

TWENTIETH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

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*October 15, 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

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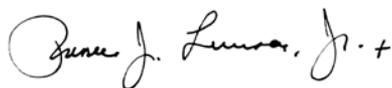
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IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD,  
JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

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 worshippers*

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

## OCTOBER 15

### Adults

#### **8+ with the Rev. John Sundara**

Lectionary-based Bible Study

8:55-9:25 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

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

"Blessed are Those who Know Their Need of God: A 12-week Survey of the Sermon on the Mount"

*A Christian's Righteousness: Marital Fidelity and Honesty – Matthew 5:31-37*

10:15-11 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

#### **Family Life Class with the Rev. Wesley Arning**

"The Bible in Six Acts"

*Act 4: The Coming of the King*

10:15-11 a.m.

Activity Center, Game Room

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

Lectionary-based Bible Study

10:15-11 a.m.

Activity Center, Aerobics Room

*For more information about Adult Christian Education, contact Amanda DeViney at  
713-830-4110 or [adeviney@stmartinsepiscope.org](mailto:adeviney@stmartinsepiscope.org).*

#### **Adult Confirmation with the Rev. John Sundara**

10:15-11 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

*For more information about Adult Confirmation, contact email Juli Browning at  
713-985-3845 or [jbrowning@stmartinsepiscope.org](mailto:jbrowning@stmartinsepiscope.org).*

## 7-1-7 Students

### **Sunday Get-Togethers**

For students in grades 6-12

10:15-11 a.m.

Student Life Center, Living Room

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

## Children's Ministry

### **Children's Sunday School**

For children through grade 5

10:15-11 a.m.

Children's Life Center

Childcare is available during all morning services for infants through three-year-olds.

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

## Music Ministry

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

For children and youth in grades 1-12

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

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

*For more information about Young Singers of St. Martin's, contact Carole Nelson at 346-335-8677 or [cnelson@smartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:cnelson@smartinsepiscopal.org).*

# OCTOBER 16-21

## Adults

### **Saintly Stitchers**

Monday, Oct. 16

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@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinseiscopal.org).

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Tuesday, Oct. 17

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@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinseiscopal.org).

### **Blanket Ministry**

Wednesday, Oct. 18

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@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinseiscopal.org).

### **St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild**

Wednesday, Oct. 18

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@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinseiscopal.org).

### **Church Tours**

Wednesday, Oct. 18

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

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

Wednesday, Oct. 18

7-9 p.m. | Children Life Center

Youth adults meet weekly for a time of fellowship and study. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at 346-335-8680 or [rwarning@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:rwarning@stmartinseiscopal.org).

### **Sterling's Market**

Saturday, Oct. 21 | 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, contact Justin Avery at 713-985-3838 or [info@sterlingsmarket.org](mailto:info@sterlingsmarket.org).

## **Men**

### **Men of St. Martin's**

Thursday, Oct. 19

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 713-985-3842 or [jsundara@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:jsundara@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

### **Dads' Bible Study**

Thursday, Oct. 19

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 346-335-8680 or [rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

## Women

### **Christian Life Study**

Tuesday, Oct. 17 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, Oct. 19 – 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@smartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:lgallien@smartinsepiscopal.org).

### **The Moms' Group**

Wednesday, Oct. 18

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@smartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:jferguson@smartinsepiscopal.org).

## 7-1-7 Students

### **Life Groups**

Wednesday, Oct. 18

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 346-335-8659 or [jferguson@smartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:jferguson@smartinsepiscopal.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.*

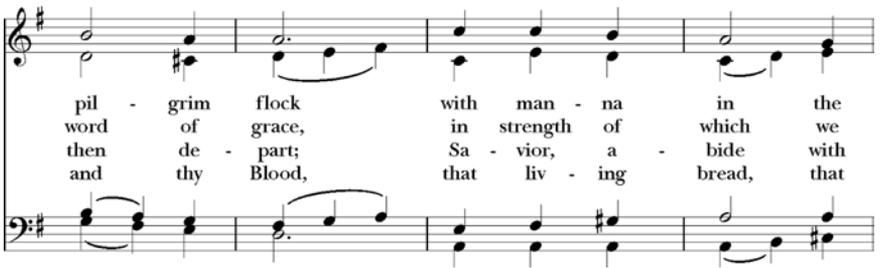
## VOLUNTARY ..... “Adagio, Allegro” by Johann Sebastian Bach

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

## \*HYMN 343 ..... “Shepherd of Souls”



1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy



pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
word of grace, in strength of which we  
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that



wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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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*

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE LESSON (*morning services*)..... Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who  
trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of  
my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE LESSON (*evening service*)..... Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;  
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.  
For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.  
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.  
For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.  
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.  
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.  
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God;  
we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*All stand.*

\*HYMN 645 (vs. 1-3).....“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
 \* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 \* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.  
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (*morning services*)

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

THE GOSPEL .....John 10:11-16

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *(evening service)*

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

**THE GOSPEL** .....Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 29.*

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THE SERMON ..... “*Living Like Sheep with a Shepherd*”

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

*morning services*

THE SERMON ..... “*The Unrighteous Wedding Crasher*”

*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  
Anglican Church of Kenya; 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 for ever. **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 33 for upcoming events.*

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## THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed besides the living stream. He brings my wand’ring spirit back when I forsake his ways. He leads me for his mercy’s sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away, Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provision of my God attend me all my days, O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come, No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

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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..... *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

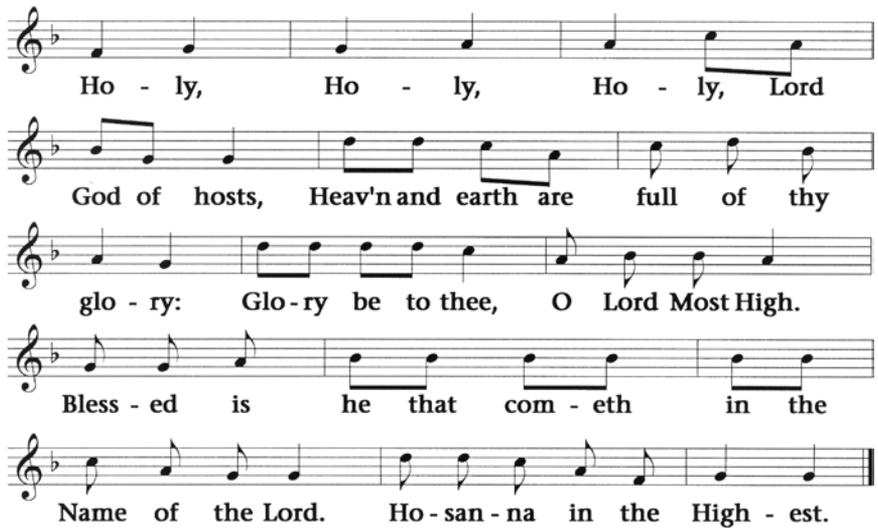
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

# SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

(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

*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*



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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 Clergy administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.*

**A N T H E M** (*9 a.m. and 6 p.m.*)..... “I Sat Down under His Shadow”  
Edward Bairstow

I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

Music: Edward C. Bairstow. © 1925 Oxford University Press.

**A N T H E M** (*11:15 a.m.*)..... “Children of the Heavenly Father”  
arr. Jeremy S. Bakken  
*Performed by Young Singers of St. Martin’s*

Children of the heavenly Father safely in His bosom gather; Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge never was given. God His own doth tend and nourish, in His holy courts they flourish. From all evil things He spares them, in His mighty arms He bears them. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever; Unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth, Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children never forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

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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 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.

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

HYMN 686 ..... “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735–1790), alt.; Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813.

*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 690 .....“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717–1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722–1796), alt.; Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873–1932).

# THE DISMISSAL

*The Minister says the Dismissal*

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

**VOLUNTARY** ..... “Sonata: Allegro”  
Johann Sebastian Bach

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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

On the occasion of their marriage

by Kimberly Anne Foster and Zachary Daniel Menta

In thanksgiving for the wedding of Emily Margaret Boyce and Theodore Edward Niedermayer

by Maria and Bill Boyce

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Olivia and Ford Lodge

by Amanda and Eric Lodge

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Mary McGill Howell

by Sarah Jane and Jack Howell

In memory of Christopher Clinton Fox on the anniversary of his 36th birthday

by his parents Stephanie and Clinton Fox



### BIRTHS

July 11

Emery Anne Zamorano

Daughter of Abigail and Oscar Zamorano

Granddaughter of Gwen and Bert Smith



### WEDDINGS

Oct. 7

Kirstin Keely Hughes and Brett Hamilton Epler

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@stmartinsepiscope.org](mailto:relhakam@stmartinsepiscope.org).

# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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## THE EPISTLE .....Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

# 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:

Robin Adair	Shea Guinn	Ophelia Pujol
Bobbie Adams	Cissy Gully	Heather Rathnau
Carolyn Alban	Gladys Halbouty	Ted Reed
Katie and Harvey Altmann	Ann Halverson	Marjorie Reeks
Patsy Angel	Mollie Hill	Monica Rivera
Judith Arnold	JoLynne Huddelston	John Davis Roady
Ally Babineaux	Marilyn Ingham	Joe Rodriguez
Shelly Bain	Nicole Jabbari	Kathryn S.
Denice Bass	Nisha Jains	Joan Scales
Kathy Beadnell	Mary and Jim Jennings	Suzzy Schuwerk
Bob Beeley	Mary Anne Kannard	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Rev. Dr. Christopher and Shannon Beeley	Dick Kilday	Caroline Shanahan
Larry Biedenharn	Anne Kurtzahn	Clif Shoemaker
Cory Blackman	Amy Lacy	Bob Spencer
Dianne Brock	Reggie Lang	Jan and Jim Stokes
Kenny Brown	Rhea Latta	Julie Stulken
Nancy Burrows	Bruce Michael Lee	Kenneth Swann
Paul Case	Stan Leong	Paul Therrien
Cole Cattan	Shawn Levenson	Carlotta Thomas
Debbie Chernosky	Patricia Levy	John Treanor
Doug Clarke	Nancy Liles	Christine Turner
Robin Cogdell	Nicole Lockney	Mae Joyce and Grant Wagner
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Ryan Logan	Eammon Walsh
Hallie Cooley	Marie Lord	Mary Watters
Michael Craig	Ronnie Martin	Walt Williams
Gail Davis	Jeffrey Martinson	Eric Zoerb
Marcella Davis	Jack Mayfield	Beaux
Susan Davis	Deanna McCool	Catherine
Tommy W. Davis	Janet McDaniel	Donald
Bobby de Sosa	Sandra McHenry	Elizabeth
Linda de Sosa	Barbara McMahan	Elizabeth
Don DeWalch	Michelle McStravick	Eric and family
Ross Dunn	Margaret Milner	Henry
Kiersten Dyke	Kate Moorman	Holden
Jim Easterling	Stuart Nixon	Jay
Stacey and John Elliott	Andrew O'Malley	Laura
Nancy Ellison	Bob Paddock	Len
Charles Flores	Jim Paddock	Lynne
Alan Funderburg	Patty Pate	Martha
Julie G.	Judy Peach	Mary
Cathy Gonzales	Betty Polando	Mary Jane
Nancy Gore	Carol Postal	Susan
Joyce Gubbs	Joseph Powell	Tom
	Stephen Preston	

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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@stmartinscatholic.org](mailto:vrivera@stmartinscatholic.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	LCDR Bradley R. Hoffman	James W. Peoples
Lt. Col. Julian Benton	Capt. Cody Horr	Lt. Paul Piana
1st Lt. Benjamin Brown	Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell	LCMR David A. Pilko
1SG Tom Cadwallender	Dallas Wayne Hunter	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
1SG Yonathan Cadwallender	2nd Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich	PO1 Brian M. Powell
Lt. Col. Chris Davis	Staton Jobe	SPC Joel Rowell
Wesley Dodd	Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs	Maj. Christian Schleider
Sgt. James Drury III	Krystal Martinez	2nd Lt. Jeffers Shaper
James Eilers	PV2 Wills Masterson	1st Lt. Grant Suter
Major Parker Firestone	Ensign Ben Morris	CPO Evan Tomlin
Capt. Dom Flatt	1st Lt. Jack Mullen	
1st Lt. Will Golinkin	2nd Lt. Alex Mullen	

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

# SERMON NOTES

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**Sunday, Oct. 15**  
**5 p.m. • Christ Chapel**

Taizé Prayer returns to St. Martin's this fall. Last spring we dipped our spiritual toes into the reflective and contemplative sounds of Taizé Prayer, and these services resonated with many Parishioners. Taizé Prayer services supply time for meditative singing, scripture reading and prayer that allows us to respond to the Psalmist's cry to "Be still, and know that I am God!"

*To hear more about Taizé and contemplative prayer, visit [The Wayside Podcast at stmartinsepiscopal.org/the-wayside-podcast](http://TheWaysidePodcast.stmartinsepiscopal.org/the-wayside-podcast) on Oct. 12.*

For more information, contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at [relhakam@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:relhakam@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-830-4146.



## **Come Join the Cub Scouts**

*Cub Scout Pack 354 Sign Up Night*  
*Sunday, October 15 • 5 p.m. • Scout Center*

Come learn more about Cub Scouting at the Cub Scout Pack 354 Sign Up Night! Cub Scouting is a family-oriented program, that is part of the Boy Scouts of America. Cub Scouts are open to Kindergarten through 5th graders.

For more information, contact David Ralph at [david.ralph@scouting.org](mailto:david.ralph@scouting.org) or 972-816-7966.

# Joyful Living

## JOYFUL GIVING

### It's Stewardship Season at St. Martin's.



"Tithing is something our family decided to do years ago, and we are both excited that the idea of tithing is perpetuated here at St. Martin's. You see where your commitment is — you see what you love — when you look at your bank account. We are blessed to be a blessing and we are blessed to be able to give." — *Ebonie and James Williams*

"I began pledging immediately upon becoming a member in this church (in 2013). I felt that it was the right thing to do. I had always grown up hearing the word tithing. Tithing is a stretch in some cases especially when the economy is going up and down. I live on a fixed income because I am retired. Yet I am still willing to give as much as I possibly can to the Church." — *Dee Frappier*



**"I have said these things to you so that joy will be in you and your joy will be completed."** — John 15:11

**100%**

Of Pledges Support the Operating Budget

**31%**

Of Annual Pledges are less than \$2000

**23%**

Of Annual Pledges are greater than \$10,000

**Pray first. Consider. Pledge. Give thanks!**



Please turn in your 2024 Stewardship Pledge Card in early November.



ST. MARTIN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## NEW MORNING PRAYER AND COMPLINE SERVICES

Every Monday and Thursday in **October Only**  
*Christ Chapel*

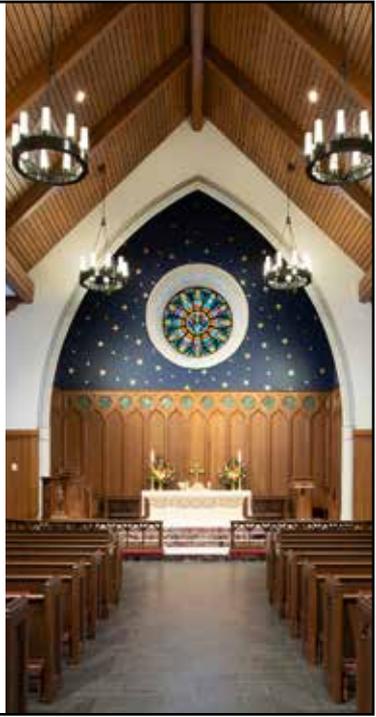
### **Morning Prayer** – 8:30 a.m.

There is no better way to begin your day than in prayer with a Clergy member. Join us for Scripture readings and reflection. This short service of prayer and meditation will feed your heart and strengthen you for whatever the day has in store.

### **Compline Evening Service** – 5:30 p.m.

Compline, or Night Prayer, is descended from the night prayers said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer. It is the very last worship service of the day in the “Book of Common Prayer” and is a service of quietness and reflection, before the arrival of evening and rest.

For more information, contact Juli Browning at [jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3845.



# DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIVES

Monday, Oct. 16  
9 a.m.–3 p.m.  
Student Life Center

Schedule your next appointment at  
[bit.ly/smecblooddrive](https://bit.ly/smecblooddrive)

Diego,  
blood recipient



For more information, contact Justin Jacobson Avery at [jjacobson@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:jjacobson@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3838.



EAT.  
DRINK.  
BRING I.D.



# Activity Center

## LUNCHTIME YOGA CLASS

Mondays and Thursdays  
Noon | Aerobics Room

Sign up at [bit.ly/smecactivitycenter](https://bit.ly/smecactivitycenter)  
MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

Enjoy a slower paced class that focuses on the breath, controlled movements and stretching. Helps bring peace to the mind and body! Open to all levels.

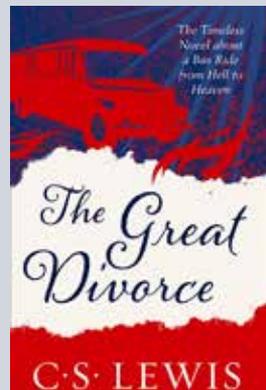
For more information, contact Sarah-Hampton Cambas at 713-985-3835 or [scambas@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:scambas@stmartinsepiscopal.org).



Faith  
in  
LITERATURE

## EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Oct. 17 | 7-8:30 p.m.  
Children's Life Center, Room 109 and  
Via Zoom | [bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom](https://bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom)



While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

*This month, we discuss "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis.*

For more information, contact Amanda DeViney at [adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-830-4110.



# What Everyone Needs to Know About Estate Planning

**Wednesday, Oct. 18 • 9-11 a.m.**

Chapel Reception Hall

**Sponsored by St. Martin's Preschool and St. Martin's Leaders**

Registration is required for this free event.



No matter what stage of life you are in, it is never too early to think about wills and estate planning. St. Martin's will welcome **Jana Fay Bacarisse**, a probate and estate planning attorney and founder of Bacarisse Law PLLC to St. Martin's for an educational seminar. She has more than 18 years of experience in estate administration, probate, estate planning, guardianships, and elder law.

## Topics include:

- What happens to your estate if you die without a will.
- How to plan to take care of your children upon your death.
- Beneficiary designations and related issues.
- Issues in marriages with separate and community property.
- How to get started with your estate plans.

This event is designed to be educational only. Please consult with your family and your estate planning attorney before making any estate planning decision.



Please register at: [bit.ly/101823estateplanning](https://bit.ly/101823estateplanning)

For more information contact Ashley Pratkan at [apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 346-335-8658.





# LUNCH & LEARN

SERIES FOR PARENTS WITH  
YOUNG CHILDREN

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18

Noon–1 p.m. • Children's Life Center, Large Pod

## Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Children

led by Ashley Monachelli, *Director of Children's Ministry*

St. Martin's Children's Ministry presents a new series developed especially for parents of young children. These discussions are designed to grow your love of Jesus and what it means to live according to God's Word.

Grab lunch from Café St. Martin's and join us for the conversations.

For more information, contact Ashley Monachelli at [amonachelli@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:amonachelli@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3816.



# DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Oct. 18  
Children's Life Center, Room 132 and  
Via Zoom | [bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom](https://bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom)

While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

*This month, we discuss "The Rent Collector"  
by Camron Wright.*

For more information, contact Amanda DeViney at 713-830-4110 or [adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

# Movies with a Message

Wednesday, Oct. 18

5 p.m. • Holy Eucharist • The Church  
5:30 p.m. • Dinner • Café St. Martin's, Bagby Parish Hall  
6:30–8:30 p.m. • Film and Discussion • Parish Life Center

To view menu and reserve dinner, visit [bit.ly/moviesmessedinner](http://bit.ly/moviesmessedinner)



## “The Jesus Revolution”

with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

In the 1970s, young Greg Laurie is searching for all the right things in all the wrong places, until he meets Lonnie Frisbee, a charismatic hippie and street-preacher.

Together with Pastor Chuck Smith, they open the doors of Smith's languishing church to an unexpected revival of radical and newfound love, leading to a JESUS REVOLUTION that changed the world. Dr. Levenson invites you to consider where the “Jesus Revolution” might take us!

For more information, contact Juli Browning at [jbrowning@stmartinsepiscope.org](mailto:jbrowning@stmartinsepiscope.org) or 713-985-3845.



## PARISH CHOIR CONCERT

Thursday, Oct. 19

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The Church

Under the direction of Keith Lathrom, Choral Director of the Adult Choir, the Parish Choir will present a concert of exciting choral music accompanied by brass, timpani and the *Gloria Dei* organ. The centerpiece of the concert will be the moving “Gloria” by English sacred music composer, John Rutter.

The performance will also feature Dr. David Henning, Director of Music and Parish Organist, performing two solo pieces featuring the *Gloria Dei* Organ's colorful palette of sounds. We hope you will attend this exciting event!

For more information, contact Keith Lathrom at [klathrom@stmartinsepiscope.org](mailto:klathrom@stmartinsepiscope.org) or 713-985-3815.



# PARENTS NIGHT OUT



**Friday, Oct. 20**

**5:30 - 8:30 p.m. ★ Children's Life Center**

The Children's Ministry will offer an opportunity for parents to enjoy quality time while knowing that their children are safe, enjoying a fun evening.

To register, visit: [bit.ly/parentsnightout2023](https://bit.ly/parentsnightout2023)

*First child registered is \$25 • Each additional child is \$10*

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

## RIVERWAY



# Potluck



**Sunday, Oct. 22**

**Following the 11:15 services • Parish Life Center Narthex**

Join us after the 11:15 a.m. services for a good ol' family-styled potluck. We will provide the entrée, and we are asking those who are able to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will have a place for you to store your food during the service.

Come meet some fellow Parishioners and enjoy a great meal.

For more information, contact Amanda DeViney at [adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-830-4110.



## KITCHEN BASICS AND ESSENTIAL COOKING TECHNIQUES



Chrissy Kana, Cafe Manager & Tina English, Head Chef

Thursday, Oct. 26 • Parish Life Center, Kitchen  
6–8 p.m. • Cost is \$75

Sometimes you have to go back to the basics. Whether you want to sharpen your knife skills, understand cooking essentials or proper tool usage, this class is for you!

Sign up at [bit.ly/cafestmartinscooking2](https://bit.ly/cafestmartinscooking2)

For more information, contact Chrissy Kana at [ckana@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:ckana@stmartinseiscopal.org) or 713-985-3806.



## ST. MARTIN'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES



### Sole Hope

#### Shoe-Cutting at Home October 2023 Project Sign-up Required at [bit.ly/solehopeathome](https://bit.ly/solehopeathome)

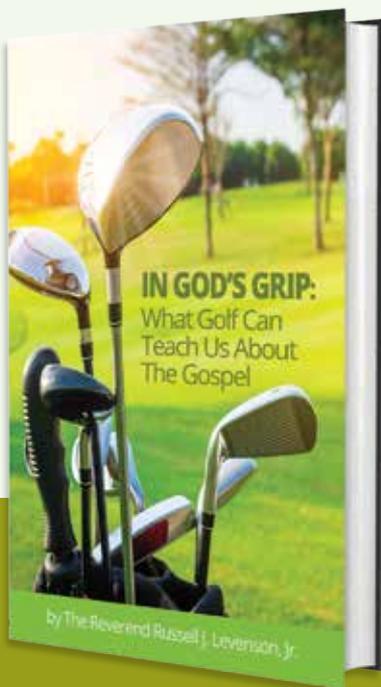
Cut and prepare fabric uppers from old denim for Sole Hope's Ugandan cobblers to handcraft shoes for vulnerable kids. No skills required and all supplies are provided. Kits are available for pick-up by sign-up on Mondays from the Front Reception Desk and should be returned to the same location by 3 p.m. Friday. **Sign up at [bit.ly/solehopeathome](https://bit.ly/solehopeathome) is required.**

Contact Tracee Tindol at [tmartin@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:tmartin@stmartinseiscopal.org)  
or 713-985-3811 for more information.

# A NEW BOOK

by the Rev. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

*Expected in early November!*



## **“IN GOD’S GRIP: What Golf Can Teach Us About The Gospel”**

*“Russ has done a masterful job of showing how the game of golf is a metaphor of living a good life through the Gospels and that when we are in ‘God’s Grip,’ anything is possible.”*

– Joe Sweeney, businessman and author of five books including, New York Times best-seller **“Networking is a Contact Sport.”**

Dr. Levenson will gladly sign books for anyone who asks. For more information and to be added to the waiting list, contact Barbara Shoemaker at [bshoemaker@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:bshoemaker@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3840.



## **Mark Your Calendars!**

*Join us for a special Book Event with Dr. Levenson.*

**Wednesday, Nov. 15**  
6 p.m. · Bagby Parish Hall

*“This is a book about God’s help.”*

– Dr. Levenson

# CHRISTMAS *Flowers*

**Remember a loved one with poinsettias to decorate St. Martin's worship spaces and the Gardens of the Holy Cross.**

All requests received by 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, will be included in the Christmas Flowers listing available in the worship booklets at all Christmas services. Any requests received after the deadline will be published in worship booklets in the weeks following Christmas.

*Make your flower dedication online beginning 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 16 at [bit.ly/ChristmasAltarFlowers](https://bit.ly/ChristmasAltarFlowers) (case sensitive)*

For more information, contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at 713-830-4146 or [relhakam@stmartinsepsicopal.org](mailto:relhakam@stmartinsepsicopal.org).

## WAYS *to* GIVE



### TEXT

Text SMEC to 73256



### MAIL

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717 Sage Rd., Houston, TX 77056



### ONLINE

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



### BEQUESTS

Contact Ashley Pratka at 346-335-8658  
or [apratka@stmartinsepsicopal.org](mailto:apratka@stmartinsepsicopal.org).



### TRANSFER OF ASSETS

Pledging and setting up a recurring gift online helps you and the Church budget.

For all stewardship questions, contact Ashley Pratka at [apratka@stmartinsepsicopal.org](mailto:apratka@stmartinsepsicopal.org) or 346-335-8658.

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