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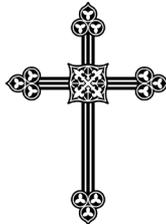
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*July 9, 2023*



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.*

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

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

## JULY 9

### Adults

#### **8+ with the Rev. Lisa Neilson**

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.

#### **Just For Summer**

*The Lectionary Speaks*

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

This class will focus on passages from the Sunday lectionary. What is each lesson saying? How do the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel lessons connect with each other? Join us and bring your worship booklet.

#### **Seekers with the Rev. Nick Dyke**

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, contact Amanda DeViney at 713-830-4110 or [adeviney@stmartinsepisopal.org](mailto:adeviney@stmartinsepisopal.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.

***Those who finished fifth grade are now part of Student Ministries.***

*For more information about 7-1-7 Students, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or [students@stmartinsepisopal.org](mailto:students@stmartinsepisopal.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.

*For more information about Children's Ministry, contact Rocio Velazquez at 713-985-3807 or [rvelazquez@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:rvelazquez@stmartinsepiscopal.org).*

# JULY 10-15

## Adults

### Saintly Stitchers

Monday, July 10

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 713-830-4131 or [scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, July 11

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 713-830-4131 or [scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### Blanket Ministry

Wednesday, July 12

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 713-830-4131 or [scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, July 12

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 713-830-4131 or [scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

**Parish Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, July 13

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 713-985-3820 or [dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

**St. Martin's 20s & 30s: Stories that Stick**

Thursday, July 13

7-8:30 p.m. | Off Campus

Join our young adults for discussion, prayer and snacks. For more information and the location, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at 346-335-8680 or [rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

**Summer Fun at Sterling's Market**

Saturday, July 15 | 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 Sarah-Hampton Cambas at 713-985-3848 or [info@sterlingsmarket.org](mailto:info@sterlingsmarket.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 .... "This is a Happy Land and Amazing Grace" arr. George Shearing

*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

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

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.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for  
 he is thy health and sal - va - tion;  
 join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan and  
 song, sound - ing in glad a - do - ra - tion.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuernten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 ..... Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

\*HYMN 685 (vs. 1-2)..... “Rock of Ages”

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
 3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778), alt.; Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784–1872).

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

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

THE GOSPEL ..... Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
 we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The lectionary for the day is on page 24.*

\*HYMN 685 (vs. 3)..... “Rock of Ages”

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
 3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
 bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778), alt.; Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784–1872).

*Please be seated.*

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THE SERMON ..... “Really?”

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

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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  
Anglican Church of Burundi; 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*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son 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.**

*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.**

*Please be seated.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see page 28 for upcoming events.*

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## THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “Thou Wilt Keep Him”  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee, for This is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for evermore. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.

Text is from Holy Scripture. Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley. Published and printed in Great Britain by Novello & Co., Kent. ARR.

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

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

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

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.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in 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*

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.

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus and Benedictus. It consists of five staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are: "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

*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

*Then may be said by the Celebrant and People*

**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 ..... “Pie Jesu”

John Rutter

*Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem; dona eis sempiternam requiem.*

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest, grant them everlasting rest.

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HYMN 671 ..... “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

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.

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

H Y M N ..... “How Great Thou Art”

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds\* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing\*  
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —  
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —  
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —  
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to  
Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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**HYMN** ..... “I Love You, Lord”

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship

you, O my soul, re - joice! Take joy, my King, in

what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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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.**

*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 657 ..... “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. There we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788); Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887).

# THE DISMISSAL

*The Minister says the Dismissal*

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

**VOLUNTARY** ..... “Lord of All Hopefulness”  
arr. Dale Wood

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

## RECOGNITIONS

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### FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of James Frank Snelling IV

by Emily and James Snelling

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Sage Noelle Feldman and Theodore Danny Wu

by Linda and Ted Wu

In memory of Earl Lester on the anniversary of his birthday

by Linda and John Griffin, Laura and Jack Schuhmacher, and Allison and

Philip Lorenzo



### SYMPATHY

June 10      John Alvin Davis III

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at [relhakam@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:relhakam@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# SERMON NOTES

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# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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## THE PSALM ..... Psalm 145:8-15

- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

## THE OLD TESTAMENT ...Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

# 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	Shawn Levenson	Catherine
Carolyn Alban	Patricia Levy	Charlie
Katie and Harvey Altmann	Nancy Liles	Elizabeth
Patsy Angel	Nicole Lockney	Eric and family
Shelly Bain	Ryan Logan	Henry
Denice Bass	Marie Lord	Holden
Bob Beeley	Jeffrey Martinson	Jay
Pam Bentley	Jack Mayfield	Laura
Cory Blackman	Deanna McCool	Len
Dianne Brock	Janet McDaniel	Martha
Nancy Burrows	Sandra McHenry	Mary Jane
Paul Case	Michelle McStravick	Susan
Robin Cogdell	Kate Moorman	Tom
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Andrew O'Malley	
Gail Davis	Bob Paddock	
Marcella Davis	Jim Paddock	
Susan Davis	Carol Postal	
Tommy W. Davis	Stephen Preston	
Bobby de Sosa	Ophelia Pujol	
Linda de Sosa	Heather Rathnau	
Ross Dunn	Ted Reed	
Kiersten Dyke	Joan Scales	
Stacey and John Elliott	Helen and Jim Shaffer	
Nancy Ellison	Caroline Shanahan	
Charles Flores	P.K. Sharkey	
Alan Funderburg	Clif Shoemake	
Nancy Gore	Bob Spencer	
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Cissy Gully	Julie Stulken	
Gladys Halbouty	Paul Therrien	
Mollie Hill	Carlotta Thomas	
JoLynne Huddelston	John Treanor	
Marilyn Ingham	Christine Turner	
Nicole Jabbari	Mae Joyce and Grant Wagner	
Mary Anne Kannard	Mike Webb	
Dick Kilday	Charles Werlla	
Amy Lacy	Allison Williams	
Reggie Lang	Walt Williams	
Stan Leong	Eric Zoerb	

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

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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1st Lt. Benjamin Brown  
Lt. Col. Chris Davis  
Wesley Dodd  
Sgt. James Drury III  
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CPO Evan Tomlin  
1st Lt. Luke Voss

## ST. MARTIN'S **OUTREACH** MINISTRIES

### **Kids' Meals**

**Tuesday, July 11 | 4 p.m.**  
**Parish Life Center Kitchen**

Come prepare sandwiches with us! Kids' Meals provides and distributes nutritious lunches to hungry children throughout Houston. No sign-up required, but please wear a hat or head covering.

Contact Tracee Tindol at [outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org)  
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*\*Except for July 2. Sunday School will not be offered in observance to Independence Day.*

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For more information, contact Liz Gallien at [lgallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:lgallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-830-4139.



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## Stitching 101

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

12:30–2 p.m.

Activity Center, Upper Hall East



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Please sign up by email to [lamar\\_hall@yahoo.com](mailto:lamar_hall@yahoo.com).

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