

GOOD FRIDAY

April 15, 2022



OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FROM THE RECTOR

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

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

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

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



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

Prayers Before Worship

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

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

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

by Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

On the day, the ministers enter in silence.

All kneel for silent prayer, after which the Officiant stands and begins the Liturgy with the Collect of the Day.

Officiant: Blessed be our God.

People: For ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.

Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut

off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

“Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.” From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.”

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, “Here is your King!” They cried out, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but the emperor.” Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the

Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was

already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 21.

The Seven Last Words of Christ

INTRODUCTION (Soprano)

Carmen chu Rivera Soto

O all ye who travel upon the highway, hearken to me, and behold me: was e'er sorrow like unto my sorrow? For the Lord Almighty hath dealt bitterly with me. Call me now no more Naomi, from to-day call me Mara.

FIRST WORD (Tenor, Baritone and Chorus)
Angel Romero and Ricardo Rivera

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.
And the people clamor'd: He is death-guilty; take him, take
him, let us crucify him! Be his blood on us, then, and on
our children!

Then they did crucify Jesus, and the two thieves, one at His
right hand, the other at His left hand.

SECOND WORD (Tenor, Baritone and Chorus)
Angel Romero and Ricardo Rivera

Verily, thou shalt be in Paradise today with me. Amen, so
I tell thee.

Hear me, O Lord, and remember me, when Thou comest
into thy kingdom.

THIRD WORD (Soprano, Tenor, Baritone and Chorus)
Annamarie Zmolek, Patrick Perez and Joel Williams

See, O woman! Here behold thy Son beloved:

See yon mother, bow'd in anguish, Who beside the cross
doth languish, Where on high her son is borne;

Is there mortal, who not feeleth To behold her where she
kneeleth, So woeful, and all forlorn?

FOURTH WORD (Baritone)
Ricardo Rivera

God, my Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?

All those who were my friends, all have now forsaken me,
and they that hate me do now prevail against me; and he
whom I have cherished, he hath betray'd me. Even the vine
that I have chosen, and that I have planted: wherefore art
thou now so strangely turned into bitterness that I by thee
am crucified?

FIFTH WORD (Tenor, Baritone and Chorus)

Jeff Ragsdale and Joel Williams

I am athirst!

And the Jews then passing by him, all did rail upon him, and wagging their heads at him, they said unto him: Ah! Thou wouldst fain destroy the temple; if thou be Jesus, Son of the Father, now from the cross descend thou that we behold it, and believe on thee when we behold it. If thou art king over Israel, save thyself, then!

SIXTH WORD (Tenor and Chorus)

Angel Romero

Father, into Thy hands I commend my soul.

For Thou are my God and my Father; Thou are my Saviour. Into Thy hands I commend my soul.

SEVENTH WORD (Tenor and Chorus)

Brennan Blankenship, Angel Romero and Joel Williams

And with a loud voice Jesus cried, exclaiming: It is finished.

And He did bow His head, and rendered up His spirit. And it was about the sixth hour; and the sun was darkened, and darkness covered the earth, until about the ninth hour; and the veil of the temple was rent, and all the earth did quake; and the rocks were rent, and all the graves were opened wide.

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee for ever; for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

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S E R M O N
Mr. Jon Meacham

A period of silence follows. All kneel as the Officiant says

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Officiant: Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Officiant

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

JON MEACHAM



Jon Meacham is a renowned presidential historian and writer and serves as the Canon Historian of the Washington National Cathedral. He was named to the post in 2021 and will preach and lead public conversations there several times a year on issues of faith, spirituality and civic life.

He is the first leader appointed to help shape the Cathedral College of Faith & Culture — a hub for Cathedral programming around public engagement, culture and leadership — that will find a home in the Virginia Mae Center, which is currently under construction and expected to open late this year.

Meacham, an Episcopalian, wrote “Destiny and Power, The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush,” which was a No. 1 New York Times bestseller in 2015. Meacham was close to President Bush and delivered a eulogy at his funeral at the National Cathedral in 2018.

When he was appointed Cannon Historian, the Very Rev. Randall Marshall Hollerith, dean of the National Cathedral, said, “For many years, we in the Cathedral community have been fortunate to count Jon as a friend, guest preacher and trusted counsel on matters of faith, spirituality and civic life. In his new role, we look forward to Jon’s ability to enlighten and to elucidate, bringing together his rare insights on history, theology, culture and the American story.”

Meacham is a distinguished writer, historian, editor and scholar of American politics and public life, focusing on leadership and American history. He won a Pulitzer Prize for his 2009 biography of Andrew Jackson, “American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House,” and has authored

or co-authored 12 books in all. Meacham occasionally advises President Joe Biden.

His other New York Times bestsellers include “Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power,” “Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship,” exploring the relationship between the two great leaders who piloted the free world to victory in World War II, and “American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation.”

A member of the Council on Foreign Relations and of the Society of American Historians, Meacham is a distinguished visiting professor at Vanderbilt University. He is a contributing writer to The New York Times Book Review, a contributing editor of Time, and has written for The New York Times op-ed page, The Washington Post, Vanity Fair, and Garden & Gun. Meacham is also a regular guest on “Morning Joe” and other broadcasts.

“Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power” received the 2013 Fraunces Tavern Museum Book Award from the Fraunces Tavern Museum and the Sons of the American Revolution in the State of New York, a prize that “recognizes books of exceptional merit written on the Revolutionary War era.” “Franklin and Winston” was honored with the Colby Award of the William E. Colby Military Writers’ Symposium at Norwich University. Meacham was also honored with the 2015 Nashville Public Library Literary Award; other winners include John Lewis, Robert K. Massie, Margaret Atwood, John McPhee, Billy Collins, Doris Kearns Goodwin, John Irving, Ann Patchett, John Updike, David McCullough, and David Halberstam.

A former executive editor at Random House, he published the letters of Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., and books by, among others, Al Gore, John Danforth, Clara Bingham, Mary Soames, and Charles Peters. After serving as Managing Editor of Newsweek for eight years, Meacham was the Editor of the magazine from 2006 to 2010. He is a former editor of The Washington Monthly and began his career at The Chattanooga Times.

Born in Chattanooga in 1969, Meacham was educated at St. Nicholas School, The McCallie School, and graduated from The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, with a degree summa cum laude in English Literature; he was salutatorian and elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

A trustee of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History, The McCallie School, and The Harpeth Hall School, Meacham chairs the National Advisory Council of the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics at Washington University.

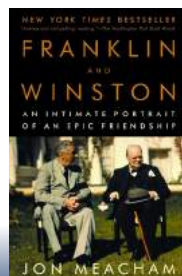
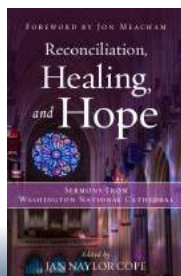
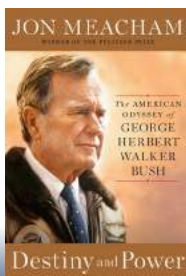
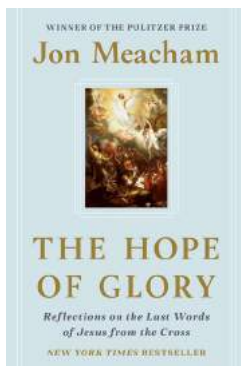
He has served on the vestries of St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue and of Trinity Church Wall Street as well as the Board of Regents of The University of the South. The Anti-Defamation League awarded Meacham its Hubert H. Humphrey First Amendment Prize. In 2013 the Historical Society of Pennsylvania presented him with its Founder's Award; in 2016 he was honored with the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute's Spirit of Democracy Award. Meacham also received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University in 2005 and holds honorary doctorates from Middlebury College, Wake Forest University, the University of Tennessee, Dickinson College, Sewanee, and several other institutions.

He lives in Nashville with his wife and children.

JON MEACHAM'S BOOKS

Available at St. Martin's Gift Shoppe or your preferred book seller

St. Martin's Gift Shoppe will be selling the below books before the Maundy Thursday service, and before and after the Good Friday services in the Brezeway (or in the Welcome Center in case of rain).



 RIVERWAY

Good Friday

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

7 P.M. | PARISH LIFE CENTER

Join the Riverway community for a relaxed service, featuring the liturgy for Good Friday, sermon and special music.



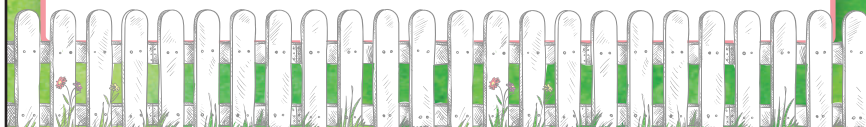
Saturday, April 16 • 10 a.m. | Student Life Center

The St. Martin's Episcopal Church Women invites families with children through age 12 to our family Easter event!

Please bring your baskets for the Easter Egg Hunt. You won't want to miss the Easter Bunny and other activities and surprises!

Co-chairs Catherine Barrett and Savanna Bowman

For more information, contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org





Easter

AT ST. MARTIN'S

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

The Sunday of the Resurrection

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

HOSTED BY ST. MARTIN'S VESTRY

8-11 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

EASTER SUNDAY TRADITIONAL SERVICES

7, 9, 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. | The Church |

Holy Eucharist; festive music by the Parish Choir,

Gloria Dei Organ, brass and tympani.

The 11:15 a.m. service will be livestreamed.

FAMILY TABLE

8 and 9:15 a.m. | Parish Life Center

STUDENT MINISTRIES EASTER EGG HUNT

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

All middle school and high school students are invited to a traditional Easter Egg Hunt with a Student Ministries twist.

RIVERWAY SERVICE

11:15 a.m. | Parish Life Center

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available during all morning services for infants and children through age four.

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



CCSC Work Day

Saturdays, April 23 and 30 | 9 a.m.–noon
3434 Branard, Houston, TX 77027

Organize and distribute food at the Emergency Services location for the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). CCSC assists the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy, and provides a back-to-school and Christmas program for low-income children.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.



Saturday, April 23
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FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR

The Rev. Dr. Chad T. Martin

in the Cloister Garden (Rain location Bagby Parish Hall)



SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Immediately following the 11:15 a.m. traditional service.

Join us as we wish Chad and Cinnamon and their sons, Phoenix and Peri, the best as he leaves to become the Rector of St. James' Episcopal Church in Leesburg, Va.



THE GATHERING

For church members and others in our community who experience memory loss



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

We Love Our Pets Day

APRIL 25 ♥ RODNEY RASBERRY



For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen at 713-301-4786 or kattellepsen@me.com.



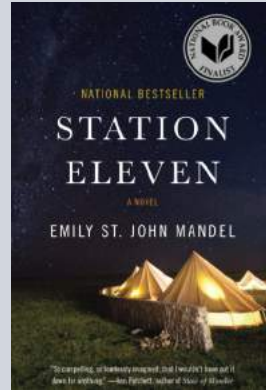
EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, April 26
7-8:30 p.m.

Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom

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 Amanda DeViney at adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “God So Loved the World”
John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

Text: John 3:16-17.

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING



Every year on Good Friday pilgrims from all over the world gather to walk along the *Via Dolorosa* in Jerusalem. By dying on the cross at Calvary, Jesus delivered us from sin, Satan and death eternal.

The history of Anglicanism in Jerusalem goes back to 1841.

The Anglican Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East has borne, in a special way, the responsibility of sharing the cross of Jesus.

Since 1922, Episcopalians have supported the ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East through the *Good Friday Offering*. It is vital that we continue to share in this burden, and not let our brothers and sisters in Jerusalem carry the cross alone.

We invite and encourage you to give generously at the Good Friday services today.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS *(kneel)*

Officiant: Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:

People: **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

Let us pray.

Officiant and People

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People stand as the Clergy process out in silence. The people then leave in silence.

ST. MARTIN'S PARISH CHOIR IN APPRECIATION

Thank you, Parish Choir, for leading us in the glorious music of worship throughout the entire year. We are grateful to you for the effort and energy put forth accomplishing this ministry. Your hymns, anthems, psalms and spiritual songs delight our heart and inspire our soul. Our Choir is welcoming to new members. We encourage you to share your own time and talent in this vital ministry to the parish and community.

<u>SOPRANOS</u>	<u>ALTOS</u>	<u>TENORS</u>	<u>BASSES</u>
Sharon Brumley	Pam Adger	Mike Adams	Gerald Beathard
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SERMON NOTES

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THE OLD TESTAMENTIsaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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THE PSALMPsalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? And are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest. Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel. Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them. They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame. But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people. All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying, "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him." Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe upon my mother's breast. I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me. They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion. I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax. My mouth is dried out like a pot-herd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing. Be not far away, O Lord; you are my strength; hasten to help me. Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion's mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls. I will declare your Name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them. My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!" All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations. To

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him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 10:16-25

The Holy Spirit testifies saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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THE EPISTLE Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. 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.

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:

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Mayfield Family	Jimmy Prentice	Lorrie
Matt Fryar	Ophelia Pujol	Marilyn
Brad Gallion	Barbara Quackenbush	Mark
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Shea Guinn	Jim Sanitato	Thomas
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Walesk Harvey	Helen and Jim Shaffer	Willie
Elizabeth Hill	Clif Shoemake	Woody

Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks before Easter and All Saints' Day. Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. To put someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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Please circle the name of any loved one that you would like to remain on our Continuing Prayer list, tear out this sheet of your bulletin and place it in the Prayer List box in the Narthex. You may also email Valerie Rivera at vrivera@stmartinsepisopal.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

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