

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

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*May 12, 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

# WELCOME

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

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

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

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

### ***Prayer Before Worship***

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

### **NOTICES**

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

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

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

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

**MAY 12**

**Photo opportunities with mothers are available after all services  
in the Crosswalk Garden.**

## **Adults**

**8+**

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

### **Contemplative Prayer Hour with the Rev. Sharron Cox**

10:15-11 a.m.

Pastoral Care Center, Bride's Parlor

### **Seekers with the Rev. Wesley Arning**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rvelazquez@smec.org).*

## Music Ministry

### **Young Singers and Youth Choir of St. Martin's**

For children in grades 1-5 and youth in grades 6-12

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.*

## MAY 13-MAY 18

### Adults

#### **Saintly Stitchers**

Monday, May 13

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, May 14

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, May 15

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, May 15

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, May 15

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.

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

Wednesday, May 15

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, May 15

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, May 16

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, May 18 | 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**

### **Dads' Bible Study**

Thursday, May 16

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.

## **7-1-7 Students**

### **Life Groups**

Wednesday, May 15

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 ..... "Sonata 3: Andante"

Felix Mendelssohn

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

## \*HYMN 522 ..... "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be  
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and  
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a  
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;  
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.  
cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy  
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and  
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -  
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the  
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the  
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.  
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Words: John Newton (1725–1807), alt.; Music: *Austria*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1807)..

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*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-quer-ing 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-quer-ing  
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*

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

# A COLLECT FOR MOTHERS

Almighty God, who is the author and giver of life, and whose only begotten Son was born of the Virgin Mary his mother; send down thy Holy Spirit upon all mothers and fill them up: where there is blessing, with gratitude; where there is weakness, with strength; where there is loss, with comfort; where there is pain, with healing; where there is doubt, with faith; where there is peace, with joy; so that together we may all attain the joy and unity of the new Jerusalem, which you have called our mother in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LESSON ..... 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

HYMN 372 (*vs. 1*).....“Praise to the Living God”

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
 2 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 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.

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 L** .....John 17:6-19

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The remaining readings for the day are on page 25.*

**HYMN 372** (*vs. 2*)..... “Praise to the Living God”

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
 2 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
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*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**..... “Turning the Page”

*The Rev. Martin J. Bastian*

# THE NICENE CREED *(stand)*

*Celebrant and People*

**I believe in one God,**

**the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation**

**came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the  
Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to  
the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,**

**who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission  
of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneel)*

*Minister and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

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

**That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our  
Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our bishops; the Clergy  
of this Parish; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the  
Anglican Church of Burundi; for our Search Committee and the fifth  
Rector; 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.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this Parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The 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.**

*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.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see page 28 for upcoming events.*

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## THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “O Radiant Dawn”  
James MacMillan

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied, ‘The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.’  
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.....*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!

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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.**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Celebrant says*

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

*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.*

**A N T H E M** ..... “Little Organ Mass: Kyrie and Gloria”  
Joseph Haydn

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, Miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, Miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe. Cum sancto spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all those of good will. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee. We give thanks to Thee according to thy great glory. Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou alone art holy. Thou alone art the Lord. Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

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**HYMN** ..... “Let Us Break Bread Together”

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

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 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

*Refrain*

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

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

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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



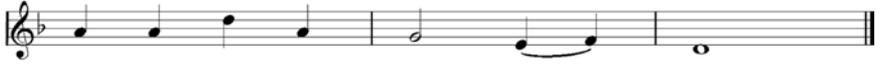
trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



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 - ful  
 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.

HYMN ..... “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores thee! My

heart is glad to say the words: thou art ho - ly, Lord.

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd’s Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the Communion of Christ’s body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

## THE ASCENSION BLESSING

May the risen Christ who has passed into the heavens clothe you with power from on high; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*All stand.*

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



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



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



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



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

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

# THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

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

**VOLUNTARY** ..... “Allegro”  
Felix Mendelssohn

*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 Bailey Elizabeth Blocker and John Duaine Pellegrin III

In thanksgiving for mothers

In thanksgiving for the baptism of MacLaren Blair Jackson

by Taylor and Jeff Jackson

In thanksgiving for the 25th anniversary of their marriage

by Lisa and George Francisco

In memory of Kathy Hoffstatter on the anniversary of her birthday

by Cindy Weatherly



### BIRTHS

March 25 Fischer Wallace Treat

Son of Martha Lauren and Justin Treat



### WEDDINGS

May 4 Edith Elizabeth Powers and Connor Morley O’Hanlon



### SYMPATHY

April 1 The Rev. Eric Francis LeBrocq, Jr.

April 24 Marvel McDaniel Galloway

April 25 Mary Waggoner Chandler

April 27 Ann Shafto Noel Lisenby

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit [bit.ly/smecaltarflowers](http://bit.ly/smecaltarflowers) or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at [relhakam@smec.org](mailto:relhakam@smec.org).

# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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## THE FIRST LESSON .....Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

## THE PSALM ..... Psalm 1

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

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Bobbie Adams	Thelma Isenhart	Trish St. Jean Martin
Carolyn Alban	Christine Jean	Jim and Jan Stokes
Buck Anderson	Mary and Jim Jennings	Hillary Stonger
Scotty Arnoldy	Bobby Jornayvaz	Henry Suman
Edith Avery	John Justice	Paul Therrien
Shelly Bain	Sandra "Sandy" Justice	Annie Troung
Beth Beathard	Mary Anne Kannard	Christine Troung
Cory Blackman	Dick Kilday	Mary Watters
Cathy Blackwell	Marjorie Krajian	Richard "Rit" Webb
John Boysen	Reggie Lang	Stephen Wedemeyer
Kenny Brown	Rhea Latta	Marilyn Whitehurst
Matthews Brown	Bruce Michael Lee	Ann Winters
Harry Burrow	Nancy Liles	Stacy Wood
John Canon	Nicole Holford Lockney	Eric Zoerb
Hallie Cooley	Amanda Lodge	Atticus
Almeria Cottingham	Ryan Logan	Elizabeth and Scott
Sam Cruse	Madelyn Markham	Henry
James Cunningham	Ronnie Martin	Julie
Gail Davis	Janet McDaniel	Laura
Bobby de Sosa	Barbara McMahan	Lynne
Linda de Sosa	Frances Melicks	Mary Jane
Ross Dunn	Len Menefee	Roger
Becca Earhart	Stuart Nixon	Sarah
Stacey and John Elliott	Deborah Oliver	Stuart
Mary Finucane	Bob Paddock	
Charles Flores	Jim Paddock	
Will Fogle	Judy Peach	
Susan Folk	Joseph Powell	
Catherine Gonzales	Ophelia Pujol	
Nancy Gore	Barbara Quackenbush	
Shea Guinn	Phyllis Reinhardt	
Cissy Gully	Julia Richards	
Bette Haidusek	Monica Rivera	
Ann Halverson	John Davis Roady	
Jean Hatton	Consuelo Saldana	
Mollie Hill	Helen and Jim Shaffer	
Marguerite Hillgers	Caroline Shanahan	
Cecilia Illeman	Clif Shoemake	
Marilyn Ingham	Bob Spencer	

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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 [vrivera@smec.org](mailto:vrivera@smec.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

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Lt. Col. Wesley J. Hunnell  
2nd Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich  
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  
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# ACTIVITY CENTER

## CHAIR YOGA

MONDAYS

Noon–12:45 p.m.

Aerobics Room

Join Megh in the Aerobics Room for a class to learn the art of relaxation, breathing and stretching to feel completely rejuvenated while mostly seated in a chair.

**Open to ALL levels.**

*Recommended for beginner yoga levels.*

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ST. MARTIN'S  
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MINISTRIES

CHURCH  
IN THE  
FIELD

## Church in the Field

Tuesday, May 14 | 6:30-9 p.m.

Meet in St. Martin's parking lot

Church in the Field ministers to the homeless in downtown Houston by serving a meal, serving as prayer partners and providing praise music for the worship service once a month. Volunteers, age 18 and older, carpool to the service. **Sign up to provide desserts at [bit.ly/citfdesserts](http://bit.ly/citfdesserts).**

**To sign up, contact Tracee Tindol at [outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org) or 713-985-3811.**

# MEN ST. MARTIN'S

## Bible Study

*Last Meeting before Summer*

Featuring Guest Speaker  
the Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

**MAY 16 • 7 A.M.**  
**BAGBY PARISH HALL**



**Dr. Jackson** will conclude the last meeting before Summer, with Matthew 28.

*Join us! Breakfast is available for \$8 at St. Martin's Café starting at 6:45 a.m.*

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



### FREE LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM

From Neurons to Nations: The Road to Health Equity in Aging and Alzheimer's Disease

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**MAY 16**

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CELEBRATE THE DAY OF  
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**SUNDAY, MAY 19**

**WHITSUNDAY**

*Celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles (Acts 2:1).*

Parishioners are encouraged to **wear red**, which signifies the power of the Holy Spirit represented by tongues of flames resting upon the Apostles.

**Red velvet cupcakes, honoring the birth of the Church, will be served in the breezeways after every morning service.**



**PUBLIC BAPTISMS**

*At the 11:15 a.m. service in The Church*

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**Cruisin' Into Middle School** *5th Grade Students*  
*10:15 a.m.*  
*Student Life Center*

**Join our Student Ministries for Sunday Get-Togethers.**

**MAY 19**

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

**JUNE 2**

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



Tyler "TD" Davis  
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Monday, May 20  
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Student Life Center

Schedule your next appointment at  
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Receive a **sling bag** as a thank you to helping  
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Blood Center

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## **PRAYER FOR THE SEARCH OF ST. MARTIN'S FIFTH 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 fifth 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 You will be done.

With humble expectations,  
Amen.

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