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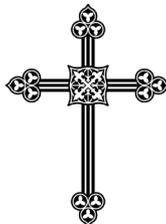
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*September 5, 2021*



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.*

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

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

## SEPTEMBER 5-11

Christian Education for Adults, Children's Ministry and 7-1-7 Students will not be offered today in observance of Labor Day. Please join us next Sunday, Sept. 12, for the beginning of Christian Education classes. St. Martin's offices are also closed Monday, Sept. 6, for Labor Day.

### Adults

#### Education for Ministry

Tuesday, Sept. 7

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](mailto:smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

#### Church Tours

Wednesday, Sept. 8

10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | The Church and Christ Chapel



The Church and Christ Chapel will be open for tours. To schedule a group tour, please contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117. For more information, contact The Rev. Sharron Cox at [scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

#### St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Sept. 8

Noon-3 p.m. | Via Zoom



Needlepoint pieces to adorn St. Martin's worship spaces and support outreach programs. For more information, contact The Rev. Lisa Neilson at [lnilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:lnilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

#### OSL Healing Ministry Study Group

Wednesday, Sept. 8

4:30-6 p.m. | Chapel Reception Hall and via Zoom



Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as a licensed OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact The Rev. Dr. Suse McBay at [smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### **St. Martin's 20s & 30s**

Wednesday, Sept. 8

7-9 p.m. | Off-site



Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as a licensed OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact The Rev. Wesley Arning at [rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### **Parish Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, Sept. 9

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](mailto:cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## Men

### **Dads' Bible Study**

Thursday, Sept. 9

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](mailto:rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## Women

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Tuesday, Sept. 7

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](mailto:Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## 7-1-7 Students

### **Life Groups**

Wednesday, Sept. 8

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](mailto:jferguson@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 ..... “Concerto” Johann Sebastian Bach

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

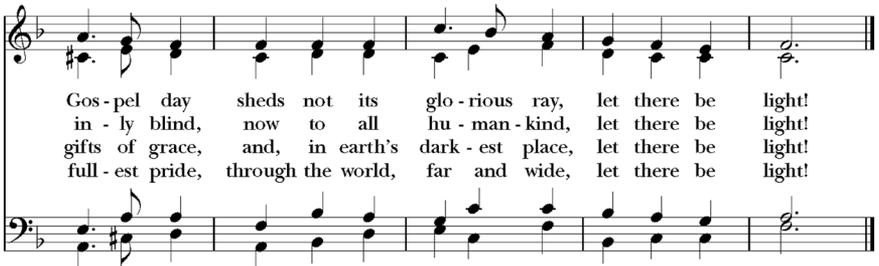
## HYMN 371 ..... “Thou, Whose Almighty Word” St. Martin’s Parish Choir



1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing  
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!  
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!  
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780–1825), alt.; Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792–1872).

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. 233)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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 LESSON ..... Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

# HYMN 603 (vs. 1-2)

## “When Christ was Lifted from the Earth”

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his  
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and  
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -  
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

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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 7:31-37

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN 603 (vs. 3-4)  
 “When Christ was Lifted from the Earth”

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his  
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and  
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*Please be seated.*

THE SERMON ..... “Cleaning Up Messes”  
 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; 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; 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.

*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.**

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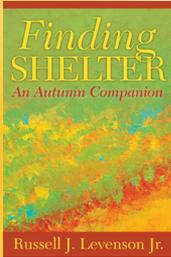
**W E L C O M E A N D A N N O U N C E M E N T S**

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*Please be seated.*

## SEASONAL DEVOTIONAL BY THE REV. DR. RUSSELL J. LEVENSON JR.

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# Finding Shelter

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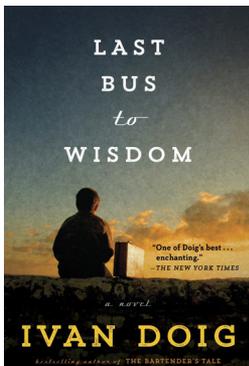
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# DAY GROUP



**1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Sept. 8**  
**Children's Life Center, Room 132**

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).**



## **8+ Follows the Lectionary**

*Sundays, 8:55-9:25 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*

This 30-minute class is a Clergy-led coffee and discussion following the 8 a.m. Worship service. Each class will focus on one of the lectionary readings for the day.



## **THEOLOGY for LIFE**

### **Theology for Life Study: Reflections on Christianity and the 12 Steps**

*Sundays, Sept. 12-Nov. 21 • 10:15-11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

Join the **Rev. Jim Jackson, Jr.** and examine how behavioral practices expand from choice, to habit, to addiction. This class will examine the transformational promises of the Gospel and offer insights into how and why the church has failed to deliver these promises to the world.



## **Creative Spaces**

### **Creative Spaces Study: The Contemplative Life: Life as Prayer**

*Sundays, Sept. 12-Oct. 31 • 10:15-11 a.m. • Activity Center, First Floor*

Join the **Rev. Sharron L. Cox** and look at life, faith and prayer in different ways in three different electives, looking at contemplative spirituality, contemporary life and more.



# Life IN CHRIST

## **Life In Christ Study: What it Means to be “In Christ”**

*Sundays, Sept. 12-Dec. 19 • 10:15-11 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*

Join the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. and guest teachers **David Lumpkins** and **Dr. David Peterson** who will and explore topics such as Growing in Christ: what it means to be a disciple, the person of Christ, basic concepts of grace, sin and atonement.



## **Family Life Class Study: Life Together: Created for Community**

*Sundays, Sept. 12-Dec. 5  
10:15-10:45 a.m. • Parish Life Center*

This 30-minute class for parents of younger families will meet after the Family Table service three times a month—twice for class and once for a breakfast social.

# SEEKERS

A graphic of a telescope, with the word "SEEKERS" above it. The telescope is gold and blue, pointing to the right.

## **SEEKERS Follows the Lectionary**

*Sundays, 10:15-11 a.m. • Activity Center, Aerobics Room*

Led by the Reverends **Nicolas (Nick) R.D. Dyke**, **Richard (Dick) Elwood** and **Robert E. Wareing**, this class is for more senior Parishioners for fellowship and lectionary-based Bible study.



*The  
Order  
of the  
Daughters  
of the King*



SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 | 10 A.M.  
CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

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Welcome Back!

DOK members will rekindle friendships and welcome new faces. The Rev. Sharron Cox will be welcomed as our new Clergy liaison. The program and training schedules will be presented.

For more information, please contact Tracee Martin at [tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org).



*The Moms' Group*

**2021-2022 Kick-off**

**Wednesday, Sept. 15**

**9:15-10:30 a.m.**

**Children's Life Center  
or via Zoom at [bit.ly/momsgroupzoom](https://bit.ly/momsgroupzoom)**

Child care will be provided in the Children's Life Center.

All moms are welcome!

For more information, contact Tracee Martin at 713-985-38  
or [tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org).



# Christian Life Study

**Registration for 2021-2022  
Morning and Evening Groups at  
[clsbiblestudy.com](http://clsbiblestudy.com)**

## **TUESDAY EVENING GROUP**

Beginning September 14

6:30-p.m.

*Via Zoom*

### **2021/2022 Studies Include:**

*An Old Testament Survey*

*Book of Esther*

*Book of Daniel*

Contact Ann Wilson at 713-828-8722 or  
[annwilson33@gmail.com](mailto:annwilson33@gmail.com) for the Evening Group.

## **THURSDAY MORNING GROUP**

Beginning September 16

9:30-11:15 a.m.

*Locations on campus to be announced and Zoom groups are available.*

### **2021/2022 Studies Include:**

*Women of the Old Testament*

*Isaiah*

*Finding Christ in the Old Testament*

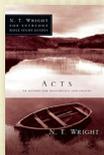
Contact Anna McLean at 281-782-0594 or  
[amaynebr1@gmail.com](mailto:amaynebr1@gmail.com) for the Morning Group.

# MEN of ST. MARTIN'S

## THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AND SPEAKER SERIES



**SEPT. 16  
7 A.M.  
BAGBY PARISH HALL**



This year's study is "Acts" by N.T. Wright

**GUEST SPEAKER:  
The Hon. James A. Baker, III**

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Dania Lainez at 713-985-3845 or [dlainez@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:dlainez@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## ST. MARTIN'S **OUTREACH** MINISTRIES



### **CCSC Food Drive**

**Sunday, Sept. 19 | 9 a.m.–noon  
Bagby Parish Hall Porte Cochere**

Volunteers will unload your bags as you drive through.

Food donations most needed are canned fruit, boxed dry cereal, dry beans (1-2 lb bags) and hearty soups.

Contact [outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org) for more information.

Great  
= IS THY =  
Faithfulness



ON BEHALF OF THE VESTRY, CLERGY, RECTOR AND STEWARDSHIP  
COMMITTEE OF ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*In Celebration of Our God's Great Faithfulness  
You Are Cordially Invited to This Year's Stewardship Event*

## AN EVENING WITH VERITAS

*For Invited Guests*

*As we begin our Stewardship 2022 season, come  
enjoy an in-person celebration with your Parish family.*

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

**5:30 P.M. ♦ RECEPTION**

*Bagby Parish Hall*

**6:30 P.M. ♦ DOORS OPEN FOR SEATING**

*The Church*

**7 P.M. ♦ CONCERT**

*The Church*

RSVP by Monday, Sept. 13, to 713-830-4134  
or [rsvp@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:rsvp@stmartinsepiscopal.org)

# CONFIRMATION

LEARN • LOVE • LIVE

**SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 19–OCTOBER 24**

**10:15–11 A.M.**

**ACTIVITY CENTER, UPPER HALL**

Join the Rev. 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 by attending confirmation class.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Dania Lainez at 713-985-3845 or [dlainez@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:dlainez@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# GIVE BLOOD

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

## Blood Drive

Monday, Sept. 20 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

**FREE Covid-19 Antibody Test with Donation**

Appointments are required to donate during this time. Please go online to schedule at [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org) or contact Victoria Tidwell at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center: 832-602-9350 or [vtidwell@giveblood.org](mailto:vtidwell@giveblood.org)

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Gulf Coast Regional  
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  
9-NOON  
ST. MARTIN'S WEST PARKING LOT

*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.*

346-335-8650  
INFO@STERLINGSMARKET.ORG

# WAYS TO GIVE



## **TEXT TO GIVE**

Text SMEC to 73256



## **ONLINE**

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



## **MAIL**

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# THE OFFERTORY

## ANTHEM ..... “With a Voice of Singing” Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise be glorious.

Text: Scriptural.

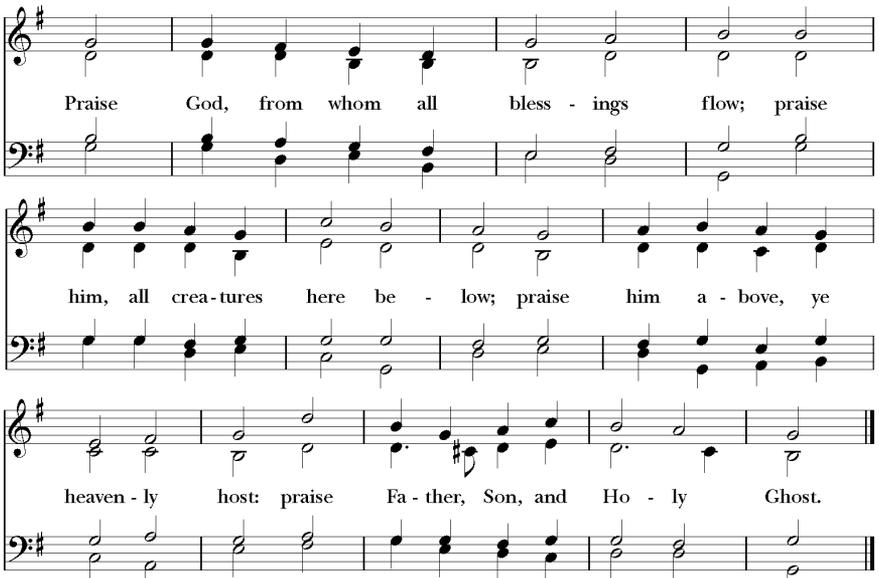
## AT THE PRESENTATION

(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 blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

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

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

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

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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 (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.

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.*

*(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*



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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 ..... “When Rooks Fly Homeward”  
Arthur Baynon

When rooks fly homeward and shadows fall, when roses fold on the hay-yard wall, when blind moths flutter by door and tree, then comes the quiet of Christ to me. When stars look out on the Children’s Path, and grey mists gather on carn and rath, when night is one with the brooding sea, then comes the quiet of Christ to me.

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HYMN ..... "How Great Thou Art"

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds\* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing\*  
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —  
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —  
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —  
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to  
Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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## HYMN 508 ..... "Breathe on me, Breath of God"

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835–1889), alt.; Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885–1969).

**HYMN 685** ..... “Rock of Ages”

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
 3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778), alt.; Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784–1872).

*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 493 ..... “O For a Thousand Tongues to Song”

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
 be now and ever given  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the Church in earth and heav'n.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.; Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784–1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792–1872).

# THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

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

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

## RECOGNITIONS

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### BIRTHS

- Dec. 28 Ford Jackson Gillette  
Son of Sara Blair and Jackson Gillette  
Grandson of Cyd and John Gillette and  
Sally and Gaines Matthews, Jr.
- March 31 George "Dealey" Jackson  
Son of Taylor and Jeff Jackson  
Grandson of Sharon and Tim Throckmorton



### BAPTISMS

- Aug. 28 Catherine Sarah Kerr  
Annie Sewell Thomson

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

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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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Aaron Strong	of Southern Africa	Matthew
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Paul Stumpff	Bruce	Noble Family
Marjorie Taishoff Craig	Caroline	Oran
Paul Therrien	Casa San Martin, Bolivia	Patsy
Kathy Thobae Hodge	Curt	Poppy
Bart Tomlinson	Elizabeth	RC
H. Michael Tyson	H.C.	Sally
Randy Vander Naillen	Henry	Sarah
Mae Joyce Wagner	Jane	Thomas
Alexander Wang	Jenny	Victor and Barbara
Becky Wareing	John and Lisa	Wang family
Charles Warren	Karen	Ward
Mary Waters	Kathleen	Woody

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	LCDR Bradley Ryan	1st Lt. Ben Matthews
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