

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 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

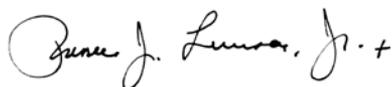
FROM THE RECTOR

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

APRIL 23

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Alex Graham

8:55-9:25 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

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

Theology for Life with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

Windows for the Soul: What Mary's Yes Means for Us

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

This class features a series of Biblical, theological and historical topics that engage the mind and heart in worship of God and living a life of faith.

Creative Spaces with Dr. Peggy Determeyer

Facing Death: Aging and Beyond

10:15-11 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

In partnership with the Hope and Healing Center, this four-week series on life and death will be presented in two parts: Facing Death and Choosing Life.

Seekers with the Rev. Dick Elwood

10:15-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room

This class is for more senior parishioners for fellowship and lectionary-based Bible study.

*For more information about Adult Christian Education,
email Amanda DeViney at 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.*

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.

Communion Instruction

10:15-11 a.m. | Activity Center

This four-week series instructs children about the Eucharistic sacraments as the basis of our Christian faith.

*For more information about Children's Ministry
email Rocio Velazquez at rvelazquez@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

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.*

APRIL 24-29

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, April 24

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. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, April 25

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. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Blanket Ministry

Wednesday, April 26

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. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Church Tours

Wednesday, April 26

11 a.m.-noon | The Church

The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church and Dr. Henning will perform on the Gloria Dei organ. 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.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, April 26

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. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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

Wednesday, April 26

4:30-6 p.m. | Children's Life Center 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.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, April 26

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.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 27

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.

Sterling's Market - Hop On Over

Saturday, April 29 | 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, contact info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, April 27

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.

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, April 27

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.

Women

Christian Life Study

Tuesday, April 25 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, April 27 – 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.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, April 27

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.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, April 27

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.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY “Concerto in B-flat” George Frideric Handel

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

*HYMN 199 “Come, Ye Faithful”

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

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

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.; Music: *St. Kevin*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842–1900).

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*)

Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con-que-ri- ng Son; end - less is the
 vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 rolled the stone a - way, kept the fol - ded grave clothes
 where thy bo - dy lay. Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con-que-ri- ng
 Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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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, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Psalm 86:1-7

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 680 (*vs. 1-3*)..... “O God Our Help in Ages Past”

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90; Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678–1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ____.
People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL (*morning services*) Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for

righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

THE GOSPEL (*evening service*).....Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 29.

HYMN 680 (*vs. 4-6*)..... “O God Our Help in Ages Past”

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
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THE SERMON ... *“Blessed are Those Who Know Their Need of God”*
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.
morning services

THE SERMON *“Damascus or Emmaus?”*
The Rev. R. Wesley Arning
evening service

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
Church of the Province of Uganda; 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

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

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.

Celebrant 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 32 for upcoming events.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”
Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; for when humbly, in Thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now Thy garment’s hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit Thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve Thee faithfully.

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AT THE PRESENTATION *(stand)*

(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.....*Easter Hymn*

Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The music is in a common time signature and features a mix of chords and melodic lines. The final system ends with a double bar line.

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lya Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

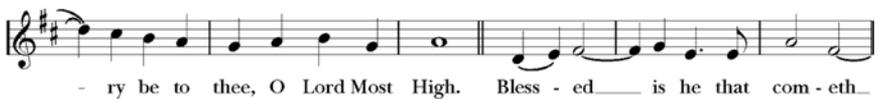
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us 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



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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

Celebrant and People

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*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

During the season of Easter, the Prayer of Humble Access is not a part of our public liturgy. You are invited to use it for your private preparation before receiving Communion.

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 “Be Thou My Vision”
arr. Alice Parker

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise. Thou mine inheritance now and always; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasures Thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all

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HYMN "Blessed Assurance"

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per-fect de - light, Vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God,
 burst on my sight: An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
 hap - py and blest: Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

Born of his Spir - it, wash'd in his blood.
 Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry, this is my
 Fill'd with his good - ness, lost in his love.

song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry,

this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908).

HYMN "Surely the Presence"

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can

feel His might - y pow - er and His grace. I can

hear the brush of an - gel's wings, I see glo - ry on each face;

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

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HYMN 178.....“Alleluia, Alleluia”

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give
Praise to his Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand.

HYMN 100 "Joy to the World"

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts; Music: *Antioch*, G.F. Händel.

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

SERMON NOTES



"The Call of Peter" by Craig Biddle

"God made us: invented us as a man invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there." C. S. Lewis

SERMON NOTES

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage

by Eliza Jean Mason and James Garrett Tollette

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Harris Steven Dubois

by Benjamin, Alexandra and Winn Dubois

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Hope Artemisia Farrow

by Donna and Jack Taylor

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Poppy Ferguson

by her family and friends

In memory of Sue Bell

by Kenneth Carter and family

In memory of Barbara Sandy Patton

by John Patton and family

In memory of Bartley Tomlinson

by Shelby and Ward Jones

In memory of F. Roy Zabriskie, Jr. and Kevin M. Weldon

by Nancy B. Zabriskie



BIRTHS

Jan. 24

Vivienne Margaret Glass

Daughter of Mari and Bryan Glass

March 22

Louise Fischer Clarkson

Daughter of Margaret and Jonathan Clarkson

Granddaughter of Tanya and Jon Clarkson

March 29

Coco Donna Deiso

Daughter of Rochelle and Andrew Deiso



BAPTISMS

April 15

Amir Amini

Kobra Redow Karbalai

Henry Solomon Rosenberg



SYMPATHY

April 10

Agnes B. Perkins

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visit bit.ly/smecaltarflowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam
at relhakam@stmartinseiscopal.org.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

THE PSALM Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow. Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life." How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord'S house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Individuals are included on the Continuing Prayers list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

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

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@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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
CPO Evan Tomlin
1st Lt. Luke Voss



“WINDOWS FOR THE SOUL”

with St. Martin's Rector, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.,
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Sundays, April 23, 30, and May 7
10:15-11 a.m. · Bagby Parish Hall

This three-week series draws inspiration and direction from Christ Chapel's beautiful stained-glass windows and provides food for the soul.

Week 1: What Mary's "Yes" Means for All of Us
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

Week 2: Following, Changing, Loving, Serving
The Rev. John Sundara

Week 3: The Way of The Cross and The Hope of the Resurrection
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.



Sunday, April 23

4:30 p.m.

Christ Chapel

Experience Taizé

During the Easter season, St. Martin's will celebrate our Lord's resurrection with the contemplative service of Taizé Prayer. This service will be enveloped by the quiet, meditative music and prayer. Following the ancient rhythm of scripture, meditative chant and silence, Taizé prayer allows us to get in touch with that deep "Alleluia" that still echoes forth from the empty tomb.

Please contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at
scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org or call 713-830-4131.



ST. CLARE'S NEEDLEPOINT GUILD



Do you love to needlepoint?

Consider joining St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild. This guild welcomes stitchers of any skill level and teaches needlepoint from basic stitches to detailed and advanced work.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

1-4 p.m.

Activity Center Upper Hall East

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild also meets during the week. For more information, contact Amanda Deviney at adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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Tuesday, April 25

6 - 8 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

\$30 per person | Southern Comfort Food served

Childcare will be available during the event.



Registration now open at
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Registration deadline is April 23



The Humor, The Hard and The Holy... God is in it All

For more details, please contact Valerie Rivera at vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713.985.3817.



THE GATHERING

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

April 24

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

Bagby Parish Hall



Off to the Races!

April 24 - Danette McMahon

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



MEMBERSHIP 101

MONDAY, APRIL 24

Bagby Parish Hall and Online

6–9 p.m. | Dinner will be served.

Reservations are required by 5 p.m. Sunday, April 23. To R.S.V.P., contact Kathy Johnson at kjohnson@stmartinseiscopal.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.

St. Martin's Rector, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., will lead the presentation, and an instructed Eucharist. Kathy Johnson, Director of Membership, will conclude with a question-and-answer session.



ST. MARTIN'S Cooking CLASSES

Thursday, April 27 · 6-8 p.m.

Parish Life Center Kitchen

Explore Greek Cuisine with Chef Mary Cuclis!

St. Martin's hosts cooking classes with professional chefs designed for all skill levels, and perfect for those interested in sharpening their culinary skills and sharing in fellowship.

**Register for this class at
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ST. MARTIN'S **OUTREACH** MINISTRIES

CCSC Work Day

Saturday, April 29 | 9 a.m.–noon

3434 Branard, Houston, TX 77027

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

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.



BIG
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SAFARI EDITION

April 30 • 5–7 p.m. • Student Life Center

ROADKILL

It's Roadkill Month! All students in grades 6–12
are invited and welcome to bring a friend!



Student Summer Trip

The deadline to register for this trip is April 30.

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REGISTRATION

bit.ly/717studentsmissiontrips

For more information about this trip and scholarships, contact
Florence Ritchie at fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3843.

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR
Healing and Wholeness
Order of St. Luke

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

Next Service

Wednesday, May 3 | 5 p.m.

Parish Life Center or via Zoom

bit.ly/oslservice

For more information, please contact Amanda DeViney
at adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Senior
Recognition
Sunday!

Sunday, May 7

10 – 11 a.m.

Student Life Center

Graduating high school seniors and their families are invited to a breakfast celebration. We will celebrate our seniors, honor their accomplishments and pray for God's guidance through the next chapter of their lives.



Please register at bit.ly/seniorrecognitionsunday

Contact Florence Ritchie at fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org
for more information.



The Giving Tree

Celebrate Mother's Day with an Outreach Card

The Giving Tree is a branch of St. Martin's Outreach Ministries, offering Parishioners and the surrounding community the opportunity to honor a loved one on a special occasion through a heartfelt gift that empowers a worthy organization while touching hearts and changing lives.



Order cards at bit.ly/mothersdaygivingtree



Deadline is Tuesday, May 9.

For assistance, contact Tracee Tindol at outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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