

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

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*October 22, 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 worshippers*

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

## OCTOBER 22

### Adults

#### **8+ with the Rev. Jane Ferguson**

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: Active Love – Matthew 5:38-48*

10:15-11 a.m.

The Church

#### **Spiritual Formation with the Rev. Sharron Cox**

"Praying the Jesus Prayer"

10:15-11 a.m.

Pastoral Care Center, Bride's Parlor

#### **Family Life Class with Mr. Eric Priest**

"The Bible in Six Acts"

*Act 5: Spreading the News of the King*

10:15-11 a.m.

Activity Center, Game Room

#### **Seekers with the Rev. Dick Elwood**

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@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.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@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.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 23-28

## Adults

### **Saintly Stitchers**

Monday, Oct. 23

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, Oct. 24

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, Oct. 25

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, Oct. 25

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).

### **Church Tours**

Wednesday, Oct. 25

11 a.m.-noon | The Church

The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church and Dr. Henning will perform on the Gloria Dei organ. To schedule a group tour or special tours of The Church windows, Christ Chapel or Campus gardens, please contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or [scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

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

Wednesday, Oct. 25

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

Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as an OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or [scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org).

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

Wednesday, Oct. 25

7-9 p.m. | Children Life Center

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

**Parish Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, Oct. 26

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 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).

**Sterling's Market**

Saturday, Oct. 28 | 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. 26

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. 26

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

Thursday, Oct. 26 – 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. 25

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. 25

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 ..... “Fugue in A”

by Johann Sebastian Bach

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

## \*HYMN 408 ..... “Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above”



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy  
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful  
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!  
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640–1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897), alt.; Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kischengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.).

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*

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE LESSON** (*morning services*)..... I Peter 5:6-11, NIV

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE LESSON** (*evening service*)..... Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped

to subdue nations before him

and strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him—

and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron,

I will give you the treasures of darkness

and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
 and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
 I am the Lord, and there is no other.  
 I form light and create darkness,  
 I make weal and create woe;  
 I the Lord do all these things.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

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

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

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

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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

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

**T H E G O S P E L** ..... Matthew 6:25-34, NIV

Jesus said, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

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

**T H E G O S P E L** .....Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their

malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*The remaining lectionary for the day is on pages 26-27.*

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THE SERMON ..... “*What to Do With Your Worry*”  
*The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.*  
*morning services*

THE SERMON ..... “*Taxing Jesus*”  
*The Rev. Sharron L. Cox*  
*evening service*

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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 Korea; 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 31 for upcoming events.*

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## THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “Be Thou My Vision”  
*Slane*, arr. Alice Parker

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

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# 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 *Psaumes 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.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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.

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### *The Celebrant continues (kneel)*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*(8 a.m. only in place of sung Fraction Anthem)*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM ..... *Celtic Alleluia*

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

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## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*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.*

**AN THEM** ..... “Are you Weary of your Burden?”  
 David Ashley White

Are you weary of your burden, are you sore distressed? Come to me, says Christ, and coming, be at rest. Has he marks that I may know him, and make him my guide? In his feet and hands are wound prints, and his side. Is there diadem, as monarch, that his brow adorns? Surely, yet the crown upon him is of thorns. If I find him, if I follow, what is given here? Many a sorrow, many a labor, many a tear. If I still hold closely to him, what has he at last? Sorrow vanquished, labor ended Jordan passed. If I ask him to receive me, will he tell me no? Never: not if earth and heaven melt like snow. Finding, following, keeping, struggling, is he sure to bless? Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs answer, Yes.

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**HYMN** ..... “In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified”

1. In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;  
 2. In my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;  
 3. In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
 In my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

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HYMN ..... “Spirit of the Living God”

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of vocal and piano accompaniment. The first system has two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,". The second system also has two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me." The third system features a piano accompaniment staff with the lyrics: "Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me." The fourth system has two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment staff with the lyrics: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me." The score concludes with a double bar line.

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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 390 ..... “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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

# THE DISMISSAL

*The Minister says the Dismissal*

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

**VOLUNTARY** ..... “Fugue in C”  
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 Stephanie Frances Tower and Chad Mitchell Bourne

In memory of David M. Pierce

by Caroline Pierce and family

In memory of Mike and Alida Webb

by Barbara



### BAPTISMS

Oct. 14 Olivia Marie Lodge  
Rutherford Caliva Lodge  
Hudson Mark Strickland  
Wesley Arthur Strickland

Oct. 15 Mary McGill Howell



### WEDDINGS

Oct. 14 Kimberly Anne Foster and Zachary Daniel Menta



### SYMPATHY

Aug. 30 Diana Laura Hayes Nona

Sept. 25 Louise Neuhaus

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

# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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THE PSALM .....Psalm 96:1-13

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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THE EPISTLE ..... 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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

***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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# ST. CLARE'S NEEDLEPOINT GUILD



## Do you love to needlepoint?

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

**SUNDAY, OCT. 22**

1-4 p.m.

Activity Center Upper Hall East

St. Clare's also meets during the week. For more information, contact **Amanda DeViney** at 713-830-4110 or [adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org).



[st.claresneedlepoint](https://www.instagram.com/st.claresneedlepoint)



[St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild](https://www.facebook.com/St.Clare'sNeedlepointGuild)

## 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.



## FAQS FOR STEWARDSHIP

### What is a Pledge?

A pledge is financial commitment to St. Martin's to be paid in 2024. This helps us know what to expect in our operating budget and plan our ministry year.

### Who Should Pledge?

EVERYONE! If you are a member of St. Martin's, it is an expectation for you to pledge.

### When Should I Turn My Pledge In?

We ask that you turn in your pledge as soon as possible and at the latest, by early November. This helps the Vestry plan for our year which begins in January.

### How Much Do I Pledge if This is My First Time?

That is up to you! The important thing is you are having faith and taking that first step! Our goal in 2024 is to increase our number of pledging parishioners by 100.

### Are You Asking Me to Give Money in 2023 for 2024?

No, St. Martin's asks that you turn in a pledge-what you have decided to give in 2024-beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.

### What is the Difference Between Donating and Pledging?

Pledging is intentional. It is a plan you have prayerfully considered and allows St. Martin's to also be intentional when planning worship, ministries and Christian education throughout 2024. Donations are typically not planned (and unknown to St. Martin's) unlike annual pledges, so St. Martin's is not able to use them when planning for the upcoming year.

### What if My Circumstances Change?

Life is often unpredictable. You may increase or decrease your pledge at any time.

### Can I Include St. Martin's in my Estate Plans?

Yes, although this is different from Annual Stewardship, St. Martin's members often include the Church in their estate plans. We are always available to provide information to you and your financial advisors.

**100%**

Of Pledges Support  
the Operating Budget

**31%**

Of Annual Pledges are  
less than \$2,000

**23%**

Of Annual Pledges are  
greater than \$10,000

To make your pledge online, visit [bit.ly/smec2024stewardship](https://bit.ly/smec2024stewardship)



For questions, contact Ashley Pratka, Director of Development at [apratka@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:apratka@stmartinseiscopal.org) or 346-335-8658.

*All conversations are confidential and pastoral support is available if you need it.*

## NEW MORNING PRAYER AND COMPLINE SERVICES

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

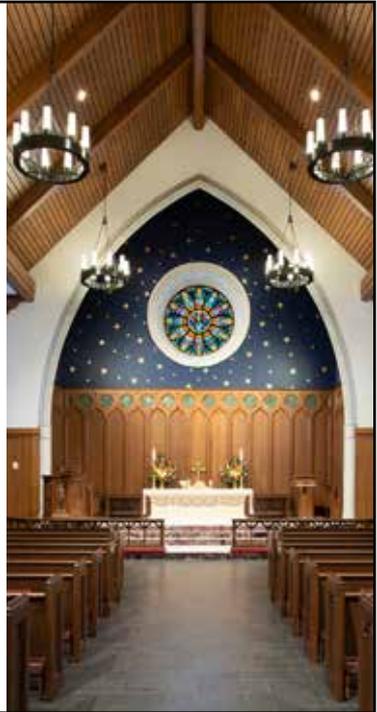
**Morning Prayer** – 8:30 a.m.

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.



## THE GATHERING

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

**October 23**

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

**Bagby Parish Hall**

## Fun in the Pumpkin Patch

**Bill Parish • Oct. 23**



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



# Activity Center

## WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Mondays and Wednesdays

10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Room

Sign up at [bit.ly/smecactivitycenter](http://bit.ly/smecactivitycenter)

**MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!**

Learn watercolor techniques and styles in this fun class for all levels. All painting supplies are provided.

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

## Movies with a Message

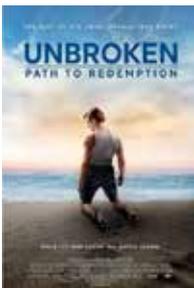
Wednesday, Oct. 25

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/moviesmessagedinner](http://bit.ly/moviesmessagedinner)



### “Unbroken: Path to Redemption”

with the Rev. John D. Sundara

During WWII, Olympic athlete and Army officer Louis “Louie” Zamperini’s plane crashes into the ocean, and he is picked up by the Imperial Japanese Army after surviving on a raft for 47 days. He is a prisoner of war for many years. At the end of the war, Louie returns home, carrying the scars of war. Yet, he experiences a powerful conversion and goes on a long journey to forgive his Japanese captors while serving God. Based on the true story and book, “Unbroken.”

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



## 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](http://bit.ly/cafestmartinscooking2)

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



ST. MARTIN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# VESTRY NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Current members of St. Martin's may nominate any confirmed member of the Parish for consideration to serve on the Vestry for the upcoming three-year term. Nominations can be submitted for review from August to October of each year. At our Annual Parish Meeting in January, we will vote as a Parish to elect five new members to serve on the Vestry.

**Completed nomination forms for the upcoming term must be received by Friday, Oct. 27.**

Vestry Nomination Form available online at [bit.ly/VestryNominations](http://bit.ly/VestryNominations)

If you have any questions, please contact Brittney Pena at 713-985-3821 or [bjacobson@stmartinseiscopal.org](mailto:bjacobson@stmartinseiscopal.org).

**Nominations are to be kept strictly confidential – please do not inform the nominee or his/her family that you have nominated him/her.**

ST. MARTIN'S  
**OUTREACH**  
MINISTRIES



## CCSC Work Day

**Saturday, Oct. 28 | 9 a.m.–noon**  
**3434 Branard, Houston, TX 77027**

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

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

## RIVERWAY

*Celebration Sunday!*

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries with Riverway!  
Sunday, Oct. 29

Following the 11:15 a.m. service  
Parish Life Center Narthex

We invite everyone who has had a recent birthday or anniversary to join us in acknowledgement of your special day, and share a dessert or breakfast item with us. Everyone is welcome!

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



# Youth Group Social Night



**Sunday, Oct. 29**

**5–7 p.m. • Student Life Center**

Join us for Fall fun! Middle and high school students are invited for a fun evening of games, a costume contest and a chili cook-off!

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at [students@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:students@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3843.



**Friday, Nov. 3 – Sunday, Nov. 5**  
**Camp Blessing**

Students in grades 6–8 are invited to join us for a weekend retreat. What a great way to spend some time with God while getting to hang out with friends, old and new.

Register at: [bit.ly/smecmsretreat](https://bit.ly/smecmsretreat)

*Deadline to register is Sunday, Oct. 29 • Cost is \$250*

For more information, contact TD at [td@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:td@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-830-4132.



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

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

**Next Service**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 11 5 p.m.**  
**Student Life Center or via Zoom**  
[bit.ly/oslservice](http://bit.ly/oslservice)

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

 RIVERWAY

# ALL SOULS DAY

**Thursday, Nov. 2**  
**6:30 – 8 p.m. • Parish Life Center**

Join Riverway as they begin a new series of worship services entitled, "Keeping the Kalendar," that celebrates some of the different holy days throughout the year. All Souls Day is a day set aside for the church to remember all the faithful departed. Whether you've lost a loved one recently, or long ago, this service is a way to remember them and give thanks for their life. This will add a contemporary flavor to an ancient service.

Visit [bit.ly/allsoulsremembrance](http://bit.ly/allsoulsremembrance) to add the name of a loved one you would like remembered at the service.

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

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SATURDAY, NOV. 4 • 10 A.M.  
CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

THE LANDING  
OUTREACH PROJECT

Join us as we spend the morning assembling survivor snack bags for The Landing, a faith-based anti-trafficking organization serving men, women and adults who have experienced the sex trade.

For more information, please contact Tracee Tindol at [tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3811.

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

### SUNDAY, NOV. 5

8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

11:15 a.m. Public Baptisms\* | *The Church*

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

11:15 a.m. Riverway | *Parish Life Center*

*\*Public baptisms will be livestreamed.*



The rite of Holy Baptism is a special occasion for St. Martin's – a service of joy that underscores the communal aspect of worship and expresses God's presence in the midst of His people. Whenever possible, St. Martin's welcomes new members into the Body of Christ on festal days that emphasize the meaning of our Baptism. People of all ages and stages of life are invited to enter into a lifelong journey with Christ through the sacrament of baptism.

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



## TOUR A GOTHIC-STYLE CHURCH WITHOUT LEAVING HOUSTON!

**SUNDAY, NOV. 5**

**Following the 11:15 a.m. service**

**Meet in the Narthex**

St. Martin's docents offer free, public and private tours.

Everyone is welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

To schedule a tour, please call St. Martin's Docent Guild at 713-830-4117 and leave a contact name and number for a return call.



# MEMBERSHIP 101

**MONDAY, NOV. 6**

Bagby Parish Hall and Online • 6–9 p.m. • Dinner will be served.

*Reservations are required by 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5.*

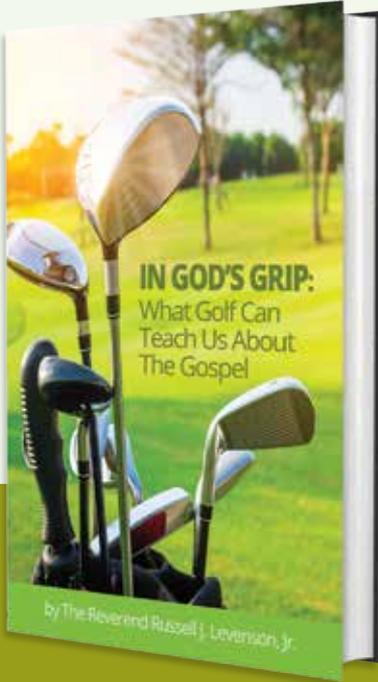
Learn more about the mission and core values of St. Martin's and broaden your understanding of our ministries and your role in the Church.

For questions or to R.S.V.P., contact Kathy Johnson at [membership@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:membership@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3834.

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## **Mark Your Calendars!**

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 15**

6 p.m. · Holy Eucharist · The Church

6:30 p.m. · Book Event · 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](http://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).

## SHEPHERD'S GUILD



The Shepherd's Guild ministry complements the work of St. Martin's Clergy in visiting homebound Parishioners or those who reside in retirement and assisted living facilities.

The trained lay volunteers offer support, prayers and Holy Communion, being a physical reminder of Jesus' love for them and their value and importance within our church community.

To learn more about joining this ministry or to provide information about Parishioners who may benefit by the Shepherd's Guild, contact

Deacon Gill at [gkeyworth@stmartinsepsicopal.org](mailto:gkeyworth@stmartinsepsicopal.org) or 346-335-8660.

Training and support is provided.



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The Neuroscience and Genetics  
of Addiction: Implications for  
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# OCTOBER 26

Thursday at 2:00 p.m. CT  
Available In-Person & Online

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# WAYS *to* GIVE



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Contact Ashley Pratka at 346-335-8658  
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## TRANSFER OF ASSETS

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

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