

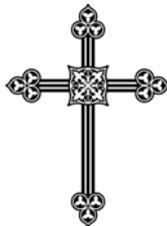
MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28, 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

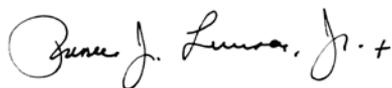
FROM THE RECTOR

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 worshippers*

HOLY EUCHARIST

PROCESSION AT THE VOLUNTARY

“Andante Sostenuto” Charles-Marie Widor

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

*HYMN 324 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith -
that the powers of hell may va - nish
“Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!”



our full hom - age to de - mand.
his own self for heaven - ly food.
as the dark - ness clears a way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829–1885); Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

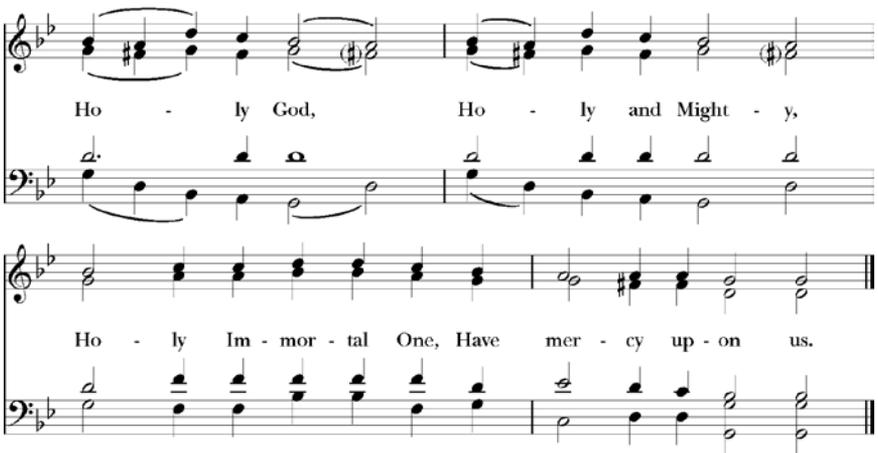
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

TRISAGION



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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

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 Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONExodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN“Now, My Tongue, The Myst’ry Telling”

Now, my tongue, the mys - t'ry tell - ing Of the glo - rious
Bo - dy sing, And the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,
which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, Once on earth a -
mong us dwell - ing, Shed for this world's ran - som - ing.

The image shows a four-system musical score for a hymn. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, the second system covers the next two lines, the third system covers the next two lines, and the fourth system covers the final two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

St. Thomas, J.F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751, 1940 Hymnal, Hymn 199 Second Tune.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so

now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 20.

H Y M N“Now, My Tongue, The Myst’ry Telling”

Word made flesh, true bread he mak - eth By his word his
 Flesh to be, Wine his Blood; when man par - tak - eth,
 Though his sen - ses fail to see, Faith a - lone, when
 sight for - sa - keth, Shows true hearts the mys - ter - y.

St. Thomas, J.F. Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751, 1940 Hymnal, Hymn 199 Second Tune.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON “A Meal to Live For”
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

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, especially in the Holy Land, 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 Diocese of North Dakota; 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; 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

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Minister 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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(stand)*

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 25 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM*St. Paul, "See What Love"* Felix Mendelssohn

See what love hath the Father bestowed, yea, on us in His goodness, that we should be called God's own children.

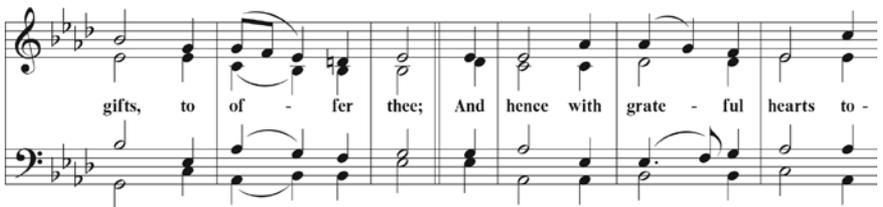
Text: I John 3:1.

AT THE PRESENTATION (*stand*)

DOXOLOGY *Gardiner*



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



gifts, to of - fer thee; And hence with grate - ful 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 for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

The 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.

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.

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

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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 “Ubi Caritas”

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart, let us love one another. Amen.

Text: Antiphon for the washing of feet, Maundy Thursday Eucharist. Music: Gregorian Chant, setting by Maurice Duruflé. ©Durand Editions Musicales, 1960

HYMN 168 “O Sacred Head”

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light:
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank - thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607–1676); sts. 1–3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804–1859), alt.; Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612); adapt. And harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750).

HYMN 171 “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt - er's power;
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful mourn - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
 your Re - deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 O the worm - wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
 mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;
 turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
 “It is fi - nished!” hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854); Music: *Petra*, Richard Redhead (1820–1901).

HYMN 479 “Glory be to Jesus”

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find,
 3 Bles through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
 4 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing wafts its praise on high,
 5 Lift ye then your voic - es; swell the might - y flood;

1 poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins!
 2 blest be his com - pas - sion in - fi - nite - ly kind!
 3 which from sin and sor - row doth the world re - deem!
 4 an - gel hosts, re - joic - ing, make their glad re - ply.
 5 loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood.

Words: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall (1814–1878), alt.; Music: *Wem in Leidenstagen*, Friedrich Filitz (1804–1860).

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.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The Congregation remains kneeling as the Altar adornments are removed and The Church is prepared for Good Friday.

ANTHEM “Sing My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”
Pange lingua

Sing my tongue, the glorious battle; of the mighty conflict sing; tell the triumph of the victim, to his cross thy tribute bring. Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer from that cross now reigns as King. Thirty years among us dwelling, his appointed time fulfilled, born for this, he meets his passion, This the Savior freely willed: on the cross the Lamb is lifted, where his precious blood is spilled. He endures the nails, the spitting, vinegar, and spear, and reed; from that holy body broken blood and water forth proceed: earth, and stars, and sky, and ocean, by that flood from stain are freed. Faithful cross! Above all other, one and only noble tree! None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be: Sweetest wood and sweetest iron! sweetest weight is hung on thee. Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory! Thy relaxing sinews bend; for a while the ancient rigor that thy birth bestowed, suspend; and the King of heavenly beauty gently on thine arms extend. Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son, praise and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One: one in might and one in glory while eternal ages run.

Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (circa 540-600); ver. Hymnal 1982, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866).

After the Altar is stripped, the Congregation is asked to leave in procession, after the Clergy. All are bidden to make a pilgrimage to the cross at the Wayside Chapel.

PROCESSION TO THE WAYSIDE CHAPEL

ANTHEM “Were You There”
Traditional

Congregation invited to join

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Sung three times

After the final stanza and the departure of the ministers, then the people depart in silence.

OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALMPsalm 116:1, 10-17

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

THE EPISTLE1 Corinthians 11:23-26

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

SERMON NOTES

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	Ann Halverson	Judy Peach
Bobbie Adams	Jean Hatton	Betty Polando
Carolyn Alban	Kayla Hamaker	Joseph Powell
Katie and Harvey Altmann	Amy Heath	Ophelia Pujol
Scotty Arnoldy	Mollie Hill	Barbara Quackenbush
Edith Avery	Marguerite Hillgers	Heather Rathnau
Ally Babineaux	Russell Hughes	Dana Raymant
Shelly Bain	Marilyn Ingham	Marjorie Reeks
Kathy Beadnell	Thelma Isenhardt	Phyllis Reinhardt
Beth Beathard	Christine Jean	Monica Rivera
Cory Blackman	Mary and Jim Jennings	John Davis Roady
Kenny Brown	John Justice	Joe Rodriguez
Harry Burrow	Sandra "Sandy" Justice	Maggie Rodriguez
John Canon	Mary Anne Kannard	Consuelo Saldana
Bella Carosi	Candi Keebler	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Cole Cattan	Dick Kilday	Caroline Shanahan
Debbie Chernosky	Marjorie Krajian	Clif Shoemake
Doug Clarke	Reggie Lang	Bob Spencer
Hallie Cooley	Rhea Latta	Trish St. Jean Martin
Almeria Cottingham	Bruce Michael Lee	Paul Therrien
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Sam Cruse	Nicole Holford Lockney	Christine Troung
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Gail Davis	Ryan Logan	Stephen Wedemeyer
Bobby de Sosa	Bella Martin	Ann Winters
Linda de Sosa	Ronnie Martin	Stacy Wood
Ross Dunn	Janet McDaniel	Eric Zoerb
Kiersten Dyke	Barbara McMahan	Alexi
Becca Earhart	Dave McStravick	Atticus
Stacey and John Elliott	Frances Melicks	Elizabeth
Mary Finucane	Len Menefee	Henry
Charles Flores	Margaret Milner	Julie
Will Fogle	Ruth Moorhead	Laura
Susan Folk	Stuart Nixon	Lynne
Julie G.	Ann Noel	Mary Jane
Catherine Gonzales	Deborah Oliver	Scott
Nancy Gore	Andrew O'Malley	Stuart
Shea Guinn	Bob Paddock	
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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
PFC Parris F. Owen
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 vriviera@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 vriviera@smec.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.



GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Traditional Service

*Noon and 6 p.m. • The Church
Liturgy for Good Friday with sermon and Parish Choir performs Movement 1 from *Ein Deutsches Requiem* by Johannes Brahms.
*The noon service will be live-streamed.

Family Table Service

Noon • Parish Life Center
This worship service is specifically designed for families.

Riverway Contemporary Service

6:30 p.m. • Parish Life Center
Join the Riverway community for a relaxed service, featuring the liturgy for Good Friday, sermon and special music.



HOLY SATURDAY BAPTISMS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

10 a.m. • Christ Chapel

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.

People of all ages and stages of life are invited to enter into a lifelong journey with Christ through the sacrament of baptism.

Join us and welcome new members to St. Martin's!

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



The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's Invites You to



Saturday, March 30 • 10 a.m. • Free Admission
Parish Life Center
Bring your egg basket!

The adventures begin with a reading of the Easter story in the Parish Life Center, followed by an Easter egg hunt, crafts, a petting zoo, face painting, balloons and more. Everyone is welcome!

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EASTER

AT ST. MARTIN'S

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

The Sunday of the Resurrection

Easter Morning Breakfast *Hosted by St. Martin's Vestry*

8–11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Before or after the Easter services, enjoy a complimentary breakfast served and sponsored by the current and past Vestry of St. Martin's.

Traditional Worship Services

7, 9, *11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. • The Church

Holy Eucharist; festive music by the Parish Choir, Gloria Dei Organ, brass and tympani. **The 11:15 a.m. service will be live-streamed.*

Family Table Services

8 and 9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

Join us for a family-friendly worship service with Holy Eucharist.

Riverway Service

11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

This worship service for students, families and adults features the Holy Eucharist and beautiful music.

Student Ministries Easter Egg Hunt

10:15–10:40 a.m. and 10:45–11:10 a.m. • Student Life Center

Students are invited to take part in this tradition with a twist!

Sunday School

Sunday school classes will not meet March 31 in observance of Easter.

Childcare

Childcare will be provided for infants through three-year-olds in the Children's Life Center during all Easter morning services.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RIVERWAY

Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate March Birthdays and Anniversaries
with Riverway.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Parish Life Center Narthex

Following the 11:15 a.m. services

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
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