIES



Chat with Amistad Children

Tuesday, July 13 | 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

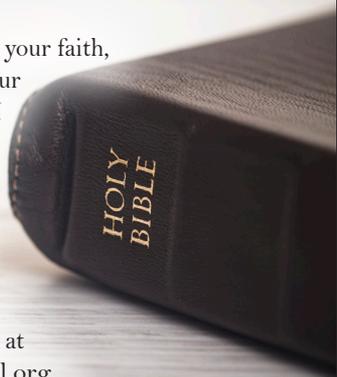
Spend some of your Tuesday night getting to know the eight children and Mama Isabel in Casa San Martin in Cochabamba, Bolivia over Zoom. All ages are welcome, and a translator will be available.

Email Outreach for the zoom link at outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
For more information about our partner, Amistad Mission, check out their website at amistadmission.org.



Informational Meeting
Tuesday, July 13 | 7–8 p.m. | Welcome Center

How would you like a place where you can define your faith, refine your faith, articulate your faith, and live your faith? If you have ever wanted any of these, Efm (Education for Ministry), a challenging and affirming four-year study, is for you! For more about the University of the South's School of Theology, which develops the Efm program, visit efm.sewanee.edu.



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

The background of the 'SUNDAY FUN DAY' section is a light cream color with a pattern of small, colorful confetti and streamers in shades of red, yellow, and teal.

**SUNDAY
FUN DAY**

July 18 • 10–11 a.m.
Crosswalk Garden and Activity Center

Join us for some fun after the Family Table service! We'll have games and food in the Crosswalk Garden and Activity Center. Plan to stay and celebrate our return to fellowship.

Contact Holli Kight for more information at hkight@stmartinsepisopalchurch.org.

GIVE BLOOD.ORG

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 27

Wednesday, July 28

Thursday, July 29

9 a.m.–3 p.m.

717 Sage Road

Bagby Parish Hall

FREE Covid-19 Antibody
Test with Donation



Artemio, blood recipient

Appointments are required to donate during this time.

Please go online to schedule at www.giveblood.org

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CELEBRATING THE BUILDING FOR THE AGES CAMPAIGN



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

Parish Picnic

Saturday, August 21
6–8 p.m.

Fun, Fellowship and Food for All Ages

***Celebration of the
Building for the Ages Campaign***

Sunday, August 22
8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Dedication and Consecration of the Parish Life Center,
Building for the Ages Special Recognitions and
Celebratory Worship Service, Campus Tours

*A full schedule and more information
will follow in the weeks ahead!*



Christian Life Study

**Now Open! Registration for 2021-2022
Day and Evening Groups at
clsbiblestudy.com**

DAY GROUP

CLS Day Group begins on Thursday, Sept. 16.
It will meet from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Thursdays throughout the year.
Location on campus to be announced.

Contact Anna McLean at 281-782-0594 or
amaynebr1@gmail.com for the Day Group.

2021/2022 Studies Include:

Women of the Old Testament – September–November
Isaiah – January–February
Seeing Christ in the Old Testament – March–April

EVENING GROUP

CLS Evening Group begins on Tuesday, Sept. 14.
It will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays throughout the year.
Location on campus to be announced.

Contact Ann Wilson at 713-828-8722 or
annwilson33@gmail.com for the Evening Group.

2021/2022 Studies Include:

An Old Testament Survey – 8 weeks
Book of Esther – 3 weeks
Book of Daniel – 12 weeks

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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM“Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor” George Frideric Handel

Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor; Jesus, Thou my Friend most tender; Jesus, Joy of my desiring; Fount of Life, my soul inspiring. At Thy feet I cry, my Maker. Let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven, for our good Thy glory given. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee, let me gladly here obey Thee. By Thy love I am invited, be Thy love with love requited. From this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love’s treasure. Through the gifts Thou here dost give me, as Thy guest in heaven receive me.

Text: Johann Franck (1649), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1858). Music: George Frederick Handel (1685-1759). Edited with accompaniment arranged for organ by Paul G. Bunjes. © 1956 by Concordia Publishing House.

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 *Pseaumes 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.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in 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 and 11:15 a.m.)

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

The Celebrant continues (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.

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

**Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM *Celtic Alleluia*

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

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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.

ANTHEM "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord" Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee. He never will suffer the righteous to fall: He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed, that wait upon Thee!

Words: Psalms 55:22, 16:8, 108:4, 25:3. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, from the oratorio *Elijah*, adapted for the hymn tune Munich. Public Domain.

HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Unison

1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

♩ *Refrain*

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father"

1. Child - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish, In His
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, Your pro -
 5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish; From all e - vil things He
 Lord His child - ren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 tect - or nev - er slum - bers; At the will of your de -
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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HYMN "As the Deer"

As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my
 You're the my friend and you are my broth-er ev-en
 I want you more than gold or sil-ver, on-ly
 soul long-eth af-ter you. You a-lone are my heart's de-sire— and I
 though you— are a King. I love you more than an-y oth-er, so much
 you can— sat-is-ify. You a-lone are the real joy-giv-er and the
 long to wor-ship you. You a-lone are my strength, my shield; To
 more than an-y-thing. ap-ple of my eye.
 you a-lone may my spir-it yield.
 You a-lone are my heart's de-sire,— and I long to wor-ship you.

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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 436 "Lift Up Your Heads"

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590–1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878); Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872), alt.

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 wedding
by Stachen Naomia Frederick and Arlond Fitzgerald Lett

In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Camila Gwen Skarke
and Michael Coy Skarke
by Sally Anne and Gary Skarke

In memory of Lorraine K. Coghlin
by the Huff family

In memory of Earl Lester, Jr. on the anniversary of his birthday
by Linda and John Griffin, Laura and Jack Schuhmacher,
and Allison and Philip Lorenzo

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

SERMON NOTES

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

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

Matthew Snellgrove	Tim Womack	Lorrie
Bob Spencer	Eric Zoerb	Luke
Sybil Stephens	Anglican Communion	Marilyn
Jim Stokes	of Southern Africa	Mark
Aaron Strong	Ben	Matthew
Susan Strother	Betsey	Millie
Paul Stumpff	Bruce	Noble Family
Marjorie Taishoff Craig	Caroline	Oran
Paul Therrien	Casa San Martin, Bolivia	Patsy
Bart Tomlinson	Curt	Poppy
H. Michael Tyson	Elizabeth	RC
Randy Vander Naillen	Henry	Sally
Mae Joyce Wagner	Jane	Sarah
Alexander Wang	Jenny	Thomas
Becky Wareing	John and Lisa	Victor and Barbara
Charles Warren	Karen	Wang family
Mary Waters	Kathleen	Ward
Derry Wilkens	Kathryn	Woody
James Wilkerson	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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Wesley Dodd	Dallas Wayne Hunter	E-4 Brian Matthew Powell
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