

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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*February 12, 2023*



## 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

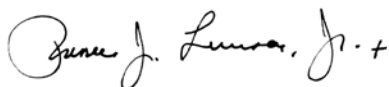
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IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD,  
JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

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.

### **NOTICES**

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

*St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.*



## OUTREACH SUNDAY: A DAY OF SERVICE

**Sunday, Feb. 12**

**10–11 a.m.**

Activity Center and Children's Life Center

*All Parishioners are invited to take part in St. Martin's 13th annual day of service. On this work day, our faith in Christ is expressed by helping others in our community.*

*No special skills are needed and there are projects for every skill level and age; simply show up and visit the set-up areas that feature projects and agency partners.*

*Activities are planned on campus to serve the many agencies we support.*

### Create College Care Packages for Boys & Girls Country of Houston

Boys and Girls Country provides children from families in crisis with a loving and nurturing Christian home environment, raising them to become self-sustaining and contributing adults.

### Assemble Toiletry Kits for Christian New Creation

This faith-based ministry provides transitional living facilities for male ex-offenders in Texas.

### Package Clothing Packs for Clothed By Faith

Working through agencies and school districts, Clothed by Faith provides gently used and new clothes to those in the midst of a crisis.

### Donate clothes for the Clothed by Faith Clothing Drive

### Create Defender Boxes for Demand Disruption

Demand Disruption fights the demand for sex trafficking by eliminating buyer motivation and reducing access to the exploited.

### Assemble Hygiene Kits for The Beacon

The Beacon is a day shelter in downtown Houston that provides meals, laundry services and other assistance for homeless individuals. The ministry connects them with next-step services and finds housing solutions.

### Pack care kits for Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services

ECHOS works with more than 30 public agencies and non-profit organizations to provide food and key social services.

### Assemble Shower Kits for Lord of the Streets

Lord of the Streets helps to rebuild the lives of homeless and to the marginalized by providing clothing, food and services.

### Pack Book Buddy Bags for The Periwinkle Foundation

The Periwinkle Foundation develops and provides programs that positively change the lives of children, young adults and families who are challenged by cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and are cared for at Texas Children's Hospital.

### Create Goody Bags for Senior Rides and More

Senior Rides and More volunteers reach out to isolated seniors throughout the city by providing life-sustaining services.

### Prepare Packages for Undies for Everyone

Undies for Everyone provides new underwear for children living in poverty or crisis.

### Make get-well cards for Faith in Practice patients

Create get-well cards for Faith in Practice patients in Guatemala with St. Martin's World Missions ministry. The organization provides medical care to the poor.

### Cut shoe patterns for Sole Hope

Join St. Martin's World Missions ministry and cut shoe patterns out of denim material for Sole Hope. The organization makes shoes for vulnerable children in Uganda.

### Knit or crochet prayer shawls for Prayer Shawl Ministry

Learn how to knit a prayer shawl with our Prayer Shawl Ministry, which gives blessed shawls to people in need of prayer.

For more information about Outreach Sunday, contact Outreach Ministries at 713-985-3811 or [outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

## FEBRUARY 12

### Music Ministry

#### Young Singers of St. Martin's

8:15 a.m. | Rehearsal in Children's Life Center

9:15 a.m. | Family Table service in Parish Life Center

Young Singers of St. Martin's, for grades 1-12, make joyful and beautiful music while affording them a special place in the worship services at St. Martin's.

*For more information about Young Singers of St. Martin's,  
email [yssm@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:yssm@stmartinsepiscopal.org).*

## FEBRUARY 13-18

### Adults

#### Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Feb. 13

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).

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Feb. 14

9-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room

Knit and crochet shawls to be blessed for those in need of prayer. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at [Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

#### Blanket Ministry

Wednesday, Feb. 15

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

#### Church Tours

Wednesday, Feb. 15

11 a.m.-noon | The Church

The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church. To schedule a group tour or special tours of The Church windows, Christ Chapel or Campus gardens, please contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at [scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

**St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild**

Wednesday, Feb. 15

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

**Order of St. Luke (OSL) Healing Ministry Study Group**

Wednesday, Feb. 15

4:30-6 p.m. | Vestry Conference Room and via Zoom

Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as an OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at [scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

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

Wednesday, Feb. 15

7-8:45 p.m. | Children's Life Center

Join our young adults for discussion, prayer and dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at [rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

**Parish Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, Feb. 16

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 Dr. David Henning at [dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

**Sterling's Market - We Need You!**

Saturday, Feb. 18 | Rain or Shine

9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Corner of Woodway and Sage

Sterling's Market at St. Martin's Episcopal Church glorifies God through sharing the Gospel and the bounties of the earth with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors. For more information and to volunteer, visit [sterlingsmarket.org](http://sterlingsmarket.org).

## Men

**Men of St. Martin's**

Thursday, Feb. 16

7-8 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

This men's group meets for fellowship, mutual support and Bible study. For more information, contact the Rev. John Sundara at [jsundara@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:jsundara@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

**Dads' Bible Study**

Thursday, Feb. 16

8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center

Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at [rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## Women

### **Christian Life Study**

Tuesday, Feb. 14 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, Feb. 16 – Day Group | 9:30-11:30 a.m. | Parish 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@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:lgallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### **The Moms' Group**

Wednesday, Feb. 15

9:15-10:30 a.m. | Student Life Center Living Room

Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for a book study and fellowship. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at [jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## 7-1-7 Students

### **Life Groups**

Wednesday, Feb. 15

6-8 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 ..... "Praeludium in G Major"

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

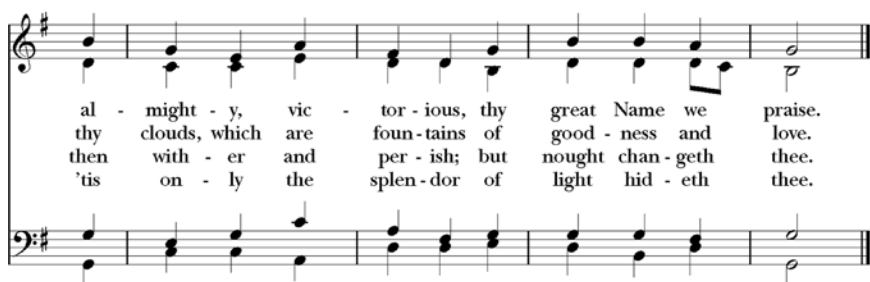
## \*HYMN 423 ..... "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

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



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.; Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SUFFERING OF GOD’S CHILDREN IN TURKEY AND SYRIA *(kneel)*

Children of God, let us pray.

*Silence is observed.*

*Minister and People pray responsively*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth. Hear now our prayers for those created in your image who are in any way suffering in mind, body, heart and soul who dwell on this fragile earth, our island home;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray on this Sabbath day especially for the thousands who suffer in Turkey and Syria in the wake of the earthquake of February 6;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who grieve the deaths of loved ones;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the critically injured and the dying;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have lost their homes, schools, hospitals and places of fellowship and worship;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be Lord with those now tending to the suffering, restoring health to the broken and searching for the missing – give them strength and fortitude that they may make whole that which has been wounded;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**



Lord we pray also for peace in Syria, and the refugees who had already fled their homes in the face of violence and war who now suffer all the more in camps and lands that are not their own;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Though this horrific disaster seems far from us, on a distant shore, increase our empathy and protect us from any distraction that would weaken or subdue our compassion and concern;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reveal to each of us what we might offer beyond merely our prayers to this opportunity to care;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

And finally, on this Outreach Sunday, Almighty God, send your Holy Spirit to remind us and inspire us to respond faithfully to the invitation of your Son, Jesus who taught his disciples, "...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

All this we ask in the name of the One who bid all those broken by the circumstances of this world, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest," (Matthew 11:28) Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***Donations can be made for relief efforts in Turkey and Syria by visiting [bit.ly/givetosmec](http://bit.ly/givetosmec) and selecting Turkey/Syria Earthquake from the dropdown menu, or designating Turkey/Syria Earthquake on your check which can be mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate.***

***St. Martin's Missions Committee will research and determine the best use of gifts as the months ahead unfold. All gifts received from members and others will go directly to relief efforts and will not be used to fund internal ministries, program or staff of St. Martin's. Thank you for your consideration.***

*All stand.*

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*

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 ..... Psalm 119:1-8

Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! Happy are they who observe his decrees and seek him with all their hearts! Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways. You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them. Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes! Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments. I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments. I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

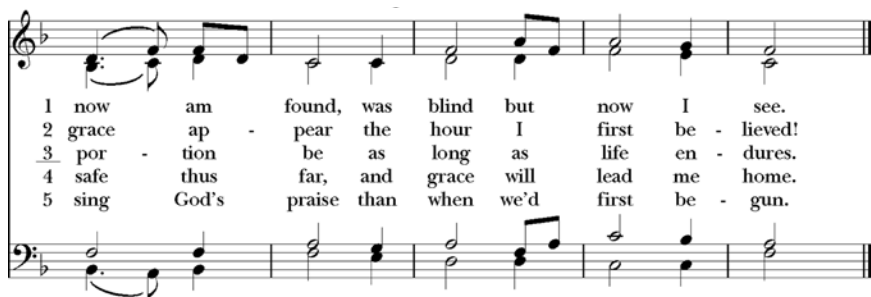
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

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

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

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



Words: John Newton (1725–1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broadbuss and Andrew Broadbuss; Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851–1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919).

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

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

**THE GOSPEL** ..... Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her

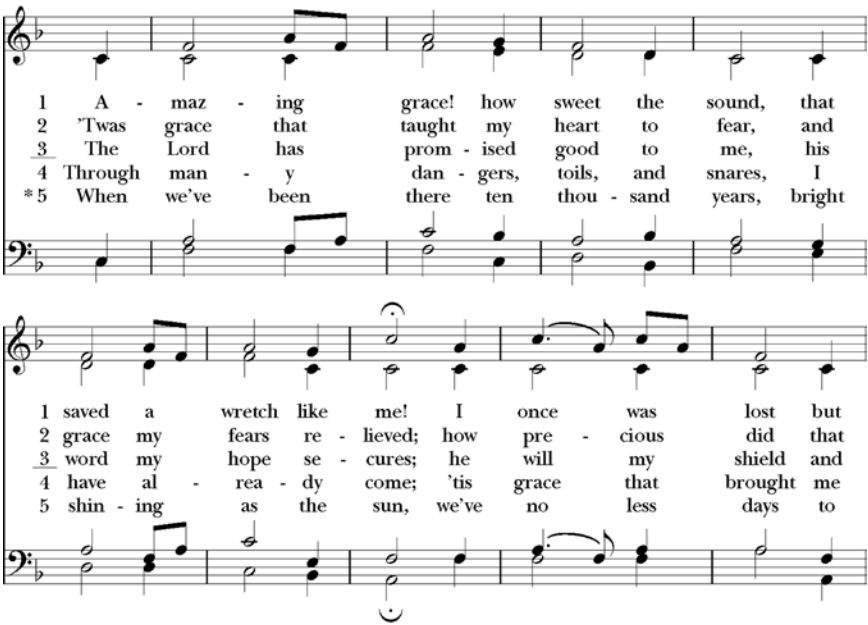
to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*The remaining readings for the day are on page 28.*

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



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
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1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON ..... “*The Good News of Jesus’ Truth*” *The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.*

## THE NICENE CREED (*stand*)

*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 *(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 Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our  
Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our bishops; the  
Clergy of this Parish; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer,  
for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines; for all bishops, priests  
and deacons.

**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; and 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.**

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially \_\_\_\_; for those who are hospitalized, especially \_\_\_\_; and for those on our continuing prayer list; have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

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

We pray for those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_; give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers, \_\_\_\_; and we praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

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

In this moment of silence, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Minister says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*A moment of silence is observed.*



*Minister and People*

**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*

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.**

**THE PEACE** *(stand)*

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

**People: And with thy spirit.**

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see page 30 for upcoming events.*

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*Please be seated.*

# THE OFFERTORY

## ANTHEM ..... “Ave Verum”

Edward Elgar

*Ave verum corpus, natum Ex Maria Virgine, Vere passum, immolatum In cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum Vero fluxit sanguine; Esto nobis praegustatum, Mortis in examine. O Clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.*

Jesus, Word of God Incarnate, Of the Virgin Mary born, On the Cross for us Thy Body suffered pain and cruel scorn. By the blood and water cleanse us, Flowing from Thy pierced Side; With Thy broken Body feed us, When in death we must abide. O Sweetest, O kindest, O Jesus, Son of Mary, O hear us.

Music: Edward Elgar; Edited by Philip Brunelle.

## 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*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two staves (treble and bass clef) with the lyrics "Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise". The second system also has two staves with the lyrics "him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye". The third system has two staves with the lyrics "heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost." The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment is simple, using block chords and moving lines in the bass.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(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.**

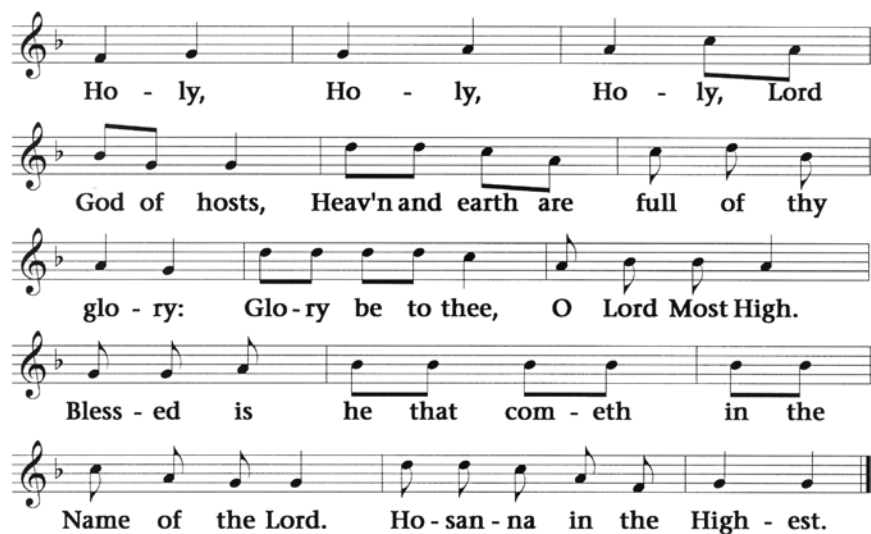
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Celebrant and People (said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)*



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

John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

*The Celebrant continues (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

*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

*People and Celebrant*

**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.*

*All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.*

**ANTHEM ..... “If Ye Love Me”**  
Thomas Tallis

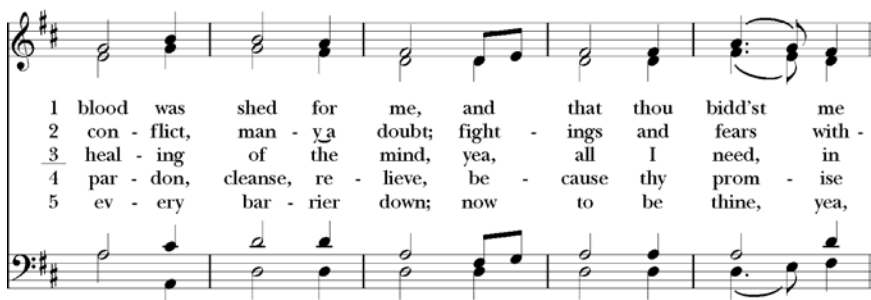
If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. Ev’n the Spirit of truth, that He may abide with you forever.

Text: John 14: 15-17. © HW Gray.

# HYMN 693 ..... “Just As I Am”



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya  
 \* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,  
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,  
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken



1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -  
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise  
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love  
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
 here for a season, then above:  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871); Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816–1868).

# HYMN ..... “Glorify Thy Name”

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
 2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
 3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
 Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy name,  
 Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

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# HYMN ..... “Father, We Adore Thee”

1. Fa - ther, we a - dore thee, lay our lives be  
 2. Je - sus, we a - dore thee, lay our lives be  
 3. Spir - it, we a - dore thee, lay our lives be  
 fore thee, how we love thee.

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*People and Celebrant*

**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 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 135 .....“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1–3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807–1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984); Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622–1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750).

# 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 all those who participate in Outreach Sunday

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Ava Jane Schnitzer  
by Lily and Johnathan Schnitzer

In memory of John Gresham Minniece III on the occasion of his 90th birthday  
by his loving family



### BIRTHS

Nov. 4, 2022 Maisie Bennet Flaaten  
Daughter of Laura and Adam Flaaten

Dec. 27, 2022 James Hamilton Lassetter  
Son of Maddy and David Lassetter



### BAPTISMS

Feb. 4 Finnegan Louis Doherty  
Charlotte Elizabeth Kohl



### SYMPATHY

Jan. 19 Ruth Clair Huber

To mark a special occasion with an altar flower dedication,  
visit [bit.ly/smecaltarflowers](http://bit.ly/smecaltarflowers) or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam  
at [relhakam@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:relhakam@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# 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	Lynda Jones	Martin Taylor
Carolyn Alban	Mary Anne Kannard	Paul Therrien
Harvey and Katie Altmann	Muriel Kearby Albaral	Mimi Thobae
Patsy Angel	Paige Laird	Carlotta Thomas
Shelly Bain	Sherman Lasker	Millie Tonn
Anne Berry	Stan Leong	Jane Touchstone
Cory Blackman	McKenna Letsos	Sue Uthe
Dianne Brock	Shawn Levenson	Randy Vander Naillen
Don Cheatham	Patricia Levy	Mae Joyce and Grant Wagner
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Nancy Liles	Janice Waits Murphy
Beth Costa	Nicole Lockney	Charles Werlla
Gail Davis	Ryan Logan	Roger Williams
Mac Davis	Marie Lord	Vern Wilson
Sue Davis	Greg Martin	Eric Zoerb
Tommy W. Davis	Pat Marymee	Angela
Arlo Dayanand	Janet McDaniel	Anne
Bobby deSosa	Patricia McDonald	Barbara
Linda deSosa	Christine Nguyen	Betsey
Rosemary Doupe	Nwora Onwuzulu	Dean
Ross Dunn	Jim Paddock	Elizabeth
Kiersten Dyke	Russell Pae	Eric and Family
Jim Easterling	Jimmy Prentice	Henry
Stacey and John Elliott	Stephen Preston	Jana
Mayfield Family	Michael Reade	Landry
Charles Flores	Ted Reed	Laura
Brad Gallion	Susan Rovello	Leslie
Chris Gaylen	Baker Rudolph	Marilyn
Catherine Gonzales	David Samuelson	Mary Jane
Nancy Gore	Helen and Jim Shaffer	Naomi
Shea Guinn	Caroline Shanahan	Willie
Gladys Halbouty	Megan Sharkey	
Dow Hamm III	Clif Shoemake	
Connie Haney	Ryan Smith	
Susie C. Hatfield	William and Betsy Smith	
Mollie Hill	Mark Solomons	
Jeff Holden	Bob Spencer	
Marilyn Ingham	Jim and Jan Stokes	
Nicole Jabbari	James Swann	
Ronnie Jacobe, Jr.	Nancy Talbot	

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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 [vriviera@stmartineseiscopal.org](mailto:vriviera@stmartineseiscopal.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme  
Lt. Col. Julian Benton  
1st Lt. Benjamin Brown  
Lt. Col. Chris Davis  
Wesley Dodd  
Sgt. James Drury III  
James Eilers  
Major Parker Firestone  
Capt. Dom Flatt  
1st Lt. Will Golinkin  
LCDR Bradley R. Hoffman

Capt. Cody Horr  
Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell  
Dallas Wayne Hunter  
Staton Jobe  
Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs  
Krystal Martinez  
PV2 Wills Masterson  
Ensign Ben Morris  
1st Lt. Jack Mullen  
2nd Lt. Alex Mullen  
Lt. Cmdr. Holly E. Pace

James W. Peoples  
Lt. Paul Piana  
LCMR David A. Pilko  
Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant  
PO1 Brian M. Powell  
SPC Joel Rowell  
Maj. Christian Schleider  
1st Lt. Grant Suter  
1st Lt. Luke Voss

## OTHER READINGS

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### THE OLD TESTAMENT ..... Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

### THE EPISTLE ..... 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

# SERMON NOTES

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Remember a loved one by ordering lilies to decorate The Church at Easter. All requests received **by 5 p.m. Thursday, March 9**, will be included in the worship booklet available at all Easter services. Names submitted after the deadline will be printed in worship booklets in weeks following Easter.

**Make your flower dedication online at**

**[bit.ly/easteraltarflowers](https://bit.ly/easteraltarflowers)**

**For more information, email Barbara Piana at [bpiana@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:bpiana@stmartinsepiscopal.org).**



## MEMBERSHIP 101

**MONDAY, FEB. 13**

**Bagby Parish Hall and via Zoom  
6–9 p.m. | Dinner will be served.**

*Reservations are required by 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. To R.S.V.P., contact Kathy Johnson at [kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3834.*

Learn more about the mission and core values of St. Martin's and broaden your understanding of our ministries and your role in the Church during this membership class that will include an instructed Eucharist, a presentation by St. Martin's Rector, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., and a question-and-answer session by Kathy Johnson, Director of Membership.





# Activity Center

## NEW SENIOR STRENGTH TRAINING

Every Friday  
9 a.m. | Aerobics Room



This fun class will help improve balance, flexibility and overall strength — perfect for those who prefer a workout without the added impact to joints.

For more information about this class and the extended Activity Center calendar, visit [bit.ly/smecactivitycenter](https://bit.ly/smecactivitycenter). **MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!**

## CANTARE HOUSTON

PRESENTS *Solstice*

Friday, Feb. 17 • 7:30 p.m. • The Church

*Free Admission*



A tribute concert honoring Cantare's Founder and Artistic Director, Kevin Riehle (1956-2022).

Featuring

- Herbert Howell's *Requiem*
- Taylor Scott Davis' *Solstice*
- Reginal Wright's *Immortality* (premiere) dedicated to Kevin Riehle's memory.

Also, music by Rachmaninoff, Lauridsen, Ola Gjeilo and Kevin Riehle.

Dr. Joshua Bronfman, guest conductor  
Director of Choral Activities, Sam Houston University



a professional  
consort of singers

For more information, contact Dr. David Henning  
at [dhenning@stmartinsepisopal.org](mailto:dhenning@stmartinsepisopal.org) or  
713-985-3820.

# GIVE BLOOD

## Blood Drive

Monday, Feb. 20

9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Student Life Center



Scan QR code  
to schedule your  
next appointment!

[bit.ly/givebloodfeb2023](https://bit.ly/givebloodfeb2023)

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For more information, contact Christina Gligorova at  
832-602-9350 or [cgligorova@giveblood.org](mailto:cgligorova@giveblood.org).



Gulf Coast Regional  
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# SHROVE TUESDAY

FAMILY DINNER AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

5–7:30 P.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL

All Parishioners are invited to attend this family gathering which will include a traditional pancake dinner, red beans and rice, live entertainment, children's activities and prizes.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids and \$30 for families (parents with children age 15 and under).

A dazzling fireworks display will follow the ticketed dinner.

To purchase tickets, visit [bit.ly/shrovetuesdaydinner](https://bit.ly/shrovetuesdaydinner)

For more information, contact Sarah-Hampton Cambas at 713-985-3848 or [events@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:events@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# LENT

AT ST. MARTIN'S

## **Shrove Tuesday Family Dinner and Fireworks**

Tuesday, Feb. 21

5-7:30 p.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

## **Ash Wednesday Services**

Wednesday, Feb. 22

7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. | The Church

Riverway Eucharist Service

6:30 p.m. | Parish Life Center

## **Stations of the Cross**

Wednesdays, March 1-29

4-5 p.m. | The Church

Holy Week April 3-7

11 a.m.-1 p.m. | The Church

## **Wednesday Evening Adult Lenten Series: Turning Points**

Wednesdays, March 1-22

5:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist | The Church

5:45 p.m., Dinner | Bagby Parish Hall

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Program

Bagby Parish Hall

## **Thursday Afternoon Lenten Adult Bible Series: Life's U-Turns**

Thursdays, March 2-30

4-5 p.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

## **Wednesday in Lent with Max McLean "The Most Reluctant Convert"**

Wednesday, March 29

5:45-8 p.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

## **Lenten Quiet Day: Into the Desert**

Saturday, March 4

9 a.m.-noon | Parish Life Center

## **Lenten Retreat with Teresa Harrison**

Monday-Thursday, March 20-23

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | Scout Center

Friday, March 24

8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. | Scout Center

## **Stripping of the Palms**

Tuesday, March 28

1-4 p.m. | Student Life Center

## **Palm Cross Making**

Wednesday, March 29

8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. | Student Life Center

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

### **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 2

8 a.m., Holy Eucharist | The Church

9, 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m., Holy Eucharist and dramatic re-enactment | The Church

9:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist and dramatic reading at Family Table | Parish Life Center

11:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist Riverway Contemporary Worship Service  
Parish Life Center

### **Holy Wednesday**

Wednesday, April 5

7 a.m., noon, and 6 p.m., Holy Eucharist  
Christ Chapel

### **Maundy Thursday with**

**Rt. Rev. Tony Burton**

Thursday, April 6

7 p.m. | The Church

### **Good Friday Services with Guest Preacher**

**Rt. Rev. Tony Burton**

Friday, April 7

Traditional Worship

Noon and 6 p.m. | The Church

Family Table Service

Noon | Parish Life Center

Riverway Service

6:30 p.m. | Parish Life Center

### **Holy Saturday Baptism**

Saturday, April 8

10 a.m. | Christ Chapel



## THE GATHERING

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

**February 27**

**10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

**Bagby Parish Hall**

## Gnomes on the Range



**Feb. 27**  
**Bill Parish**

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



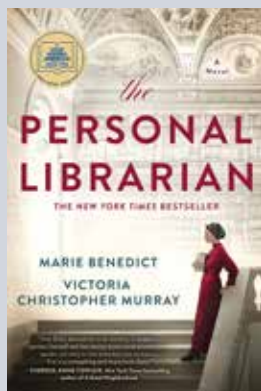
*Faith*  
in  
LITERATURE

## EVENING GROUP

**Tuesday, Feb. 28 | 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Children's Life Center, Room 109 and**

**Via Zoom | [bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom](https://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](mailto:adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org).**



The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's Present

## ECW SPRING BRUNCH

FEATURING

**Jeanne Celestine Lakin**

*Faith and Forgiveness*

***Tuesday, Feb. 28***

***10 a.m. – noon***

***Parish Life Center***

***\$40 • Table for 10, \$400***



*Registration now open at*

***[bit.ly/2023ecwspringbrunch](https://bit.ly/2023ecwspringbrunch)***

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's welcome award-winning author Jeanne Celestine Lakin. Lakin was 9 years old when her parents and nearly all of her adult relatives were killed in 1994's Rwandan government's ethnic massacre.

Lakin is the author of "A Voice in the Darkness: Memoir of a Rwandan Genocide Survivor."

Visit **[avoiceinthedarkness.org](https://avoiceinthedarkness.org)** to learn more.

**Committee Chairs:**

Shelly Newton and Jane Garness

For more information, please contact Valerie Rivera at [vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3817.

A VERY SPECIAL LENTEN RETREAT:

## Icon Writing with Teresa Harrison



**Monday – Thursday, March 20 – 23**  
**8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Friday, March 24**  
**8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

The ancient technique of icon writing inspires prayerful meditation, both while creating the art and reflecting on the finished piece. This four-day retreat includes Eucharist, chant, prayer, silence and lively conversation. Beginners and experienced iconographers are welcome!

Reserve your space at [bit.ly/iconography2023](https://bit.ly/iconography2023)

717 STUDENTS

## Student Mission Trips

The deadline to register for these trips is March 31.

**Middle School Mission Trip**  
Austin, TX • June 18–23

**\$425**



Registration  
[bit.ly/2023MSMissionTrip](https://bit.ly/2023MSMissionTrip)

**High School Mission Trip**  
Nashville, TN • June 25–30

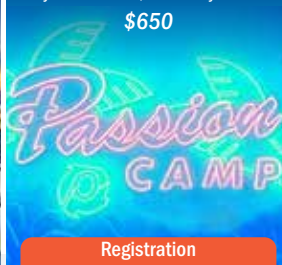
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