

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 2024



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

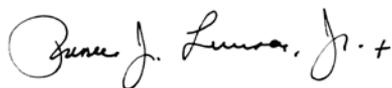
FROM THE RECTOR

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

MARCH 3

Adults

8+ with the Rev. John Sundara

Lectionary-based Bible Study

8:55-9:25 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

Theology for Life with the Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson, Jr.

"A Short History of Christian Thought"

10:15-11 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Family Life Class

Breakfast Club

10:15-11 a.m.

Activity Center, Game Room

Seekers

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@smec.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@smec.org.*

7-1-7 Students

Sunday Get-Togethers

For students in grades 6-12

10:15-11 a.m.

Student Life Center, Living Room

Student Confirmation

12:30-2 p.m. | Student Life Center

This class is a chance for students in 8th grade or above to confirm their faith and the promises made over them at their baptism. It is offered each school year and requires pre-registration. The class is currently full.

For more information about 7-1-7 Students, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or students@smec.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@smec.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@smec.org.

MARCH 4-9

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, March 4

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@smec.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, March 5

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@smec.org.

Blanket Ladies

Wednesday, March 6

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@smec.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, March 6

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@smec.org.

Church Tours

Wednesday, March 6

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@smec.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, March 6

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@smec.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 7

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@smec.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, March 7

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@smec.org.

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, March 7

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@smec.org.

Women

Christian Life Study

Tuesday, March 5 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, March 7 – 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@smec.org.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, March 6

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 Ashley Monachelli at 713-985-3816 or amonachelli@smec.org.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, March 6

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. John Sundara at 713-985-3842 or jsundara@smec.org.

HOLY EUCHARIST

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

VOLUNTARY “Adagio”

Louis Vierne

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

*HYMN 372 “Praise to the Living God”

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845–1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836–1926); Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:
 Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(kneel)*

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Trisagion)

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People: Have mercy upon us.

TRISAGION

The musical score for Trisagion is presented in two systems. The first system contains the lyrics "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y," and the second system contains "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The music is written for voice and piano in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The piano part features a steady accompaniment of chords and moving lines, with some grace notes and slurs. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: Trisagion; Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 OLD TESTAMENTExodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

*HYMN 569 (vs. 1-2).....“God the Omnipotent”

1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! King, who or - dain - est
 2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth hath for - sak - en
 3 God the All - right - eous One! earth hath de - fied thee;
 4 God the All - prov - i - dent! earth by thy chas - tening

thun - der thy clar - ion, the light - ning thy sword;
 thy ways all ho - ly, and slight - ed thy word;
 yet to e - ter - ni - ty stand - eth thy word,
 yet shall to free - dom and truth be re - stored;

show forth thy pi - ty on high where thou reign - est:
 bid not thy wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:
 false - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side thee:
 through the thick dark - ness thy king - dom is haste - ning:

give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
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 thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

Words: Sts. 1–2, Henry Fothergill Chorley (1808–1872), alt.; sts. 3–4, John Ellerton (1826–1893), alt.; Music: *Russia*, Alexis Lvov (1799–1870).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

T H E G O S P E LJohn 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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

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1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! King, who or - dain - est
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “*The Bad News Before the Good News*”
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.
morning services

THE SERMON “*The World Ain’t Big Enough*”
The Rev. R. Wesley Arning
evening service

THE NICENE CREED (*stand*)

Celebrant and People

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the
Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to
the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,**

and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and
apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission
of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneel)*

Minister and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,
saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding
Bishop; for Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our bishops; in the Anglican
Communion cycle of prayer, for the Church of the Province of
Uganda; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, and John, our Mayor; for
the Congress and the Courts; for the leaders of the nations, and for all
in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those in hospitals ____, and those who have requested our prayers ____, and those on our continuing prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for all who remember and care for them; for first responders, and for all who serve in our armed forces and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially ____, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar greenery, ____; and in the communion of St. Martin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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

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 33 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee”
Johannes Brahms

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauern mit Trauren, sei stille; Wie Gott es fügt so sei vergnügt, mein Wille! Was willst du heute sorgen Auf morgen? Der eine steht allem für, der gibt auch dir das Deine. Sei nur in allem Handel ohn’ Wandel, steh’ feste, was Gott beschleußt, das ist und heißt das Beste. Amen.

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee; heed God’s good will, my soul, be still, compose thee. Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee God’s help benign and grace sublime in mercy. Be true in all endeavor and ever ply bravely; what God decrees brings joy and peace, He’ll stay thee. Amen.

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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..... *Gardiner*

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all

gifts, to offer thee; And hence with grateful hearts to -

day. Thine own be - fore thy feet we lay.

Text, John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; Music, *Gardiner*, William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815; By permission of Houghton Mifflin Company.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People (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, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with 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 Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Grant us thy peace.

FRACTION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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 T H E M “Miserere Mei”

Henry Purcell

Miserere mei, O Jesu.

Have Mercy on me, O Jesus.

Music: Henry Purcell from *An Introduction to the Skill of Musick* (12th Edition, 1694).

H Y M N 4 9 8 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eyes at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, thy sha - dow for my a - bid - ing place;

the sha - dow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ve - ry dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no o - ther sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my smit - ten heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let my pride go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love, and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

Words: Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane (1830–1869), alt.; Music: *St. Christopher*, Frederick Charles Maker (1844–1927).

HYMN 693 “Just As I Am”

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
 * 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
 here for a season, then above:
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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

HYMN "The Light of Christ"

Refrain

The light__of__ Christ has come in - to the world, the

light__of__ Christ has come in - to the__ world. world.

1. We all must be__ born a - gain to see the king - dom of God, the

wa - ter and the Spir - it bring new__ life__ in God's love. **Refrain**

2. God gave up his__ on - ly Son out of love for the world, so that

all who be - lieve in him will__ live__ for - ev - er. **Refrain**

3. The light of God has__ come to us so that we might have sal - va - tion, from the

dark - ness of our sins we walk in - to glo - ry with Christ Je - sus. **Refrain**

Text and tune: "The Light of Christ" by Donald Fishel, arr. by Charles High; © 1974, 1978, The Word of God, P.O. Box 8617, Ann Arbor, MI 48107, U.S.A. All rights reserved. CCLI #805314.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.**

LENTEN BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 690 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluias are omitted during the season of Lent.

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Fugue in E Minor”
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

RECOGNITIONS



GREENERY GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of Michael Rigsby
by Carolyn Rigsby and family

In memory of Mary Ann Trostel
by her loving family



SYMPATHY

Feb. 18 Myron Edgar Bailey

Feb. 26 Mary Ann Trostel

To mark a special occasion with an altar greenery dedication,
visit bit.ly/smecaltarflowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam
at relhakam@smec.org.

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
 cleans me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
 let them not get dominion over me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound,
 and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
 heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

THE EPISTLE1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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	Marguerite Hillgers	Dana Raymant
Bobbie Adams	Russell Hughes	Ted Reed
Carolyn Alban	Marilyn Ingham	Marjorie Reeks
Katie and Harvey Altmann	Thelma Isenhardt	Phyllis Reinhardt
Scotty Arnoldy	Christine Jean	Monica Rivera
Edith Avery	Mary and Jim Jennings	John Davis Roady
Ally Babineaux	John Justice	Joe Rodriguez
Shelly Bain	Sandra "Sandy" Justice	Maggie Rodriguez
Kathy Beadnell	Mary Anne Kannard	Consuelo Saldana
Beth Beathard	Candi Keebler	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Cory Blackman	Dick Kilday	Caroline Shanahan
Kenny Brown	Marjorie Krajian	Clif Shoemake
Bella Carosi	Reggie Lang	Bob Spencer
Cole Cattan	Rhea Latta	Trish St. Jean Martin
Debbie Chernosky	Bruce Michael Lee	Paul Therrien
Doug Clarke	Nancy Liles	Mary Watters
Hallie Cooley	Nicole Holford Lockney	Stephen Wedemeyer
Almeria Cottingham	Ryan Logan	Ann Winters
Michael Craig	Bella Martin	Stacy Wood
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Will Fogle	Andrew O'Malley	
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Ann Halverson	Joseph Powell	
Kayla Hamaker	Ophelia Pujol	
Amy Heath	Barbara Quackenbush	
Mollie Hill	Heather Rathnau	

Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks after Easter and All Saints' Day. The list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Prayers for those on Active Military Duty in the Armed Forces:

LCDR Bradley Hoffman
Lt. Col. Wesley J. Hunnell
Capt. Blake J. Kidd
Capt. Jack Mullen
1st Lt. Alex Mullen
Corporal James W. Peoples
Lt. Paul Piana
Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant

Please be advised that each year the week after Veterans Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Military Service Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.

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@smec.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

SERMON NOTES

THE RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE WANTS YOUR HELP!



St. Martin's Search Committee is committed to helping find the 5th Rector and invites you to help with the process! We are working to identify the Church's needs and aspirations, and to create a Parish profile.

The Search Committee invites your continuing prayers and asks for your input in suggesting specific candidates and other suggestions.

Particularly, the Committee wants Parishioners' feedback regarding the qualifications and characteristics that should be prioritized as they review potential candidates. Please provide candidate names and their current location to the Search Committee for consideration. All feedback will be shared with the Committee members and remain confidential. We are very thankful for your support.

To provide feedback, please email the Rector Search Committee at searchcommittee@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

PRAYER FOR THE SEARCH OF ST. MARTIN'S 5TH RECTOR



Heavenly Father,

As a community of believers, we come together in prayer seeking Your guidance as St. Martin's Episcopal Church begins the search for our 5th rector. May we be blessed with Your Holy Spirit's wisdom and discernment. We especially ask that You guide the hearts and minds of the Search Committee who will be deeply involved in this choice. Lord Jesus, shepherd Your flock with tender care and love. Give us patience as we wait, trusting in Your gracious provision. Guide us, Oh Lord, as we navigate this season of change, knowing that You are with us every step of the way. Our fervent prayer is that Your will be done.

With humble expectations,

Amen.

Isaiah 30: 21, "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it."



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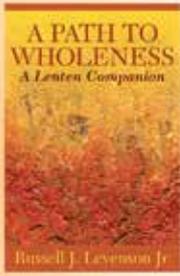


Spring Forward!

**Daylight Saving Begins March 10.
Remember to set your clocks an
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SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Following the 11:15 a.m. service

Meet in the Narthex

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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.



Remember a loved one by ordering lilies to decorate The Church at Easter. All requests received will be included in the worship booklet available at all Easter services. Names submitted after the deadline will be printed in worship booklets in weeks following Easter.

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Contact | Victoria Wilson

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ST. MARTIN'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Kids' Meals

**Tuesday, March 5 | 4 p.m.
Parish Life Center Kitchen**

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

**Contact Tracee Tindol at outreach@smec.org
or 713-985-3811 for more information.**

PARENTING WORKSHOP

with guest speaker
Dr. Kim Swales, Parenting Coach



Wednesday, March 6
9:30–10:30 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

Hear Dr. Kim Swales, a parenting, relationship, marriage and life coach who specializes on how to connect and communicate better. Dr. Swales hosts “Connecting with Dr. Swales” a podcast that features discussions on parenting, marriage, dating, relationships and self-growth. Dr. Swales will address “Yes you can say no: Parenting with loving boundaries.”

Register for this free event at bit.ly/kimswalesevent

Contact: Ashley Monachelli
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THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Sundays, before and after
the morning services.**

*Parishioners and guests are invited
to make their pilgrimage along the
Via Dolorosa, or “Way of Sorrows,”
during Lent and Holy Week 2024.*

A free guide is available in the Narthex
of the Church or download a digital
copy at bit.ly/smeclent

Wednesdays, Feb. 21–March 20
4:30–5:30 p.m. • The Church

Holy Week, March 25–28
11 a.m.–1 p.m. • The Church

Good Friday, March 29
11 a.m.–noon and 1–2 p.m. • The Church

Contact: Barbara Piana
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**WEDNESDAY
EVENING ADULT
LENTEN SERIES**

MARCH 6

"Thy Kingdom Come ... Thy Will Be Done ..."

Dinner • Bagby Parish Hall 5–6:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist • The Church 5:30 p.m.

Program • Bagby Parish Hall 6:30 p.m.

Pre-register for dinner at bit.ly/lentendinner



**LORD, TEACH US
TO PRAY...**

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

Join us weekly as Dr. Levenson offers this five-part review of our Lord's most well-known sermon. Each class is of its own, so weekly attendance is not necessary ... but preferred!

Contact: Amanda DeViney • adeviney@smec.org • 713-830-4110



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, March 6 | 5 p.m.

Parish Life Center or via Zoom

bit.ly/oslservice

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

THURSDAY AFTERNOON ADULT LENTEN SERIES

Then Sings My Soul



Thursday, March 7
4–5 p.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

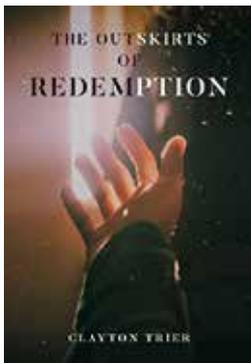
*The Rev.
Alex D. Graham III
Associate for Children and
Family Ministries*

During Lent, join St. Martin's Clergy as they share a favorite hymn or song that transformed their lives and their faith, and learn how this drew them closer to Christ.

Contact: Amanda DeViney, Clergy Assistant
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DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, March 13
Children's Life Center, Room 132 and
Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom

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

*This month, we discuss "The Outskirts of Redemption"
by Clayton Trier.*

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



Volunteers are invited to be part of the cast for Palm Sunday Dramatic Re-Enactment Services

Rehearsal Date

Saturday, March 23
10 a.m.—noon
The Church

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24
9 and 11:15 a.m. services
The Church

No “acting” experience needed and costumes will be provided.
Adults, youth and children over the age of 10 (with participating parents).
Limited time commitment.

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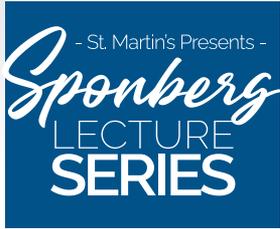


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How the Christian Revolution Remade the World

with Tom Holland

Thursday, March 21 • 7 p.m. • The Church



Registration required at
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\$20 for adults | \$10 for students



Tom Holland, author and historian, will speak about his book, “**Dominion: How the Christian Revolution Remade the World.**” The book looks at how Christ’s teachings liberated the Western mind and has been described as the most important theological writing of the last 50 years.



Ron Sponberg was a loyal member of the Church and the Men of St. Martin’s. His life was dedicated to God, his family and his country.

Before his death, Ron and his family endowed a lecture series designed to re-educate us about our country’s core principles and teach us about their genesis. American democracy, as it should, has always allowed for a healthy debate about the direction of the country.

When its core principles are at risk of being eliminated — whether by those at the right or left of the political spectrum — they need to be defended. This series will remind us of what they are and where they came from.



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7 1 7 STUDENTS

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Cost is \$250

For students in grades 9-12

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JUNE 10-13 • 9:30 a.m. – noon

Registration: bit.ly/SMEC_VBS
(Case sensitive)

It's not too early to start thinking about a fun-filled week during Vacation Bible School. This year, children will take a deep-sea adventure and experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. During Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is about.

Contact: Rocio Velazquez • rvelazquez@smec.org • 713-985-3807



BUILDING FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME

In August 2021, St. Martin's celebrated the culmination of the "Building for the Ages" campaign, with a weekend filled with dedications, blessings and consecration of new buildings and garden spaces. You can contribute to the legacy of St. Martin's by donating to the Building for the Ages in the Parish Life Center.

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