

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18, 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 worshipers*

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

AUGUST 18

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 II" – Final Class

10:15-11 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

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

Summer Sundays

"The Empty Tomb" – Final Class

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.

AUGUST 19-24

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Aug. 19

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, Aug. 20

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, Aug. 21

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, Aug. 21

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.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s Final Summer Dinner Get-Together

Wednesday, Aug. 21

7-8:45 p.m. | Offsite

Join a community of young adults who eat, pray, and read Scripture together. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at 346-335-8680 or rwarning@smec.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Aug. 22

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.

Sterling's Market

Saturday, Aug. 24 | 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.

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

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.

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.

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 "Concerto"

George Frederic Handel

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

*HYMN 362 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

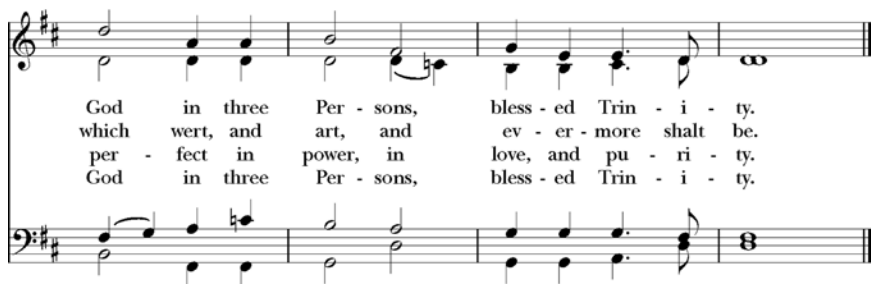
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826), alt.; Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

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.*)



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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONEphesians 5:15-21

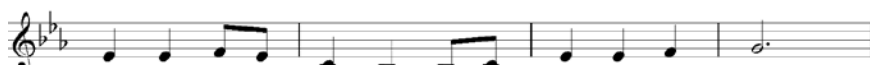
Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.


People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.


*HYMN 488 (*vs. 1-2*)..... “Be Thou My Vision”




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880–1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860–1935), alt.; Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874–1948); Copyright: Words: This hymn appears courtesy of the Estate of Eleanor Hull and Chatto & Windus Ltd. Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELJohn 6:51-58

Jesus said, “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.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on pages 26-27.

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 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
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THE SERMON “Redeeming the Time”
 The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

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
Melanesia; 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 and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 28 for events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Laudate Dominum”

Wolfgang A. Mozart

Laudáte Dóminum ómnes géntes; Laudáte éum, ómnes pópuli.
Quóniam confirmáta est super nos misericórdia éjus. Et véritas
Dómini mánet in aetérnum. Glória Pátri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sáncto.
Sicut érat in princípío, et nunc, et sémper, et in saécula saéculorum.
Amen.

*O praise the Lord, all ye nations; Praise him, all ye peoples. For his loving
kindness has been bestowed upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Text: Psalm 117, English version by Alice Parker. Music: W.A. Mozart (1756-1791). © 1963 by the Lawson – Gould Music Publishers, Inc. ARR.

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*

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.

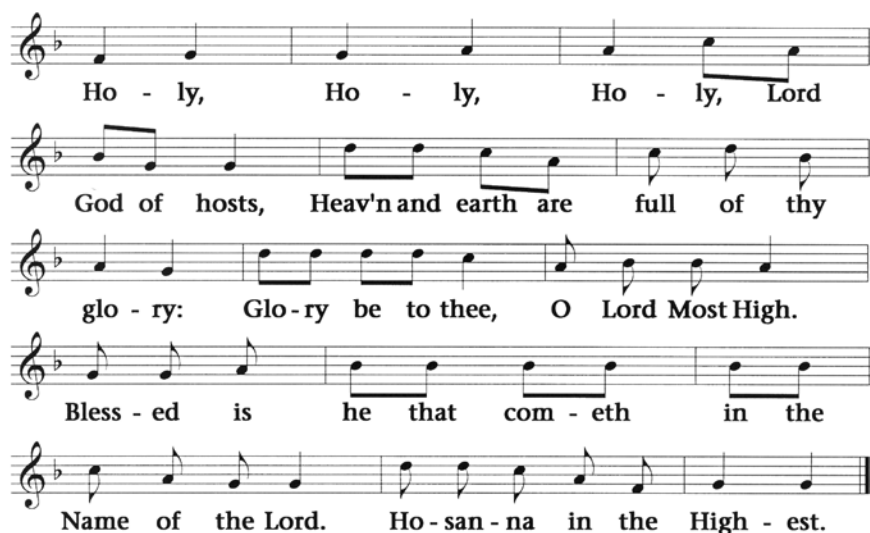
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.)



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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*



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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.

ANTHEM "I Sat Down Under His Shadow"

Edward Bairstow

I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

Music: Edward C. Bairstow. © 1925 Oxford University Press.

HYMN 335 "I Am the Bread of Life"



1	I	am	the	bread	of	life;	they	who
2 (The)	Bread	that	I	will	give	is	my	
3 (Un-)	less			you	eat	of	the	
4	I	am	the	re -	sur -	rec -	tion,	
5 (Yes,)	Lord,		we	be -	lieve	that		



1	come	to	me	shall	not	hun -	ger;	they	who	be -
2	Flesh	for	the	life	of	the	world,	and	they	who
3	Flesh	of	the	Son	of		Man		and	
4	I		am	the		life.	They	who	be -	
5	you		are	the		Christ,		the		



1	lieve	in	me	shall	not	thirst.	No	one	can	come	to
2	eat		of	this	bread,		they	shall	live	for	
3	drink		of	his	Blood,	you	shall	not	have	life	with -
4	lieve		in	me,			e -	ven	if	they	
5	Son		of	God			who		has		



1	me		un -	less	the	Fa -	ther	draw	them.
2	ev -	er.		they	shall	live	for	ev -	er.
3	in	you.	you	shall	not	have	life	with -	in
4	die,			they	shall	live	for	ev -	er.
5	come		in -	to		the		world.	

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

This system contains the first two measures of the song. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are 'And I will raise them up, and I will raise them'.

up, and I will raise them up on the

This system contains the next two measures. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'up, and I will raise them up on the'.

last day. _____

2 The
3 Un- day.
4 —
5 Yes, (z)

This system contains the final two measures of the song. The melody concludes in the treble clef, and the bass line concludes in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'last day. _____'. To the right of the staff, there are four numbered options: 2 The, 3 Un- day., 4 —, and 5 Yes, (z).

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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;)

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

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 “Jesus, Remember Me”



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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 594 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise;
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY “Trumpet Tune”
David Johnson

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Catherine Holland Cone and Wesley Clement Cone
by Dru and Scott Cone

In memory of Thad Dameris

by Sarah, Claire and John Dameris and Elizabeth and Jack Beardslee



BIRTHS

April 5 Lilia Maeve Osterhus

Daughter of Julie Meyer and Andrew Osterhus



BAPTISMS

Aug. 10 Catherine Holland Cone

Wesley Clement Cone

Briggs Cannan Nesmith

Crosby Culver Roberts



SYMPATHY

Aug. 6 Mary Dorothy Murray Metz

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

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

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.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

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.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM Psalm 111

- 1 Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.



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 • 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

Contact: The Rev. Wesley Arning or Kathy Johnson at 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: Sarah Kolb
events@smec.org • 713-985-3838

VESTRY NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Current members of St. Martin's may nominate any confirmed member of the Parish for consideration to serve on the Vestry for the upcoming three-year term. Nominations can be submitted for review from August 1 to October 1 of each year. At our Annual Parish Meeting in January, we will vote as a Parish to elect five new members to serve on the Vestry.

**Completed nomination forms for the upcoming term must
be received by Tuesday, Oct. 1.**

Vestry Nomination Form available online at bit.ly/VestryNominations

If you have any questions, please contact Brittney Pena at 713-985-3821
or bjacobson@smec.org.

**Nominations are to be kept strictly confidential – please do not inform
the nominee or his/her family that you have nominated him/her.**



ACTIVITY CENTER

STRENGTH TRAINING

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

9:30–10:15 a.m.

Aerobics Room

Join Angela in the Aerobics Room for a class that improves balance, flexibility and mobility. The focus of this class is on toning muscles and building overall strength.

Open to ALL levels.

Contact | Victoria Wilson

activitycenter@smec.org • 713-985-3835

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

For more information, visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

BE A HERO!



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

Wednesday, 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



ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



CCSC Work Day

Saturday, Aug. 24 | 9 a.m.–noon

3434 Branard, Houston, TX 77027

Organize and distribute food at the Emergency Services location for the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). CCSC assists the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy, and provides a back-to-school and Christmas program for low-income children.

Contact Tracee Tindol at outreach@smec.org or 713-985-3811 for more information.

RIVERWAY

Celebration Sunday!

**Celebrate August Birthdays and Anniversaries
with Riverway.**

SUNDAY, AUG. 25

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.



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 • fritchier@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.

Contact: Ashley Monachelli
amonachelli@smec.org • 713-985-3816



THE GATHERING

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

Aug. 26

10 a.m – 1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Dog Days of Summer

Paint Dog/Cat Mugs



August 26

Bill Parish

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

LIFEgroups

WEDNESDAYS,
Beginning Aug. 28
6–8 p.m. • Student Life Center



Students in grades 6–12 are welcome to join Life Groups.

Connect with your peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. High school and middle school boys and girls meet and then divide into respective study groups.

Dinner is provided each week, but please bring \$5 to cover the cost of the meal.

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



CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDY

A Bible Study for Any Woman Seeking God's Truth

2024–2025 Registration Now Open!

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

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



JOY of GIVING
MARKET



Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's

SILENT
AUCTION
DONATIONS NEEDED!

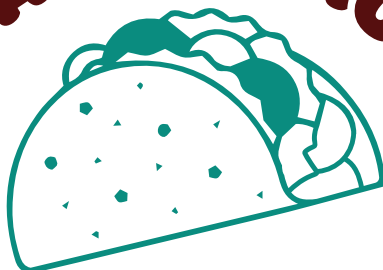
Help the Joy of Giving Market this year by donating to the Silent Auction. Some items of particular interest include:

- Vacation homes
- Sports and event tickets
- Family activities and experiences
- Home décor items
- Designer fashion accessories and jewelry

By donating to the Joy of Giving Silent Auction, you are helping raise more funds for Outreach grants that benefit many of Houston's most disadvantaged.

Contact Tracee Tindol at joyofgiving@smec.org or 713-985-3811 for more information about donating to the Silent Auction.

WANNA TACO



'BOUT MINISTRY? LETTUCE GROW TOGETHER!

Sunday, Sept. 8
10:15-11 a.m. • Activity Center Gym

*Discover how to get plugged
into St. Martin's!*

Find a ministry that “speaks” to you, one where you feel comfortable and can enhance your spiritual life. Come to the Activity Center Gym for an overview of the programs and events lined up at St. Martin's this year.

See what is in store for the entire Parish, including Adult Christian Education, guest preachers and teachers, ministries, programs for adults, special retreats and classes. Please join us and discover what is in store at St. Martin's!

Contact: Juli Browning • jbrowning@smec.org • 713-985-3806

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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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