

# TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*August 11, 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

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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 worshipers*

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

## AUGUST 11

### Adults

#### 8+

Lectionary-based Bible Study

8:55-9:25 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

#### Theology for Life with the Rev. John Sundara

"Jesus is Better: Jesus and a Better Faith I"

10:15-11 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

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

10:15-11 a.m.

Levenson Pastoral Care Center, Bride's Parlor

*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

*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

#### Summer Sundays

"Jesus Calms the Storm"

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).*

# AUGUST 12-17

## Adults

### **Saintly Stitchers**

Monday, Aug. 12

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](mailto:scox@smec.org).

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Tuesday, Aug. 13

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](mailto:scox@smec.org).

### **Blanket Ladies**

Wednesday, Aug. 14

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](mailto:scox@smec.org).

### **St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild**

Wednesday, Aug. 14

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](mailto:scox@smec.org).

### **Parish Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, Aug. 15

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 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](mailto:dhenning@smec.org).

### **Sterling's Market**

Saturday, Aug. 17 | 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, visit [sterlingsmarket.org](http://sterlingsmarket.org).

# ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU! GOD LOVES YOU!

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## **General Questions**

Contact the Reception Desk at  
713-621-3040.

## **Prayer Requests**

Contact the Prayer Request Line at  
713-830-4124 or Valerie Rivera at  
713-985-3817 or [vrivera@smec.org](mailto:vrivera@smec.org).

## **After Hours Emergencies**

Call 713-621-3040 and press 2 to reach  
the Priest on Call.

## **Death Notifications and Funerals**

Contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808  
or [censign@smec.org](mailto:censign@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 ..... "Meditation"

Maurice Durufle

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

## \*HYMN 427 ..... "When Morning Gilds the Skies"



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known  
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,  
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930), alt.; Musica *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Barnby (1838–1896).

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## 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.*)



Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre -  
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for  
he is thy health and sal - va - tion;  
join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan and  
song, sound - ing in glad a - do - ra - tion.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

# 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*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 ..... 1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

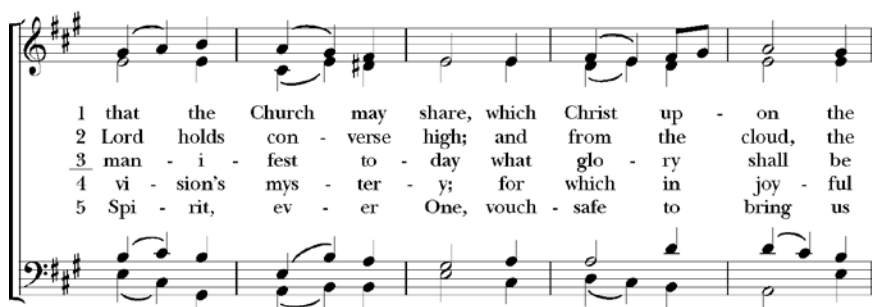
*All stand.*



# HYMN 137 (vs. 1-3).....“O Wondrous Type”



1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great  
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly



1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the  
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the  
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us



1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.  
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1848–1866), alt.; Music: Wareham, melody William Knapp (1698–1768); alt.; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, after James Turle (1802–1882).

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

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**THE GOSPEL** .....John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

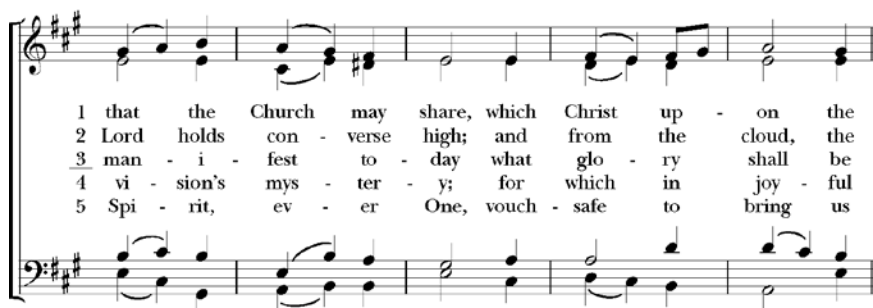
**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*The remaining readings for the day are on page 23.*

# HYMN 137 (vs. 4-5).....“O Wondrous Type”



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 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to  
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*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON.....“What Feeds You?”

*The Rev. Sharron L. Cox*

# 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; for our Search Committee and the fifth Rector; in the  
Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Church of  
Korea; 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*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **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 26 for upcoming events.*

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## THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”  
Maurice Bevan

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea; there’s a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given. For the love of God is broader than the measure of man’s mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss. If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word; and our life would all be gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814–1863), v. 7 altered. Music: Maurice Bevan (b. 1921). © 1999 and 2002 Oxford University Press.

## 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 ..... *Old 100th*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, hymn-like tune. The lyrics are in French and English.

French lyrics (top line):  
 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.

English lyrics (bottom line):  
 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 *Pseaumes 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.

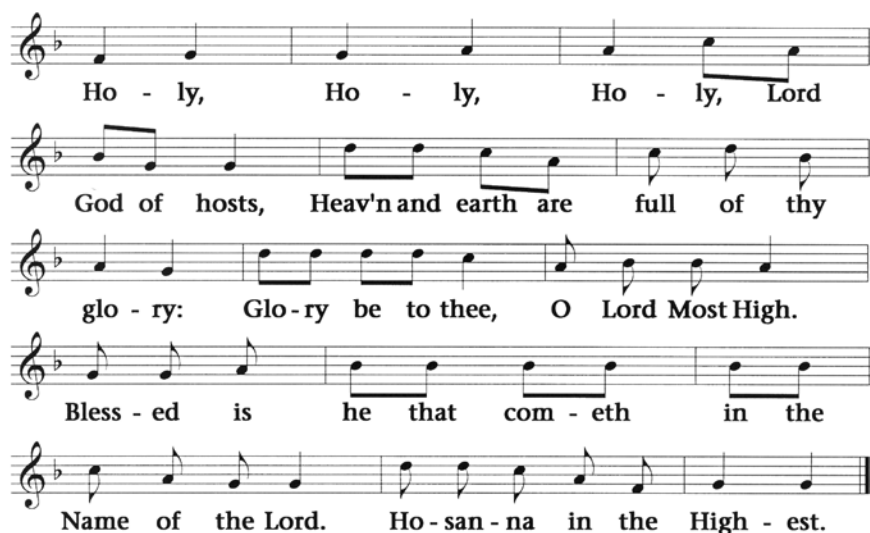
Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.)



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

*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*



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## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Then may be said*

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 THEM ..... “A Prayer of Saint Patrick”

John Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Words from Saint Patrick's Breastplate (5th – century) Translated by Mrs. C.F. Alexander. Copyright © Hinshaw Music, Inc. 1983.

# HYMN ..... “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Make me a chan-nel of your peace. where  
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 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

there is hat-red let me bring your love; where there is in-jur-  
 there's des-pair in life let me bring hope; where there is dark-ness,  
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in giv-ing to all

y, your par-don, Lord; and where there's doubt, true  
 on-ly light; and where there's sad-ness,  
 men that we re-ceive; and in dy-ing that we're

faith in you. Oh, mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er  
 ev-er joy.  
 born to e-ter-nal life.

seek so much to be con-soled as to con-sole;  
 to be un-der-stood as to un-der-stand; to be  
 loved, as to love with all my soul.

*Fine*  
*D.C.*

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# HYMN 711 ..... “Seek Ye First”

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
Ask, and it shall be giv-en un-to you,

and his right-eous-ness, and all these things shall be  
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add-ed un-to you; Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!  
o-pened un-to you; Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

*Refrain*

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

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

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

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# HYMN ..... "As the Deer"

As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my  
You're my friend and you are my broth-er ev-en  
I want you more than gold or sil-ver, on-ly  
soul long-eth af-ter you. You a-lone are my heart's de-sire— and I  
though you— are a King. I love you more than an-y oth-er, so much  
you can— sat-is-ify. You a-lone are the real joy-giv-er and the  
long to wor-ship you. You a-lone are my strength, my shield; To  
more than an-y-thing. ap-ple of my eye.  
you a-lone may my spir-it yield.  
You a-lone are my heart's de-sire,— and I long to wor-ship you.

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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 BLESSING

*All stand.*

### HYMN 473 ..... "Lift High the Cross"

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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# THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

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

**VOLUNTARY** ..... “March in D”

David N. Johnson

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

## RECOGNITIONS

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### FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Briggs Nesmith  
by Maggie and Chris Nesmith

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Crosby Culver Roberts  
by the Roberts family

In memory of Mary Louise Presley  
by Dorothy Presley and James Presley



### BIRTHS

April 6 Charles Stewart Skotnicki  
Son of Lizzie and Alex Skotnicki

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 PSALM ..... Psalm 34:1-8

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!

## THE EPISTLE ..... Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

# 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	Nancy Haywood	John Davis Roady
Carolyn Alban	Mollie Hill	Maggie Rodriguez
Harvey Altmann	Marguerite Hillgers	Consuelo Saldana
Buck Anderson	Cecilia Illeman	Caroline Searls
Scotty Arnoldy	Marilyn Ingham	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Edith Avery	Thelma Isenhardt	Caroline Shanahan
Shelly Bain	Christine Jean	Diane Shelton
Beth Beathard	Mary and Jim Jennings	Clif Shoemake
Cory Blackman	Bobby Jornayvaz	Bob Spencer
John Boysen	John Justice	Trish St. Jean Martin
Kenny Brown	Sandra "Sandy" Justice	Jim and Jan Stokes
Matthews Brown	Mary Anne Kannard	Hillary Stonger
Harry Burrow	Dick Kilday	Henry Suman
John Canon	Robin Kleinpeter	Paul Therrien
Delonda Citrano	Marjorie Krajian	Carlotta Thomas
Sammy A. Citrano III	Rhea Latta	Anne Thomson
Hallie Cooley	Bruce Michael Lee	Grantland Wagner
Sam Cruse	Nancy Liles	MaeJoyce Wagner
James Cunningham	Nicole Holford Lockney	Mary Watters
Gail Davis	Amanda Lodge	Richard "Rit" Webb
Paul Davison	Ryan Logan	Stephen Wedemeyer
Bobby de Sosa	Madelyn Markham	Marilyn Whitehurst
Linda de Sosa	Janet McDaniel	Desyre Whittington
Ross Dunn	Adams McHenry	Ann Winters
Becca Earhart	Frances Melicks	Stacy Wood
Stacey and John Elliott	Len Menefee	Eric Zoerb
Paul Falgout	The Rev. Lisa Neilson	Atticus
Mary Finucane	Stuart Nixon	Cameron
Curt Fletcher	Deborah Oliver	Elizabeth and Scott
Charles Flores	Andrew O'Malley	Henry
Will Fogle	Bob Paddock	Julie
Susan Folk	Jim Paddock	Laura
Catherine Gonzales	Patty Pate	Louise
Nancy Gore	Colleen Paxton	Lynne
Shea Guinn	Judy Peach	Phyllis Katharine
Cissy Gully	Ophelia Pujol	Roger
Bette Haidusek	Barbara Quackenbush	Sarah
Cathy Haidusek	Phyllis Reinhardt	Stuart
Ann Halverson	Julia Richards	
Jean Hatton	Monica Rivera	

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Please be advised that the weeks after Easter and All Saints' Day, this 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](mailto:vriviera@smec.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Lt. Col. Julian Benton  
1LT. Tom Cadwallender  
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender  
1st LCDR Casey Gainer  
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  
PO1 Brian Powell  
Sgt. Joel Rowell  
PO Evan Tomlin

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**AUGUST 11–14**

**SUNDAY**

9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**MONDAY – WEDNESDAY**

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**SIDEWALK  
SALE!**

***50% off all items!***



**Contact:** Barbara Shoemaker • [giftshoppe@smec.org](mailto:giftshoppe@smec.org)

ST. MARTIN'S  
**OUTREACH**  
MINISTRIES



## **Church in the Field**

**Tuesday, Aug. 13 | 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](https://bit.ly/citfdesserts) or scan QR code.**

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



## HARVEST DAY AT THE VINEYARD

AUG. 17, 9–11:30 A.M.

Messina Hof Winery

4545 Old Reliance Rd., Bryan, TX 77808

Join Riverway and The Wayside Podcast for a family-friendly event at Messina Hof Winery in Bryan, TX for grape picking, stomping, winery tour and brunch. After a wonderful podcast episode with the founders of Messina Hof, Parishioners have the chance to reflect on Jesus' words in John 15 about vines and branches as they learn about the vineyard.



Registration:

Scan the QR code or visit, [bit.ly/rwharvestday](https://bit.ly/rwharvestday)

*Includes brunch and adult t-shirt*

**Contact:** Amanda DeViney • [adeviney@smec.org](mailto:adeviney@smec.org) • 713-830-4110

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



**SUNDAY, AUG. 18**

**9:15 A.M. • PARISH LIFE CENTER**

Children are invited to bring their backpacks to Family Table and receive a blessing for the new school year.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER INFORMATIONAL MEETING



SUNDAY, AUG. 18

10:15–11 a.m. • Children's Life Center



Interested in helping our youngest Parishioners grow their faith in and love for Christ? Children's Ministry invites you to a training session during the Sunday school hour.

**Contact:** Ashley Monachelli • [amonachelli@smec.org](mailto:amonachelli@smec.org) • 713-985-3816



**JUST  
FOR**  
SEPTEMBER  
*Small Groups*

*Interest Meeting*

Registrations begins  
Sunday, Aug. 18

10:15–11 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

Four-week study on the book of Ruth

**Registration:** [bit.ly/justforsmallgroups](http://bit.ly/justforsmallgroups)

**Contact:** The Rev. Wesley Arning or Kathy Johnson at [smallgroups@smec.org](mailto:smallgroups@smec.org)

# GEAR UP FOR GOOD

## DONATE BLOOD

**Monday, Aug. 19**  
**9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Activity Center, Game Room**  
*Schedule your next appointment at*  
***bit.ly/smecblooddrive***



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



**Gulf Coast Regional  
Blood Center**

**Contact:** Christina Gligorova  
cgligorova@giveblood.org

# BE A HERO!



***Discover The Benefits Of Volunteering in Student Ministries!***  
***Adult Volunteer Dinner And Training***

***Thursday, Aug. 21 • 5:30 – 8 P.M. • Student Life Center***

If you're looking for a fun-filled and meaningful way to get involved and grow in community and faith, look no further. Get ready for a night of fun and laughter and learn how you can serve our ministry!

### **Some Benefits Include:**

Instant Hero Status • All-You-Can-Eat Goldfish and Gummies  
Free T-shirt • Tacos • Nerf Guns • Unlimited High Fives

All current volunteers and interested adults can help grow our ministry and impact the next generation at St. Martin's. Schedules are flexible.

**Contact:** T.D. Tyler • 713-830-4132 • td@smec.org





# CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDY

A Bible Study for Any Woman Seeking God's Truth

## 2024–2025 Registration Now Open!

[clsbiblestudy.com](https://clsbiblestudy.com)

The Day and Evening Classes will study Max Lucado's "Help is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit," "Nehemiah: The Courage to Face Opposition" by Don Field and "The King's Choir: Singing the Psalms with Jesus" by Christopher Ash with Alison Mitchell.

### DAY GROUP – Begins Sept. 12

Thursdays • 9:30–11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center and via Zoom.

The Day Group offers a Godly Play program for 3- and 4-year-olds and nursery care for younger children.

**Contact:** Anna McLean • 281-782-0594 • [amaynebr1@gmail.com](mailto:amaynebr1@gmail.com)

### EVENING GROUP – Begins Sept. 17

Tuesdays • 6:30–8 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom.

**Contact:** Ann Wilson • 713-828-8722 • [annwilson33@gmail.com](mailto:annwilson33@gmail.com)



## JOY of GIVING MARKET

*Help make the 2024 Joy of Giving  
Market a huge success by volunteering!*

Tuesday-Thursday  
Oct. 15-17

Volunteer opportunities are open to everyone—both men and women!

### *Volunteers are needed to:*

- Help decorate before the Market begins
- Serve at the Premier Shopping Party
- Help with guest check-in at the Premier Shopping Party
- Volunteer in the Pantry before and during the Market
- Drive golf car to assist shoppers to and from the parking lot and Bagby Porte Cochère
- Assist shoppers with the Silent Auction
- Help with Merchant hospitality, hosting and many more opportunities!



Contact Tracee Tindol at [joyofgiving@smec.org](mailto:joyofgiving@smec.org) or 713-985-3811 for more information or to be put on the volunteer list.





# Open House **SUNDAY**

**AUGUST 25**  
**10:15-11 A.M. • STUDENT LIFE CENTER**

Drop into the Student Ministries “Ring” and check out our upcoming attractions! All junior high and high school families are invited to hear about all the great student programs, trips and events planned for 2024-2025.

Families can “tour the Big Top” in Student Ministries. We’ll have displays, calendars and program information as well as volunteers and students they can talk to. We’re serving Cracker Jacks and cotton candy!

**Contact:** Florence Ritchie • [fritchie@smec.org](mailto:fritchie@smec.org) • 713-985-3843



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**  
**10:15-11 A.M. • CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER**

Discover what life in the Children’s Ministry will offer during the upcoming school year. Meet the Sunday school team and learn about new programs and scheduled activities. We’ll answer questions to ensure that every family is set for a great year.

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## **PRAYER FOR THE SEARCH FOR 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 continues 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, we pray this prayer in Jesus name, who we joyfully serve and love. Amen.

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