

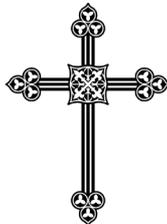
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 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

APRIL 7

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Gill Keyworth

Lectionary-based Bible Study

8:55-9:25 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

Theology for Life with the Rev. John Sundara

"The Art of the Resurrection"

10:15-11 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Family Life Class

Breakfast Club

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@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

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.

APRIL 8-13

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, April 8

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, April 9

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, April 10

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, April 10

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.

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

Wednesday, April 10

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

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

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, April 10

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, April 11

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.

Sterling's Market

Saturday, April 13 | Rain or Shine

9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Corner of Woodway and Sage

Sterling's Market at St. Martin's Episcopal Church glorifies God through sharing the Gospel and the bounties of the earth with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors. For more information, contact Justin Avery at 713-985-3838 or info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, April 11

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, April 11

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, April 9 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, April 11 – 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.

April 11 is Visitor Day, the perfect time to introduce women to CLS!

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, April 10

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, April 10

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 “Symphonie Roman: Choral” Charles-Marie Widor

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

*HYMN 460 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how; though the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day; In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898); Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887).

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.)*



Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con- quering Son; end - less is the
vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
rolled the stone a - way, kept the fol - ded grave clothes
where thy bo - dy lay. Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con- quering
Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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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, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 209 (vs. 1-2).....“We Walk by Faith”

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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(morning services)

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELJohn 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

(evening service)

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35, NIV

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they

recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The remaining readings for the day are on page 29.

HYMN 209 (vs. 3-4).....“We Walk by Faith”

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands, side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
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none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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THE SERMON “*Hip, Hip, Hooray!*”
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.
morning services

THE SERMON “*The Breaking of Bread*”
The Rev. R. Wesley Arning
evening service

THE NICENE CREED (*stand*)

Celebrant and People

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

and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneel)*

Minister and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve thee;

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our
Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our bishops; the Clergy
of this Parish; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the
Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria; 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, John, our Mayor,
and the Congress and the Courts; and for all who govern and hold
authority in the nations of the World;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

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

That they may be delivered from their distress.

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

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

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

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

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

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

Celebrant stands and says

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

THE PEACE *(stand)*

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 33 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “How Lovely are the Messengers” Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words; throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Text: Romans 10:15 (Paraphrased). Organ accompaniment by H. Clough-Leigher.

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 *Easter Hymn*

Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and an organ accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The organ accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and moving lines in the right hand.



Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley.

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.

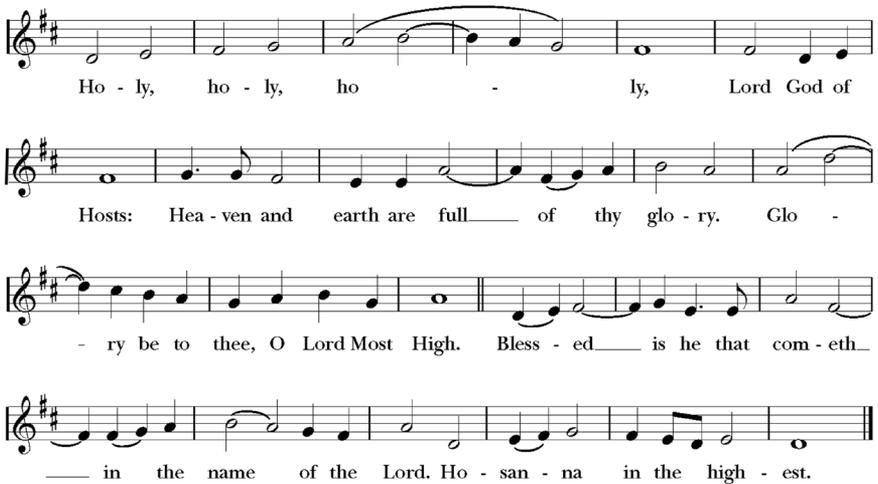
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Celebrant continues (kneel)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Celtic Alleluia*

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

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

During the season of Easter, the Prayer of Humble Access is not a part of our public liturgy. You are invited to use it for your private preparation before receiving Communion.

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 “A Gaelic Blessing”

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you, Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you, Deep peace of the gentle night to you, Moon and stars, pour their healing light on you, Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you, Deep peace of Christ to you.

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H Y M N “He Is Lord”

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is ris-en from the dead and He is Lord!

Ev-ery knee shall bow, ev-ery tongue con-fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.

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HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Unison

1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

♩ *Refrain*

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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HYMN "Shall We Gather at the River"

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv - er, where bright an-gel feet have
 2. On the mar-gin of the riv - er, wash-ing up its sil-ver
 3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev-ery bur-den
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will

trod, with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing
 spray, we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the
 down; grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-
 cease; soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the

Refrain

by the throne of God?
 hap-py gold-en day. Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er,
 vide a robe and crown.
 mel-o-dy of peace.

the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er; gath-er with the

saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

Music and text by Robert Lowry; Tune: *Hanson Place*. Based on Revelations 22:1-5.

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 EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand.

HYMN 180 "He Is Risen"

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895), alt.; Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650–1680).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY “March”
George Frederic Handel

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 Nitha Inthavong and Andrew David Nolan
- In thanksgiving for the baptism of Jonathan McLean Goossen, Jr.
by Catherine and Jay Goossen
- In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Lachlan and Parker Lyman
by Sande and Dwight Lyman
- In thanksgiving for the baptism of Hudson Lawrence Melody
by Emma and John Melody
- In thanksgiving for the baptism of Hugo Roussel
by Teresa Procter and Nicolas Roussel
- In thanksgiving for the baptism of Henry James Swanson
by Allie and Brian Swanson
- In thanksgiving for the 30th anniversary of their marriage
by Marthann M. and Michael Weaber



BAPTISMS

- March 30 Jonathan McLean Goossen, Jr.
 Hudson Lawrence Melody
 Hugo Kenneth Roussel
 Henry James Swanson
 Martin Robert Tilson IV

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

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

THE PSALM Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

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
Michael Craig	Nancy Liles	Annie Troung
Sam Cruse	Nicole Holford Lockney	Christine Troung
James Cunningham	Amanda Lodge	Mary Watters
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	
Bette Haidusek	Jim Paddock	

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.

SERMON NOTES

THE RT. REV. MIKE

HILL



The Rt. Rev. Mike Hill, the 55th Bishop of Bristol returns to St. Martin's in April!

Bishop Mike Hill was Archdeacon of Berkshire before being appointed Bishop of Buckingham and later became the 55th Bishop of Bristol. He was born in Manchester and educated at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge and at Ridley Hall, Cambridge.



PREACHING

Sunday, April 14

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

Sunday, April 21

8, 9 and 11:15 a.m. · *The Church*

Sunday, April 28

9:15 a.m. · Family Table

11:15 a.m. · Riverway

Parish Life Center

TEACHING

Theology for Life

“What Western Culture No Longer Gets”

10:15–11 a.m. · *Bagby Parish Hall*

Sunday, April 14: Sacrifice

Sunday, April 21: Forgiveness

Sunday, April 28: Community

Men of St. Martin's

Thursdays, April 18 and 25

7 a.m. · *Bagby Parish Hall*

To setup an appointment with Bishop Hill, contact Lesley Hough at lhough@smec.org or 346-335-8654.



Say Farewell to
Russ and Laura

*Please plan to join us on Sunday, May 5, for one or more
of these special offerings.*

MORNING

8 a.m. • The Church • Holy Eucharist with Sermon by Dr. Levenson
Traditional Worship Service

9:15 a.m. • The Church • Holy Eucharist with Sermon by Dr. Levenson
Combined Traditional and Family Table Worship Services

10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall • “A Trip Down Memory Lane” with Russ and Laura
Children’s event in Activity Center; childcare available in Children’s Life Center

11:15 a.m. • The Church • Holy Eucharist with Sermon by Dr. Levenson
Traditional Worship Service • Riverway will join Dr. Levenson’s last service

EVENING

5:30 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall • “Fajitas and Farewell” Celebration Dinner for Adults

6:30 p.m. • The Church

The Kingdom Pickers Concert with Russ and Laura, featuring Haley and Tom Lynch

No 6 p.m. Worship Service or Childcare

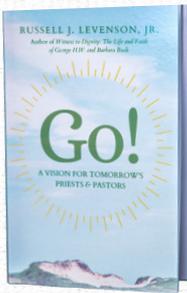
*Finally, please continue to pray for Russ and Laura, for our wonderful Parish, for
the Clergy and Staff, and our fifth Rector. On behalf of the Vestry of St. Martin’s, we
offer our sincere thanks for your continued generosity.*



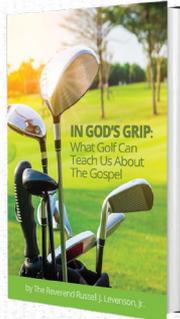
BOOKS BY DR. LEVENSON

PUBLISHED BOOKS

Be inspired with these books that explore faith



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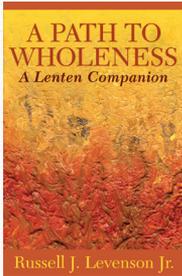
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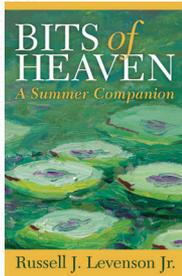
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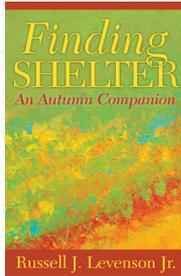
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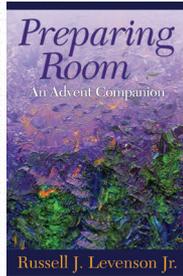
A Path to Wholeness



Bits of Heaven



Finding Shelter



Preparing Room

For more details or to purchase books, visit

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Come & See

SERMON SERIES
11:15 A.M.
PARISH LIFE CENTER

- APRIL 7** **The Breaking of Bread** *Road to Emmaus*
The Rev. Wesley Arning • Luke 24:13–35
- APRIL 14** **Discipleship** *Calling Andrew and Peter*
The Rev. John D. Sundara • John 1:35–50
- APRIL 21** **The Scriptures** *Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch*
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. • Acts 8:26–40
- APRIL 28** **Living Water** *Samaritan Woman*
Bishop Mike Hill • John 4:7–15; 27–30; 39–42
- MAY 5** **Riverway joins Dr. Levenson's last service in The Church**
- MAY 12** **Power of the Spirit** *Ananias of Damascus*
Eric Priest, Lay Associate Pastor • Acts 9:10–19

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

 **RIVERWAY**
A contemporary Holy Eucharist service

THEOLOGY *for* LIFE

Sundays
April 7, May 12 and 19
10:15 – 11 a.m.
Bagby Parish Hall

THE ART of the RESURRECTION

with the Rev. John D. Sundara



In this class, we will look at three events in the Gospel through the medium of art and see how these works draw us closer into the Bible, so that we can encounter the risen Lord anew.

Contact: Amanda DeViney, Clergy Assistant
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ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



Chat with Amistad Children

Tuesday, April 9 | 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Spend some of your Tuesday night getting to know the children and Mama Isabel in Casa San Martin in Cochabamba, Bolivia over Zoom. All ages are welcome, and a translator will be available.

Contact Tracee Tindol for the zoom link at outreach@smec.org or 713-985-3811.

ACTIVITY CENTER

MAT PILATES

Wednesdays

Noon–12:45 p.m. | Aerobics Room

Join Natalie for Pilates on a mat! This class helps to strengthen and lengthen your muscles, improve your posture, reduce pain in your body and allows you to benefit from a mind/body connection. All exercises are performed on the floor. **Open to ALL levels.**

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

For more information, visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

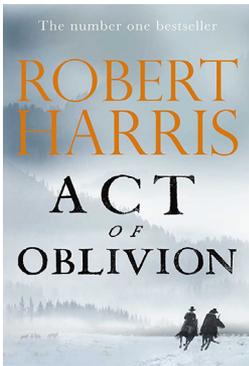
Contact | Victoria Wilson

activitycenter@smec.org • 713-985-3835





DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, April 10
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 “Act of Oblivion”
by Robert Harris.*

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



Chef Nancy Le

A CULINARY PASSPORT TO VIETNAMESE CUISINE!

Learn how to prepare authentic Vietnamese dishes in this hands-on cooking class with Chef Nancy Le.

Thursday, April 11 • Parish Life Center, Kitchen
6–8 p.m. • Cost is \$75

Sign up at bit.ly/cafestmartinscooking6

Chef Le will teach techniques on sautéing, spring roll paper rolling and stove-top white rice preparation. These are simple typical Vietnamese dishes that can be achieved in your home kitchen.

Contact: Chrissy Kana • ckana@smec.org • 713-985-3806



HIGH SCHOOL *Retreat*

7 1 7 STUDENTS

April 26-28 • Lake Livingston
Cost is \$250

For students in grades 9-12

Join us for a weekend away from the busyness of life to spend time together in fellowship with one another and the Lord. We will talk about the Song of Songs and step out Saturday evening for a fancy dress dinner.

Sign up at bit.ly/smechsretreat

Deadline to register is April 14 or until the trip is full.

Contact: Florence Ritchie • students@smec.org • 713-985-3843

THE
 *family table*

Public Baptisms

Sunday, April 14

9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

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 velazquez@smec.org or 713-985-3807.



 RIVERWAY

CHILI COOK-OFF



Sunday, April 14
12:15 p.m.
Student Life Center

Sample homemade and tasty chili presented by Parishioners. Prizes will be awarded for Best Tasting, Most Original and Spiciest Chili.

All Parishioners are invited to attend. No signup required.
To enter the chili contest, register at bit.ly/riverwaychilicookoff

Questions? Contact Amanda DeViney at adeviney@smec.org or 713-830-4110.

RAIN OR SHINE

LET'S SAVE LIVES!

Monday, April 15
9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Student Life Center

Walk-ins Welcome!
Schedule your next appointment.
bit.ly/smecblooddrive



Receive an umbrella as a special thank you for helping patients in local hospitals. (while supplies last)

Questions? Contact Justin Jacobson Avery at events@smec.org or 713-985-3838.





MEMBERSHIP 101

MONDAY, APRIL 15

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

Reservations are required by 5 p.m. Sunday, April 14.

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.

***This will be the last class that the
Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. will lead!***

CONTACT

Kathy Johnson, Director of Membership
membership@smec.org • 713-985-3834

Register at

bit.ly/Membership-101

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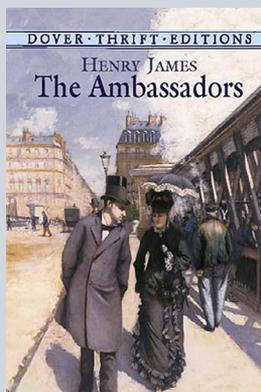
Faith
in
LITERATURE

EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, April 16 | 7-8:30 p.m.

Children's Life Center, Room 109 and

Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom



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

This month, we discuss "The Ambassadors" by Henry James.

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



THE GATHERING

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

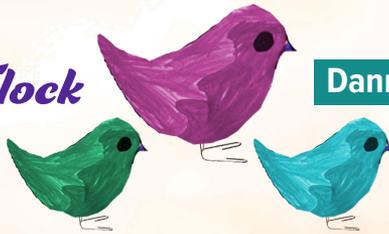
April 22

10 a.m – 1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Birds of a Feather, Flock Together

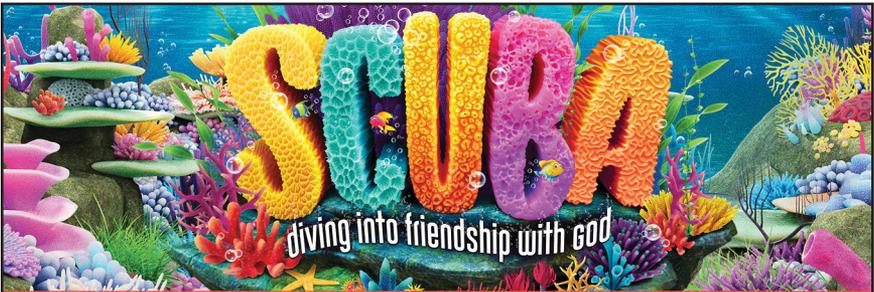
Paper clip birds



April 22

Dannette McMahon

For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen at 713-301-4786 or kattellepsen@me.com.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

JUNE 10 – 13 • 9:30 A.M. – NOON

Registration Closed!

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

Cruisin' Into Middle School

SUNDAYS
BEGINNING
APRIL 21

717
STUDENTS



Tyler "TD" Davis
Middle School Minister



Florence Ritchie
Coordinator of
Student Ministries



5th Grade Students
10:15 a.m.
Student Life Center

Join our Student Ministries for
Sunday Get-Togethers.

APRIL 21

Tour of the Student Life Center for 5th graders.

MAY 19

Parents and 5th graders learn about
our 2024-25 programs.

JUNE 2

5th grade "graduates" permanently move to
Student Ministries.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Contact: Florence Ritchie • fritchie@smec.org • 713-985-3843



The Ladies For Literacy Guild, in partnership
with St. Martin's Episcopal Church presents:

JEAN BECKER

in conversation with Khambrel Marshall to discuss her book

JEAN BECKER

NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author of *THE MAN I KNEW*

CHARACTER MATTERS

*...and Other Life Lessons from
GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH*



Wednesday, April 24

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. • Parish Life Center

To register, visit,

barbarabushhouston.org/bookclub

All are welcome! Space is limited and RSVP is required.

Books will be available at the event for signing.

Contact: Justin Jacobson Avery • events@smec.org • 713-985-3838

CLASS OF 2024

Senior Recognition Sunday!



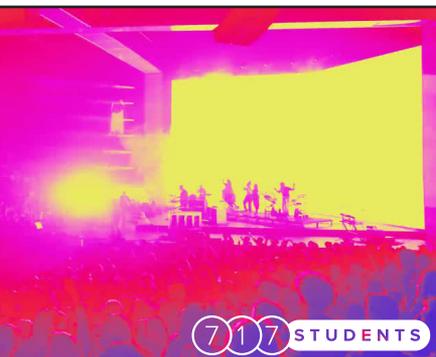
Sunday, May 5
10 – 11 a.m.
Student Life Center

Graduating high school seniors and their families are invited to a breakfast celebration as St. Martin's will recognize our graduates. Please join us as we applaud their accomplishments and encourage them in their next adventure.

Parents, we need your help! Please share your child's future plans (college, specialized career path, armed forces, etc.) so that we can recognize each one.

Register » bit.ly/seniorrecognitionssunday (RSVP by April 28)

Contact » Florence Ritchie • students@smec.org • 713-985-3843



717 STUDENTS

To register, visit bit.ly/2024passioncamp

Total cost: \$800 • Deadline to register: April 30

Complete trip dates: July 7–13 (Overnight stop in Mobile, Ala. each way)

Middle and high school students completing grades 7–12 in May are invited to join the Student Ministries leaders in Florida for four days of worship, teaching and community service. Meet Christian teens from around the country in worship, music, fun and foundational conversations about being disciples of Christ.

Contact: Florence Ritchie • students@smec.org • 713-985-3843



HOURS

Monday – Thursday
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall

View our menu at
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Come by and discover delicious specialties prepared daily by our café team.

Enjoy our hot meal entrées, sandwiches, salad bar, baked potato bar, desserts and more!

CONTACT

Chrissy Kana, Café Manager
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