

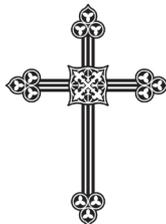
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

October 29, 2023



OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FROM THE RECTOR

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

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

I want to personally invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.



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

Prayers Before Worship

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

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

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

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

OCTOBER 29

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Sharron Cox

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: REAL Religion

10:15-11 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Spiritual Formation with the Rev. Sharron Cox

"Praying the Jesus Prayer"

10:15-11 a.m.

Founders' Hall

Family Life Class with Dr. Matthew Boyleson, Houston Christian University

"The Bible in Six Acts"

Act 6 The Return of the King

10:15-11 a.m.

Activity Center, Game Room

Seekers with the Rev. Gill Keyworth

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.*

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.*

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.

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.

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.

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 4

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Oct. 30

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Oct. 31

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.

Blanket Ministry

Wednesday, Nov. 1

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.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Nov. 1

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.

Church Tours

Wednesday, Nov. 1

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@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, Nov. 1

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.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Nov. 2

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.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Nov. 2

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.

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Nov. 2

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.

Women

Christian Life Study

Tuesday, Oct. 31 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, Nov. 2 – 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.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, Nov. 1

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.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Nov. 1

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.

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.

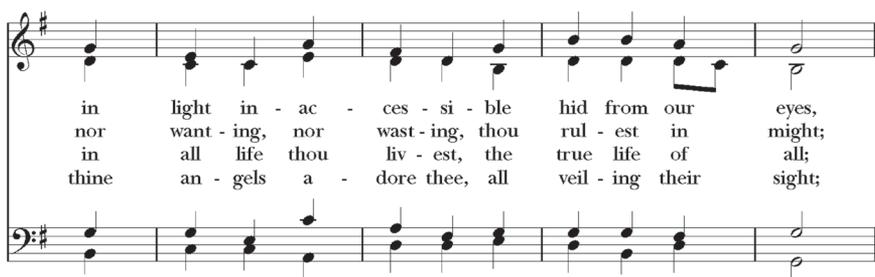
VOLUNTARY “Prelude and Fugue in A” by Dietrich Buxtehude

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

*HYMN 423 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”



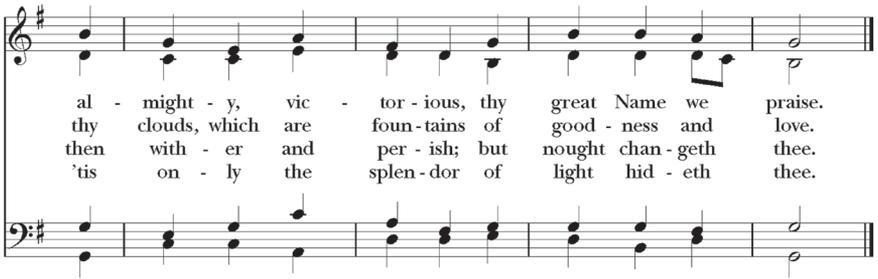
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,



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



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



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

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

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

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

The Celebrant says

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

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of
the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 683 (vs. 1-3)..... “O For a Closer Walk With God”

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heav - en - ly frame,
 2 Where is the bless - ed - ness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
 3 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest;
 4 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,
 5 So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

1 a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
 2 Where is the soul - re - fresh - ing view of Je - sus and his word?
 3 I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
 4 help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
 5 so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper (1731–1800), alt.; Music: *Beatitude*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELMatthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on pages 28-29.

*HYMN 683 (vs. 4-5)..... “O For a Closer Walk With God”

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heav - en - ly frame,
 2 Where is the bless - ed - ness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
 3 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest;
 4 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,
 5 So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON The Rev. Alex D. Graham III

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 Melanesia; for all bishops, priests and deacons;

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

We pray for Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our
Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; and for all who govern and
hold authority in the nations of the World;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

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

That they may be delivered from their distress.

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

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

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

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

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

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.**

T H E P E A C E *(stand)*

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 32 for upcoming events.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION RECOGNITION

(9 a.m. only)

Celebrant: Children, please come forward and face the congregation.

Presenter: I present these children who have completed their Communion instruction classes and their family members.

Celebrant: Dear children of God: in Holy Communion we remember Christ's life, death, and resurrection, until his coming again; by it, we offer up to God our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we receive the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our union with Christ and one another, and the foretaste of the heavenly banquet which is our nourishment in eternal life. In Holy Communion, the outward and visible sign of bread and wine, and the inward and spiritual grace of the Body and Blood of Christ Jesus is given to us his people and received by faith, according to Christ's command.

Dear children, what do you seek?

Children: We seek Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven.

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, may these thy children who partake of this Holy Communion, worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, that together we all may be made one Body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. **Amen.**

Celebrant and

People: We recognize you as communicants of St. Martin’s Episcopal Church and the Lord’s one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. Together, therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communion Instruction Participants

Andrew Dunlap, Anne Harper, Aubrey Fernandez, Benjamin Madray, Brooke Beaupre, Caroline Slattery, Carys Boyleston, Charlie Day, Claire Falik, Elizabeth Sanders, Elizabeth Malone, Elle Conkling, Emery Malone, Frances Anders, Geer Blalock, Grace Miller, Grace Barrett, Graham Leggett, Halliday van Keppel, Hallie Guerrini, Harrison Bell, Henry Blackford, Isabella Garris, James Russell, John Ahlrich, Juliet Dwyer, Liam Dwyer, Leigh Savoie, Lucy Williams, Luke Jornayvaz, Martha Falik, Mary Dyer Mabry, Michael Owen, Michael Kutka, Morgan Neuhaus, Nancy Miller, Olivia Gotcher, Paige Jones, Radford Neuhaus II, Ross Brunner, William O’Neil, William Doggett

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “O for a Closer Walk With God”
Charles V. Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made Thee mourn, and drove Thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800).

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.

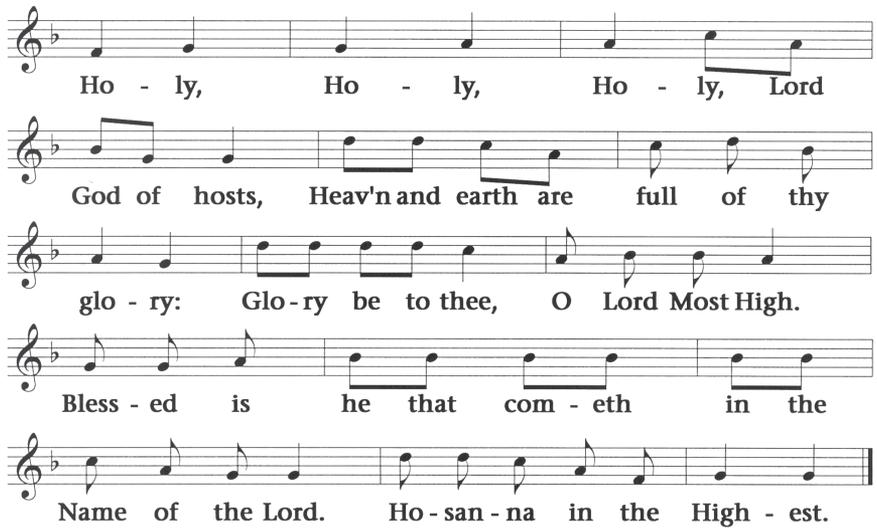
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.

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

The Celebrant continues (kneel)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Celtic Alleluia*

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

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

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Then may be said by the Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Invitation.

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

ANTHEM “O Taste and See”

R. Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in Him.

Text: Psalm xxxiv, v. 8; © 1953, Oxford University Press, London.

HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together”

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 2. Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

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Refrain

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me.)

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual, arr. by Keith Phillips. © 1986 Word Music.

HYMN 335 “I Am the Bread of Life”



1 I am the bread of life;— they who
 2 (The) Bread that— I will give— is my
 3 (Un-) less— you eat— of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion, —
 5 (Yes,) Lord, — we be - lieve — that—



1 come to me shall not— hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, — and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of — Man — and —
 4 I — am the — life. — They who be -
 5 you — are the — Christ, — the —



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat — of this bread, they shall — live for
 3 drink — of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve — in me, e - ven — if they
 5 Son — of God who — has



1 me — un - less the — Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. — they shall — live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die, — they shall — live for ev - er.
 5 come — in - to — the — world. —

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. 2 The
3 Un- day.
4 —
5 Yes,

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HYMN 321 “My God, Thy Table Now is Spread”

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - less
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1–3, Philip Doddridge (1702–1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalms in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731–1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740–1816).

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 680 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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

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

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

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

THE DISMISSAL

The Minister says the Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY “Toccata”
 D. Buxtehude

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage

by Anna Thomas Parkey and Yiannis Zannis Gazis

In thanksgiving for those who have completed their Communion instruction.

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Robert Jackson Taylor

by Ashley and Travis Taylor

In memory of Jon Lamkin

by Lynn Lamkin

In memory of William C. Miller

by The Miller Family



BIRTHS

March 2 Caroline Pace Conner

Daughter of Lizzy and Ben Conner

June 29 Hudson Drewry Stewart

Son of Laurence and Walter Stewart

July 13 Fritz Theodore Chapman

Son of Amanda and John Chapman

Oct. 10 Eleanor Alice Geise

Daughter of Amy and Will Geise

Oct. 16 Cooper Matthew Koone

Son of Hayden and Brandon Koone

Grandson of Merrill and Mike Rome

Grandson of Laura and Mark Koone

Mary “Molly” Harlon Wooldridge

Daughter of Meredith and John Wooldridge, Jr.

Granddaughter of Ann and John Wooldridge

Great-granddaughter of Marjorie Johnson



WEDDINGS

Oct. 21 Stephanie Frances Tower and Chad Mitchell Bourne

To mark a special occasion with an altar flower dedication,

visit bit.ly/smecalartflowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam

at relhakam@smartinsepiscopal.org.

SERMON NOTES

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Robin Adair	Gladys Halbouty	Heather Rathnau
Bobbie Adams	Ann Halverson	Ted Reed
Carolyn Alban	Mollie Hill	Marjorie Reeks
Katie and Harvey Altmann	JoLynne Huddelston	Monica Rivera
Patsy Angel	Marilyn Ingham	John Davis Roady
Judith Arnold	Nicole Jabbari	Kathryn S.
Ally Babineaux	Mary and Jim Jennings	Joan Scales
Shelly Bain	Mary Anne Kannard	Suzzy Schuwerk
Denice Bass	Dick Kilday	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Bob Beeley	Anne Kurtzahn	Caroline Shanahan
Larry Biedenbarn	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
Nancy Burrows	Stan Leong	Kenneth Swann
Paul Case	Shawn Levenson	Paul Therrien
Cole Cattan	Patricia Levy	Carlotta Thomas
Doug Clarke	Nancy Liles	John Treanor
Robin Cogdell	Nicole Lockney	Christine Turner
Higdon Compton, Jr.	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	Elizabeth
Kiersten Dyke	Margaret Milner	Eric and family
Jim Easterling	Kate Moorman	Henry
Stacey and John Elliott	Stuart Nixon	Holden
Nancy Ellison	Andrew O'Malley	Jay
Charles Flores	Bob Paddock	Laura
Alan Funderburg	Jim Paddock	Len
Julie G.	Patty Pate	Lynne
Cathy Gonzales	Judy Peach	Martha
Nancy Gore	Betty Polando	Mary
Joyce Gubbs	Carol Postal	Mary Jane
Shea Guinn	Stephen Preston	Susan
Cissy Gully	Ophelia Pujol	Tom

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

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	Capt. Cody Horr	James W. Peoples
Lt. Col. Julian Benton	Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell	Lt. Paul Piana
1st Lt. Benjamin Brown	Dallas Wayne Hunter	LCMR David A. Pilko
Lt. Col. Chris Davis	2nd Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
Wesley Dodd	Staton Jobe	PO1 Brian M. Powell
Sgt. James Drury III	Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs	SPC Joel Rowell
James Eilers	Krystal Martinez	Maj. Christian Schleider
Major Parker Firestone	PV2 Wills Masterson	2nd Lt. Jeffers Shaper
Capt. Dom Flatt	Ensign Ben Morris	1st Lt. Grant Suter
1st Lt. Will Golinkin	1st Lt. Jack Mullen	CPO Evan Tomlin
LCDR Bradley R. Hoffman	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 vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

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.



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 or 713-985-3843.



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



For questions, contact Ashley Pratka, Director of Development at apratka@stmartinsepiscopeal.org or 346-335-8658.

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



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

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

For more information, contact TD at
td@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-830-4132.



Activity Center

CIRCUIT TRAINING

Every Monday | 10:30 a.m.
Aerobics Room

Sign up at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter
MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

Join Angela for a class that focuses on body conditioning cardio with resistance weights to target strength building. Open to all levels.

For more information, contact Sarah-Hampton Cambas at 713-985-3835 or scambas@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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. 1 | 5 p.m.
Student Life Center or via Zoom
bit.ly/oslservice

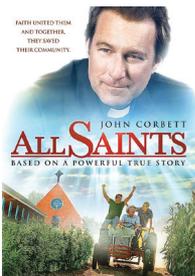
For more information, please contact Amanda DeViney at 713-830-4110 or adeviney@stmartinsepisopal.org.

Movies with a Message

Wednesday, Nov. 1

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



"All Saints"

with the Rev. Alex D. Graham III

Paper salesman turned priest, Michael Spurlock, finds himself at the helm of a church with dwindling membership and a diminishing budget. He attempts to save the church and a group of refugees from Myanmar. What unfolds is the amazing true story of faith and mission, where God brings life to his church.

For more information, contact Juli Browning at jbrowning@stmartinsepisopal.org or 713-985-3845.

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 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 or 713-830-4110.



STERLING'S MARKET



Every Saturday • 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Rain or Shine • Sage and Woodway

Discover unique treasures and fresh foods
from local vendors and farmers!

A portion of the proceeds supports St. Martin's Outreach Ministries.

sterlingsmarket.org

For more information, contact Justin Jacobson Avery at
info@sterlingsmarket.org or 713-985-3838.



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of the
Daughters
of the King



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 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 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.



Angel Tree

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM



St. Martin's sponsors 250 children annually.

Sign-up is required. More information will be published in future communications.

DePelchin Children's Center

ANGEL TREE Christmas Gift Program

Bags Handed Out:

Sunday, Nov. 5 • 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Gifts Due to DePelchin:

Friday, Dec. 1 • 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Through the annual St. Martin's Angel Tree Project, volunteers sign up to purchase Christmas gifts for children in foster care, adoption and mental health services provided by DePelchin Children's Center.

For more information, contact Outreach at 713-985-3811 or outreach@smartinsepiscopal.org



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 or 713-985-3834.

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 (case sensitive)

For more information, contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at 713-830-4146 or relhakam@smec.org.

St. Martin's Day

Sunday, Nov. 12
8, 9 and 11:15 a.m.
The Church

As is our tradition, we will reflect on our Patron Saint, Martin of Tours

Parish Family Picture

10:15 a.m.

The Church Plaza



GUEST PREACHER

The Rev. Colin Ambrose

Vice Rector and Chief of Staff at St. George's Episcopal Church in Nashville, Tenn.

First Annual Cookie Contest!

10:30 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

To register and for more details, visit bit.ly/smeccookies

For more information, contact Justin Jacobson Avery at jjacobson@smec.org or 713-985-3838.



Veterans Day

Sunday, Nov. 12
6 p.m.
The Church

Join your Parish family in honoring the brave men and women of our armed forces.



GUEST SPEAKER

General Mark A. Welsh III

Interim President of Texas A&M and Dean of the Bush School Government and Public Service

20th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, 2012–2016, Commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe and NATO's Air Command

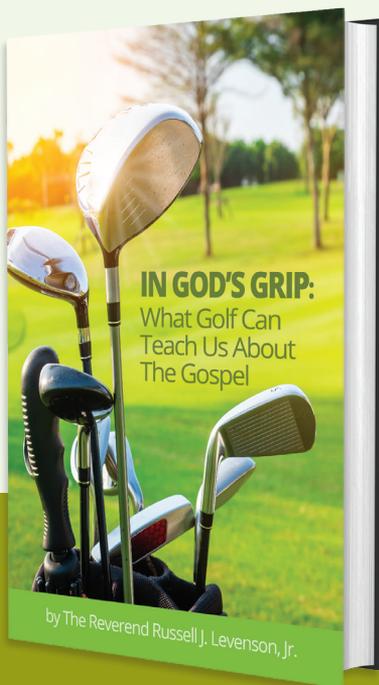


For more information, contact Barbara Piana at bpiana@smec.org or 713-830-4116.

A NEW BOOK

by the Rev. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

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“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.”**

Place orders now at St. Martin’s Gift Shoppe, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Books-A-Million and wherever fine books are sold. For more information, contact Barbara Shoemaker at 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. · Holy Eucharist · Christ Chapel
6:30 p.m. · Book Event · Parish Life Center

“This is a book about God’s help.”

– Dr. Levenson

ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU! GOD LOVES YOU!

General Questions

Contact the Reception Desk at
713-621-3040.

Prayer Requests

Contact the Prayer Request Line at
713-830-4124 or Valerie Rivera at
713-985-3817 or
vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

After Hours Emergencies

Call 713-621-3040 and press 2 to reach
the Priest on Call.

Death Notifications and Funerals

Contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or
censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



Maintaining Your Mental Health in an Increasingly Stressful World

NOVEMBER 8

Wednesday at Noon CT
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For more information,
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Contact Ashley Pratka at 346-335-8658
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Pledging and setting up a recurring gift online
helps you and the Church budget.

For all stewardship questions, contact Ashley Pratka at
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