

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

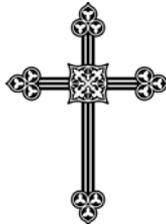
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*August 21, 2022*



## 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

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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.***

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

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

## AUGUST 21

### Adults

#### **The Word Inspires:**

#### **Clergy Favorites from Genesis to Revelation**

*James with the Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay, Ph.D.*

10:15-11 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



St. Martin's Clergy will walk through different books that they particularly love, giving an overview of the book's purpose and explaining how it fuels the fire of faith.

*For more information about Adult Christian Education,  
email Amanda DeViney at [adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.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).*

### 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.



*For more information about Children's Ministry  
email Ashley Monachelli at [amonachelli@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:amonachelli@stmartinsepiscopal.org).*

# AUGUST 22-27

## Adults

### Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Aug. 22

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



Saintly Stitchers fill St. Martin's with pew kneelers and other gifts for worship spaces. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at [Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Aug. 24

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@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### Sterling's Market

Saturday, Aug. 27 | Rain or Shine

9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



The mission of 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).

## Men

### Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Aug. 25

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, Aug. 23

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@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:lnilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## **Blanket Ladies**

Wednesday, Aug. 24

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).

# 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 ..... “Prelude and Fugue” Nicolaus Bruhns

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

## \*HYMN 368 ..... “Holy Father, Great Creator”

1 Ho - ly Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor, source of mer - cy,  
2 Ho - ly Je - sus, Lord of glo - ry, whom an - gel - ic  
3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, Sanc - ti - fi - er, Come with unc - tion  
4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na - tion let thy won - drous

love, and peace, look up - on the Me - di - a - tor,  
hosts pro - claim, while we hear thy won - drous sto - ry,  
from a - bove, touch our hearts with sa - cred fire,  
mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

clothe us with his right - eous - ness; heav - en - ly Fa - ther,  
meet and wor - ship in thy Name, dear Re - deem - er,  
fill them with the Sa - vior's love. Source of com - fort,  
ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,

*\*indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshippers*

heaven - ly Fa - ther, through the Sa - vior hear and bless.  
 dear Re-deem - er, in our hearts thy peace pro - claim.  
 Source of com - fort, cheer us with the Sa - vior's love.  
 great Je - ho - vah, form our hearts and make them thine.

Words: Alexander Viets Griswold (1766-1843), alt.; Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879).

*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.**

**G L O R I A** (*said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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 .....Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

HYMN 685 (vs. 1-2) ..... "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).

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

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

**THE GOSPEL**.....Luke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The lectionary for the day is on page 33.*

**HYMN 685** (vs. 3)..... “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.

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**THE SERMON** ..... “The Restoration Business”  
*The Rev. Jane P. Ferguson*

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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, Hector and Scott; 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 the security and safety of all those in Ukraine; 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 wisdom and discernment in how we can be good stewards of all with which you have blessed us. For those in the hospitals,\_\_; for those for 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. 827)*

Almighty God, whose loving hand hath given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor thee with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Minister says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Minister and People (BCP p. 331)*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Priest stands and says (BCP p. 332)*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**T H E P E A C E** *(stand)*

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*Please be seated.*



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LOVES VOLUNTEERS!

You can have the privilege of planting seeds of God's love each week.



**Sunday School Teacher Training**  
**Sunday, August 21**  
**10:15 – 11 a.m. | Children's Life Center**



There are many ways to volunteer, so please email Ashley Monachelli at [amonachelli@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:amonachelli@stmartinsepiscopal.org) and find out how you can serve!



THE GATHERING

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



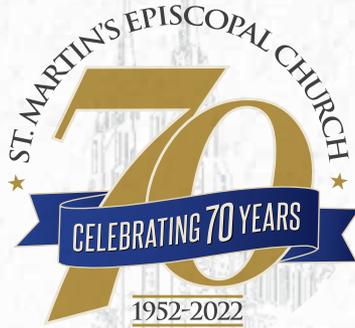
This program meets on the fourth Monday of each month 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Bagby Parish Hall.

## National Picnic Day

AUGUST 22 ✿ JANE VANDIVER



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



**St. Martin's Stewardship Campaign  
for 2023 will kick off in September, but  
there is something YOU can do now.**

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Please scan this QR code or point your browser here  
***bit.ly/2023stewardshipletter*** to read a special message  
from your Rector, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.



Questions? Contact Ashley Pratka, Director of Development,  
at [apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 346-335-8658.



# Activity Center

## WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS

Monday, Aug. 22 | 11 a.m.–noon  
Fellowship Room

Do you want to learn the basics of watercolor painting? If so, this class is for you! Learn how to modify the intensity of color and apply techniques with various types of brush strokes to create different effects.

For more information about this class and the extended Activity Center calendar, visit [bit.ly/smecactivitycenter](http://bit.ly/smecactivitycenter)



Saturday, Aug. 27 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Rain or shine | St. Martin's

Proceeds benefit St. Martin's Outreach  
Ministries in our community.

For more information or to volunteer,  
visit [sterlingsmarket.org](http://sterlingsmarket.org)

# Open HOUSE SUNDAY

## AUGUST 28

Come for an overview of the classes and events lined up at St. Martin's this year. See what is in store for the entire Parish, including Christian Education, St. Martin's 70th Anniversary Celebration, guest preachers and teachers, special retreats and programs in the Activity Center. Come join us and find out more!



### Activity Center Open House

9 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Activity Center



### Adult Ministries Open House

10:15–11 a.m.  
Bagby Parish Hall



### Student Ministries Open House

10:15–10:35 a.m. and 10:40–11 a.m.  
Student Life Center



### Children's Ministry Open House

10:15–10:35 a.m. and 10:40–11 a.m.  
Children's Life Center



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# EfM

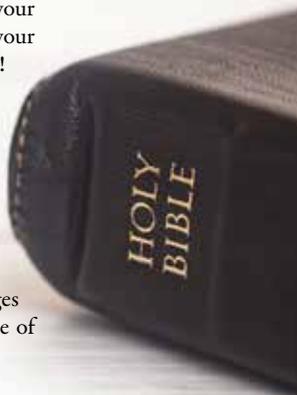
EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

**REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE  
TUESDAY, AUG. 30**

How would you like to find a place where you can define your faith, refine your faith, articulate your faith, and live your faith? If you've ever wanted any of these, EfM is for you! Education for Ministry, (EfM) is a both a challenging and affirming four-year study developed and administered by the University of the South's School of Theology with world-wide groups who worship and study in a community of 12 participants and two mentors.

Consisting of the study of the Old and New Testaments, Church history, theology and liturgy, the seminar meets weekly from September to May. Each participant engages in his/her own spiritual journey as well as sharing in those of fellow group members.

**To register, contact Amanda DeViney at [adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-830-4110.**



## PARISH CHOIR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7 P.M. | THE CHURCH



St. Martin's Parish Choir will sing the beautiful program that was so well received in Paris on their recent Choir Tour.

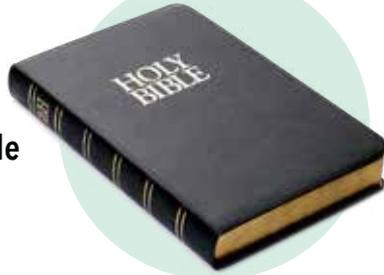
**THE PROGRAM IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

A free-will offering will be taken, which will go toward funding the Choir Tour in 2024.

# BIBLE PRESENTATION

## *Sunday*

**Sunday, Sept. 11**  
**9:15 a.m. Family Table**  
**Parish Life Center**



Children's Ministry is beginning a new initiative this fall: Children in grades 3-5 will receive a Bible during the Family Table service.

**Registration is required**, so please email Ashley Monachelli at [amonachelli@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:amonachelli@stmartinsepiscopal.org) to **sign up by Thursday, Sept. 1.**

## JUST FOR SEPTEMBER

REGISTRATION

Join one of many small groups meeting once a week during September. Grow your faith while studying Paul's Epistle to the Philippians and foster new relationships with new friends! Groups will meet in homes and on Campus on various days and times. Remember, it's just for September!

Find your small group at  
[bit.ly/justforsmallgroups](https://bit.ly/justforsmallgroups)

For more information, email  
[justfor@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:justfor@stmartinsepiscopal.org)

# CONFIRMATION

LEARN • LOVE • LIVE



SUNDAYS, SEPT. 11–OCT. 16

10:15–11 A.M.

ACTIVITY CENTER, UPPER HALL

Join the Rev. John Sundara 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 the Rev. John Sundara at 713-985-3842 or [jsundara@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:jsundara@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## Christian Life Study

Now Open! Registration for 2022-2023

[clsbiblestudy.com](http://clsbiblestudy.com)

### DAY GROUP

Begins Thursday, September 15

In person and via zoom | 9:30–11:15 a.m.

*Locations on Campus will be announced*

### EVENING GROUP

Begins Tuesday, September 13

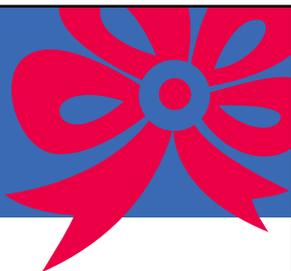
In person and via zoom

Children's Life Center | 6:30–8 p.m.

Joy of Giving Market



# ONLINE AUCTION



*Help the Joy of Giving Market this year by donating to the Online Auction. Some items of particular interest include:*

- Vacation homes
- Sports and events tickets
- Family activities and experiences
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By donating to the Joy of Giving Online Auction, you are helping raise more funds for Outreach grants that benefit many of Houston's most disadvantaged.

Contact [Joyofgiving@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:Joyofgiving@stmartinsepiscopal.org) for more information about donating to the Online Auction.



*32nd Annual  
Joy of  
Giving  
Market*

ST. MARTIN'S  
**OUTREACH**  
MINISTRIES



**WORLD MISSIONS**  
at St. Martin's Episcopal Church

## El Salvador Mission Trip Information Meeting

**Sunday, Dec. 4 | 10:15 a.m. | Activity Center**

The Rev. Wesley Arning will lead adults and families to San Salvador, El Salvador, March 11-16, 2023, to serve with St. Martin's ministry partner, Kurt Ackerman and his organization, Sus Hijos.

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

MEETS 4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

# MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP (IN-PERSON)

**AUGUST 24**

Wednesday | Noon-1 p.m.  
HHCI Rcom 104

PRESENTED BY:



**RABBI SETH M. STANDER, MAHL**

COMMUNITY AGING SPECIALIST, COMMUNITY BIOETHICS AND AGING CENTER, HHCI



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Houston, TX 77056



### ONLINE

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### BEQUESTS

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



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# THE OFFERTORY

## ANTHEM ..... “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, And have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: The beasts of the field, The birds of the air, The fish of the sea. But what is man that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your Name Transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, And so would we. Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your Name. Alleluia!

Text: Linda Lee Johnson, based on Psalm 8.

## 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 *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

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

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

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

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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

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

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord". The second staff continues the lyrics: "God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy". The third staff continues: "glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High." The fourth staff continues: "Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the". The fifth staff concludes with: "Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est." The music consists of a single melodic line with lyrics printed below the notes.

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

*Then may be said*

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

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

*Distribution of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.*

## ANTHEM ..... “Fight the Good Fight” John Gardner

Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right; Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally. Run the straight race through God’s good grace, lift up thine eyes and seek His face; Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize. Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide; His boundless mercy will provide; Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love. Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear; Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811–1875). Music: John Gardner. © 1964 Oxford University Press.



HYMN ..... "O Lord, You're Beautiful"

1. O Lord, you're beau - ti - ful, your face is  
 2. O Lord, you're won - der - ful, your touch is  
 3. O Lord, please light your fire that once burned

all I seek, and when your eyes are  
 all I need, and when your hand is  
 bright and clear, re - place the lamp of

on this child, your grace a - bounds to me  
 on my first love that burns with ho - ly fear!

Music and text: Keith Green, arr. Steven Wray, Shoji Mizumoto. © 1980 Birdwing Music/Cherry Lane Music Publishing Co. CCLI #805314.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. (BCP p. 339)

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

**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.**

*At 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying*

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*All stand.*

### HYMN 493 ..... "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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 heaven.

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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### FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Edwin Palmer Brown

Ellie and Robert Brown

In memory of Mary Gray and Earl Lester on their wedding anniversary  
by Linda and John Griffin, Laura and Jack Schuhmacher, and  
Allison and Philip Lorenzo

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Spencer and Allen Spencer, Jr.  
by Anna Spencer Joffrion



### BIRTHS

March 20 Collins Louise Chaney

Daughter of Eleanor and Tyler Chaney  
Granddaughter of Gwen and Bert Smith



### BAPTISMS

Aug. 14 Edwin Palmer Brown



### WEDDINGS

Aug. 14 Florence Wells McGee and Wade Elwood Upton



### SYMPATHY

Aug. 3 Sherri Kaye Wooten

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

# SERMON NOTES

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# OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

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## THE PSALM .....Psalm 103:1-8

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities; he redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness; he satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's. The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed. He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

## THE EPISTLE ..... Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

# 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:

Bobbie Adams	Michael Foster	Michelle McStravick
Jeri Ann Adams	Matt Fryar	Christine Nguyen
Harvey Altmann	Brad Gallion	Benice Nwabueze
Katie Altmann	Max Goodloe	Judy and Jay O'Connor
Patsy Angel	Nancy Gore	Nwora Onwuzulu
Shelly Bain	Hollis, McKay and	Jim Paddock
Susan Beeley	Rand Grace	Troy Phillips
Jack Beeson	Shea Guinn	Jimmy Prentice
Missy Belote	Gladys Halbouty	Ophelia Pujol
Anne Berry	Amelia Harrington	Barbara Quackenbush
Alli Blackman	Walesk Harvey	Michael Reade
Cory Blackman	Elizabeth Hill	Robert Rosales
Grace Blake	Mollie Hill	Baker Rudolph
Jose Luis Bravo	Jeff Holden	Virginia Runnels
Dianne Brock	Wayne Hollis	Brady Samuelson
Mark Burchard	Kim Holway	David Samuelson
Harry Burrow	Jack and Lee Hunnell	Jim Sanitato
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Beth Costa	Sherman Lasker	Bob Spencer
John Dacus	Amy Lee	Jim and Jan Stokes
Gail Davis	Stan Leong	Aaron Strong
Mac Davis	McKenna Letsos	Susan Strother
Sue Davis	Shawn Levenson	Julie Stulken
Tommy W. Davis	Nancy Liles	Nancy Talbot
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Bobby deSosa	Roberta Lloyd	Carlotta Thomas
Betty DeVerter	Ryan Logan	Millie Tonn
Chase Dixon	Marie Lord	Jane Touchstone
Katharine Dorinda	Robert Maedgen, Jr.	H. Michael Tyson
Kiersten Dyke	Jaelyn Manning	Sue Uthe
Jim Easterling	Greg Martin	Randy Vander Naillen
Stacey Elliott	Brad Martin	Mae Joyce and
Mayfield Family	Jeffrey Martinson	Grant Wagner
Charles Flores	Pat Marymee	Becky Wareing

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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](mailto:vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Tim Womack	Jane	RC
Eric Zoerb	Kathryn	Sally
Anne	Laura	Thomas
Barbara	Lauren	Victor and Barbara
Ben	Leslie	Willie
Betsey	Lorrie	Woody
Casey	Marilyn	

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	Capt. Cody Horr	Lt. Holly E. Pace
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1st Lt. Benjamin Brown	Dallas Wayne Hunter	Lt. Paul Piana
Lt. Col. Chris Davis	Staton Jobe	LCMR David A. Pilko
Wesley Dodd	Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs	Lt. Col. Thomas Plant
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