

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

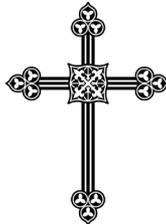
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*October 17, 2021*



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.***

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

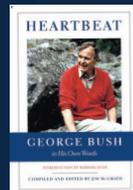
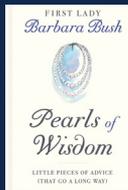
***NOTICE: St. Martin's is a gun-free campus.***

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

OCTOBER 17  
Adults

## ALL ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION **A Conversation with Jean Becker and Jim McGrath** *Followed by a Book Signing*

*Sunday, Oct. 17 · 10 a.m. · Bagby Parish Hall*



St. Martin's welcomes two former staff members of the Bush administration who will share beloved memories of serving President George H.W. and First Lady Barbara Bush: **Jean Becker** and **Jim McGrath**.



*For more information about Adult Christian Education,  
email Katwana Coleman at [kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopeal.org](mailto:kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopeal.org).*

## 7-1-7 Students

### Episcopal Youth Community

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



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

*For more information about 7-1-7 Students  
email Student Ministries at [students@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:students@stmartinsepiscopal.org).*

### Youth Choir

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

St. Martin's Youth Choir, for students in grades 6-12, musically engages older singers while preparing them to become active, contributing members of our Parish.



*For more information about Youth Choir  
email Carole Nelson at [cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org).*

## Children's Ministry

### Children's Sunday School

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

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



### Communion Instruction

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

This four-week series teaching children about the Eucharist is designed for children in grade 2 and older, but all ages are invited to attend.



*For more information about Children's Ministry  
email Holli Kight at [hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org).*

### Choristers

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



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

*For more information about Choristers  
email Carole Nelson at [cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org).*

# OCTOBER 18-23

## Adults

### Saintly Stitches

Monday, Oct. 18

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



Saintly Stitches fill St. Martin's with pew kneelers and other gifts for worship spaces.

For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at [Ineilson@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:Ineilson@stmartinseiscopal.org).

### Education for Ministry

Tuesday, Oct. 19

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@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:smcbay@stmartinseiscopal.org).

### Church Tours

Wednesday, Oct. 20

10:45-11:15 a.m. | Christ Chapel

11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | The Church



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@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinseiscopal.org).

### St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Noon-3 p.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall East



St. Clare's Guild undertakes a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at [Ineilson@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:Ineilson@stmartinseiscopal.org).

### OSL Healing Ministry Study Group

Wednesday, Oct. 20

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

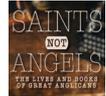


Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as a licensed OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay at [smcbay@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:smcbay@stmartinseiscopal.org).

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

Wednesday, Oct. 20

7-9 p.m. | Welcome Center



Join this group of singles and couples without children for a weekly dinner followed by a discussion about the lives and work of great theologians. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at [rwarning@stmartinsepisopal.org](mailto:rwarning@stmartinsepisopal.org).

### **Parish Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, Oct. 21

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@stmartinsepisopal.org](mailto:cmartin@stmartinsepisopal.org).

### **Sterling's Market**

Saturday, Oct. 23 | Rain or Shine

9 a.m.-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. For more information and to volunteer, contact [info@sterlingsmarket.org](mailto:info@sterlingsmarket.org).

## Women

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Tuesday, Oct. 19

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 [lnilson@stmartinsepisopal.org](mailto:lnilson@stmartinsepisopal.org).

### **Christian Life Study**

Tuesday, Oct. 19 – Evening Group

6:30–8 p.m. | Via Zoom

Thursday, Oct. 21 – Morning Group

9:30–11:30 a.m. | Parish Life Center, Children's Life Center and via Zoom



This friendly and loving group of women meets over the course of the year to target various topics in the Bible to deepen faith. For more information, contact the Rev. Marty Bastian at [lgallien@stmartinsepisopal.org](mailto:lgallien@stmartinsepisopal.org).

### **The Moms' Group**

Wednesday, Oct. 20

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



Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for a book study of “Listening to God” by Carolyn Nystrom. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at [scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### **Blanket Ladies**

Wednesday, Oct. 20

10-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room



Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at [lnilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:lnilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## Men

### **Men of St. Martin's**

Thursday, Oct. 21

7-8 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



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

### **Dads' Bible Study**

Thursday, Oct. 21

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).

## 7-1-7 Students

### **Life Groups**

Wednesday, Oct. 20

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 ..... “Choral (Op. 37, No. 4)” Joseph Jongen

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

## HYMN 594 ..... “God of Grace and God of Glory” St. Martin’s Parish Choir

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren’s war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church’s sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom’s  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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*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 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.*)

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

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 .....Job 38:1-7, 34-41

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, ‘Here we are’? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?”

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

*All stand.*

**HYMN 635** (vs. 1) ..... "If Thou But Trust in God"

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

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

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

THE GOSPEL ..... Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 35.*

# HYMN 635 (vs. 2) ..... "If Thou But Trust in God"

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
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THE SERMON ..... “Hope and Trust”  
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.  
morning services

THE SERMON ..... “Reclaiming Our Story”  
The Rev. Dr. Chad T. Martin  
evening service

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THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 327)

*Celebrant and People*

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the  
Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to  
the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,**

and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission  
of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*BCP p. 387,  
Form III*) (*kneel*)

*Minister and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve thee;  
**That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for our Anglican Communion; for the Archbishop  
of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael;  
for our Bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector; for all bishops,  
priests and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word  
and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the  
nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in thy sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.**

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

For Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; for all who serve in our armed forces and their families; for persecuted Christians; for victims of terror attacks; for an end to war and conflict; for victims of natural disasters; for first responders; for those suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus; for health care workers; for those in the hospitals,\_\_; for those whom our prayers have been requested,\_\_; for those on our Continuing Prayer List; for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers,\_\_; for the dearly departed,\_\_; and we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind.

I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

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

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (BCP p. 394)*

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

*Minister says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*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.*

ST. MARTIN'S  
**OUTREACH**  
MINISTRIES



## Sole Hope

**Shoe Cutting at Home Project**  
**Sign-up Required at [bit.ly/solehopeathome](https://bit.ly/solehopeathome)**

Cut and prepare fabric uppers from old jeans for Sole Hope's Ugandan cobblers to handcraft shoes for vulnerable kids. No skills required and all supplies are provided. Kits are available for pick-up by sign-up on Mondays from the Front Reception Desk and should be returned to the same location by 3 p.m. Friday. This is a true global impact project for all ages!

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

# GIVE BLOOD

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

## Blood Drive

**Monday, Oct. 18 | 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 [bit.ly/smechblooddrive](https://bit.ly/smechblooddrive) 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  
Blood Center



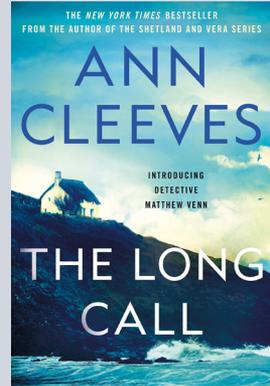
# EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Oct. 19  
7–8:30 p.m.

Children's Life Center, Room 109

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

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at 713-830-4110  
or [kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org).



## VESTRY NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Current members of St. Martin's may nominate any confirmed member of the Parish for consideration to serve on the Vestry for the upcoming three-year term. Nominations can be submitted for review from August to October of each year. At our Annual Parish Meeting in January, we will vote as a Parish to elect five new members to serve on the Vestry.

**Completed nomination forms for the upcoming term must be received by Friday, Oct. 22.**

Vestry Nomination Form available online at [bit.ly/VestryNominations](http://bit.ly/VestryNominations)

If you have any questions, please contact Brittney Jacobson at 713-985-3821 or [bjacobson@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:bjacobson@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

**Nominations are to be kept strictly confidential—please do not inform the nominee or his/her family that you have nominated him/her.**



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23  
9-NOON  
ST. MARTIN'S WEST PARKING LOT

**RAIN OR SHINE**

*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.*

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[BIT.LY/VOLUNTEER\\_STERLINGS\\_MARKET](http://BIT.LY/VOLUNTEER_STERLINGS_MARKET)

**HALLOWEEN PLAYDATE**  
 SPONSORED BY THE MOMS' GROUP  
**SATURDAY, OCT. 23**  
**9 A.M.**  
**ST. MARTIN'S PLAYGROUND**

Moms of infants through 12th grade are invited for a fun Halloween play date. There will be snacks, beverages and activities for all the kids.  
**Costumes are welcome.**

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



THE **GATHERING**

For church members and others in our community who suffer with memory loss

This program meets on the fourth Monday of each month 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Bagby Parish Hall.

**FALL IS IN THE AIR**  
**OCTOBER 25 | BILL PARISH**



For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen at 713-301-4786 or [kattellepsen@me.com](mailto:kattellepsen@me.com).



SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR  
*Healing and Wholeness*



St. Martin's International OSL Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

**Next Service**

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THE  
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# THE OFFERTORY

## ANTHEM ..... “The Call” Kevin Riehle

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast; Such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes His guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move; Such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

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## AT THE PRESENTATION

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

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

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

## DOXOLOGY ..... *Old 100th*

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

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

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

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

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

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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.

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*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 ..... “*Sicut Cervus*”  
Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum ita desiderat. anima mea ad te Deus.*

As the wild deer long for running streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God.

Text: Psalm 42:1.

HYMN ..... “Seek My Face”

1. Seek My face, seek My face.  
 2. I will seek. I will seek.  
 3. We worship You, worship You,  
 4. Al le lu, Al le lu,

Seek My face, the face of God.  
 I will seek the the face of God.  
 Al le lu, Al le lu ing ia. *repeat: 'Alleluia' ad lib.*

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HYMN ..... “Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary”

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and

ho - ly, tried and true; With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a

liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

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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 7 ..... “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788); Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), 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

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## FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of the marriage of

Heather Lee Mellinger and Besart Dibra

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Jackson Carter Black

by Molly and Chris Black

In thanksgiving for the baptism of James Patrick Darby III

by his loving grandparents, Dee and James Darby

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Ingrid Frey Fox

by Georgia, Stephen and Emmett Fox

In thanksgiving for the baptisms of our grandchildren Ingrid Frey Fox  
and Jackson Carter Black

by Jeanie and Tommy Carter



## BAPTISMS

Oct. 9

Michael Gregory Kaldis III

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[bit.ly/ChurchFlowers](http://bit.ly/ChurchFlowers) or contact Barbara Piana at 713-830-4116.

# SERMON NOTES

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*“Take Over”*

*by Ruth Harms Calkin*

*“At first, Lord, I asked you*

*To take sides with me.*

*With David the Psalmist*

*I circled and underlined:*

*‘The Lord is for me...’*

*‘Maintain my rights, O Lord...’*

*‘Let me stand above my foes...’*

*But with all my pleading*

*I lay drenched in darkness*

*Until in utter confusion I cried*

*‘Don’t take sides, Lord,*

*Just take over.’*

*And suddenly it was morning.”*

# OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

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THE PSALM .....Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness! You are clothed with majesty and splendor. You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak and spread out the heavens like a curtain. You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers and flames of fire your servants. You have set the earth upon its foundations, so that it never shall move at any time. You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; the waters stood higher than the mountains. At your rebuke they fled; at the voice of your thunder they hastened away. They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, to the places you had appointed for them. You set the limits that they should not pass; they shall not again cover the earth. O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE ..... Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## 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	Michelle McStravick
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Cory Blackman	Mollie Hill	Ann Nelson
Grace Blake	Jeff Holden	Rick Noble
Michele Bouchard	Elizabeth Holderfield	Benice Nwabueze
John and Dianne Brock III	Britt Huckaby	Judy and Jay O'Connor
Brock Burns	Ben Hunter	Nancy Older
Jane Cabes	Debra Ibarra Mayfield	Jim Paddock
Elaine Chandler	Naomi Illeman	Randal Parrott
Elinor Christian	Wanda Jacobs	Rebecca Parsons
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Brittney Jacobson	Erin Pedigo
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Dawn Cunningham	Shirlee Jamail	Jimmy Prentice
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Betty DeVerter	Amy Lee	Essa Sackllah
Chase Dixon	Stan Leong	Tracy and Jimmy Sackllah
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Jim Easterling	Nancy Liles	Jim Sanitato
Stacey Elliott	Martha Ann Linden	Ellie Schilling
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Lauren Furr	Ryan Logan	Janell Sewell
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Max Goodloe	Jo Nell Marshall	Richard Smith
Hollis, McKay and	Betsey Martin	Tyler Smith
Rand Grace	Jeffrey Martinson	William Gilbert Smith
Steve and Amy Gula	BD McAndrew	Matthew Snellgrove
Gladys Halbouty	John McMahan	Bob Spencer

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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 Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or [vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Randy Vander Naillen	Henry	RC
Mae Joyce Wagner	Jane	Sally
Alexander Wang	Jenny	Sarah
Becky Wareing	John and Lisa	Thomas
Charles Warren	Karen	Victor and Barbara
Mary Waters	Kathleen	Wang family
Derry Wilkens	Kathryn	Ward
James Wilkerson		Woody

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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