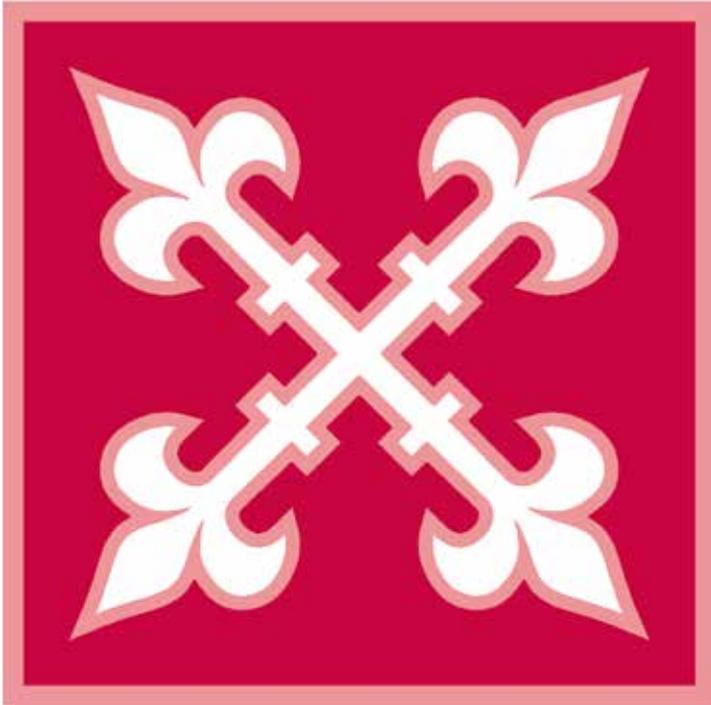


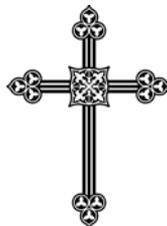
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST

May 19, 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 TO ST. MARTIN'S

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 19

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Marty Bastian

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" – Final Class

10:15-11 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Seekers with the Rev. Marty Bastian

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

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 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 20-MAY 25

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, May 20

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 21

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 22

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 22

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 22

11 a.m.-noon | The Church

The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church and Dr. Henning will perform on the Gloria Dei organ. 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 22

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 End of Semester Party

Wednesday, May 22

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 23

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 25 | 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 23

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.

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 “Suite Op. 5: Sicilienne” Maurice Duruflé

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

*HYMN 512 “Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heav - en - ly Dove, with light and
2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

Words: Simon Browne (1680–1732), alt.; Music: Mendon, melody from *Methodist Harmonist*, 1981; adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872).

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all;

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, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,

both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 510 (*vs. 1-2*)..... “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heav - en - ly Dove, with all thy quick - ening powers;
 2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;
 3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise:
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heav - en - ly Dove, with all thy quick - ening powers;

kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
 our souls, how heav - i - ly they go, to reach e - ter - nal joys.
 ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
 come, shed a - broad a Sa - vior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; Music: *Saint Agnes*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELJohn 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Jesus said to his disciples, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on pages 24-25.

HYMN 510 (*vs. 3-4*)..... “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;
 2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;
 3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise;
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;

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Please be seated.

THE SERMONThe Rev. Alex D. Graham III

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Minister says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and

Godparents: **I present this child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Minister: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and

Godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

Minister: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and

Godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

Then the Minister asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

After all have been presented, the Minister addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT *(stand)*

The Minister says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Minister: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Minister: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Minister: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Minister: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Minister says

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Minister: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Open their hearts to thy grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Fill them with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Keep them in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Send them into the world in witness to thy love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Bring them to the fullness of thy peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Minister says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

We thank thee, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it thy Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank thee, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Minister touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray thee, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Minister, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Minister places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, using Chrism, and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Minister, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray. *(kneel)*

Heavenly Father, we thank thee that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon these thy servants the forgiveness of sin, and hath raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Minister says

Let us welcome the newly baptized. *(stand)*

Minister and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 28 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Come Down, O Love Divine” William H. Harris

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, and while my path illuming. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing: true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o’er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Amen.

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AT THE PRESENTATION (*stand*)

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Ghost came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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

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

The Celebrant continues (kneel)

All glory be to thee, 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.

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

The Prayer of Humble Access is not a part of our public liturgy until the Second Sunday after Pentecost. 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.

ANTHEM “Ubi Caritas”
Maurice Duruflé

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

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

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

HYMN “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place”



1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ And I
(2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive _____ Till you
(3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, _____ Now you're -



1. know that it's the Spir - it of _____ the Lord. _____ There are
2. know Him in His full - ness, and _____ be - lieve. _____ You're the
3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, _____ you can



1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____ And I
2. one to pro - fit when you say, _____ "I am
3. make it right if you will yield; _____ You'll en -



1. know they feel the pres - ence of _____ the Lord. _____
2. going to walk with Je - sus all _____ the way." _____
3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that _____ we feel. _____

Sweet Ho-ly Spir-it, Sweet Heav-en-ly Dove,
 Stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your love.
 And for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in
 praise; With-out a doubt we'll know that we have
 been re-vived when we shall leave this place. 1. There are
 2. If you place.

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HYMN “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes up-on Je-sus, Look full in His won-der-ful face; And the
 things of earth will grow strange-ly dim In the light of His glo-ry and grace.

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HYMN “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way dark - ness ap - pears, and the Lord, night - lin - ger
 3. When the

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,
 near, When my life is al - most gone;
 near, And the day is past and gone;

— Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 — At the ri - ver I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

light, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me on,
 fall, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me on,
 hand, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me on,

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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.

After the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

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

THE BLESSING

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand.

HYMN 516 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the year - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing,
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing,
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY “Veni Creator: 4th Variation”
Maurice Duruflé

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 Brita Susan Domino and Robert Leighton Moreland
- In thanksgiving for the baptism of Hallie Katherine Bell
by Kimberly and James Bell
- In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Adele Christine and Chelsea Anne, Justl
by Catherine and Chris, Justl
- In thanksgiving for the baptism of Grace Elizabeth Rains
by Tricia and Rodger Rains
- In thanksgiving for the baptisms of James Bryant and Natalie Grace Reckling
by Brandi and Bryant Reckling



BAPTISMS

- May 11 Beau Bryant Bracewell
MacLaren Blair Jackson



WEDDINGS

- May 11 Bailey Elizabeth Blocker and John Duaine Pellegrin III



SYMPATHY

- May 2 Vincent Louis Mogas
- May 6 Edward Wilton Turley, Jr.

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit bit.ly/smecaltarflowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at relhakam@smec.org.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM Psalm 104:25-35, 37

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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:

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	

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.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

LCDR Bradley Hoffman
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
PO Evan Tomlin

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

ST. MARTIN'S WELCOMES NEW CLERGY MEMBERS IN JULY



The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

Associate for Christian Education

The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden is joining St. Martin's as Associate Rector for Christian Education. He, his wife, the Rev. Emily Hylden, and their three young boys are moving from Lafayette, La., where he served as Vice-Rector at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Jordan served churches in South Carolina and was Canon Theologian and Dean of the Stanton Center for Ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. He received a bachelor's degree in government from Harvard University and pursued a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Theology from Duke University Divinity School.



The Soon-to-be Rev. Gregory W. Cross

Curate

The Soon-to-be Rev. Gregory Cross will join St. Martin's as Curate. Gregory is no stranger to our Church, having served as a seminarian intern during the summer months of 2022 and 2023. He recently received a Master of Divinity degree from the Virginia Theological Seminary and graduated from Texas A&M University in 2020 with a bachelor's degree in history. Gregory and his wife, Faith, who were married in June 2023, enjoy reading, watching Texas A&M sports and traveling. He will be ordained to the Diaconate on June 15 at Christ Cathedral and will then be the Rev. Gregory Cross!



Contact: Liz Gallien, Executive Assistant to the Vice-Rector
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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
Middle School Minister



Florence Ritchie
Coordinator of
Student Ministries

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717 STUDENTS

CARRY THE CAUSE. DONATE BLOOD.



Monday, May 20
9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Student Life Center

Schedule your next appointment at

bit.ly/smecblooddrive

Walk-ins Welcome!

Receive a **sling bag** as a thank you to helping
patients in our local hospitals! (while supplies last)



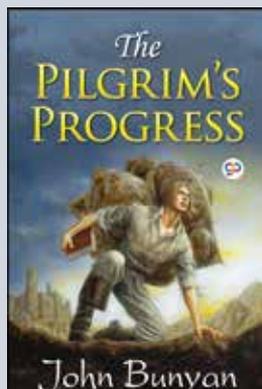
Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center

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



EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, May 21 | 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 Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan.

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

Before it gets too hot, join the Men of St. Martin's for a



SHRIMP AND CRAWFISH BOIL

SPRING SOCIAL

MEN
of
ST. MARTIN'S

THURSDAY, MAY 23

5:30–8 p.m. • Student Life Center, Back Patio

Registration: bit.ly/mosmspringsocial

\$15 suggested donation to the Men of St. Martin's.

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ST. MARTIN'S
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MINISTRIES

UNDIES FOR EVERYONE

Undies for Everyone

Various Times

3610 Willowbend Blvd. #1000, Houston, TX 77054

Volunteer to sort, pack and sticker endless pairs of undies that will end up in drawers around the country. **Sign up for a two-hours shift at undiesforeveryone.volunteerhub.com.**

To sign up, contact Tracee Tindol at outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3811.

 RIVERWAY

Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate May Birthdays and Anniversaries
with Riverway.

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Parish Life Center Narthex

Following the 11:15 a.m. services

We invite everyone who has had a recent birthday or anniversary to join us in acknowledgement of your special day, and share a dessert or breakfast item with us. Everyone is welcome!

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

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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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