FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 25, 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.



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.
- To use a hearing assisted device, see one of our ushers.
- St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.
- Please silence all cell phones when entering The Church and also refrain from texting.
 Thank you for being respectful of God and others as we spend time together in worship.





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 in G Major: Movements I and II" Johann Sebastian Bach

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





Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788); Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887).

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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.

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

All stand.



Words: Francis Ridley Havargal (1836–1879), alt.; Music: Hollingside, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "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." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on page 22.



Words: Francis Ridley Havargal (1836–1879), alt.; Music: Hollingside, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

Please be seated.

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 Mexico; 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; 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

Everliving God, whose will it is that all shouldth come to thee through thy Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 23 for classes and events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM"For the Beauty of the Earth"

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night. Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our world so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven: Lord of all to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

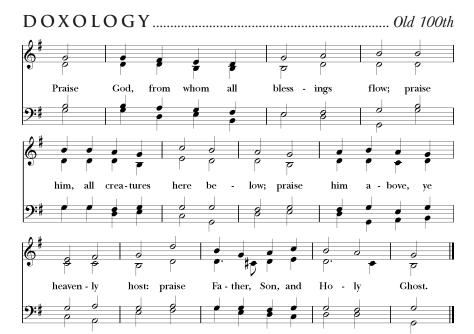
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AT THE PRESENTATION (stand)

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: And of thine own have we given thee.



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.

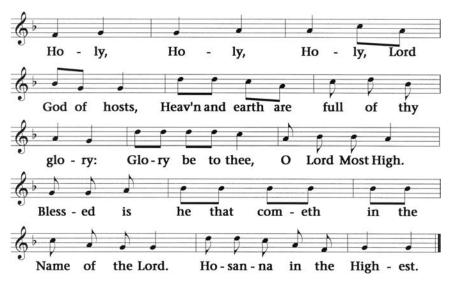
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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!



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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.

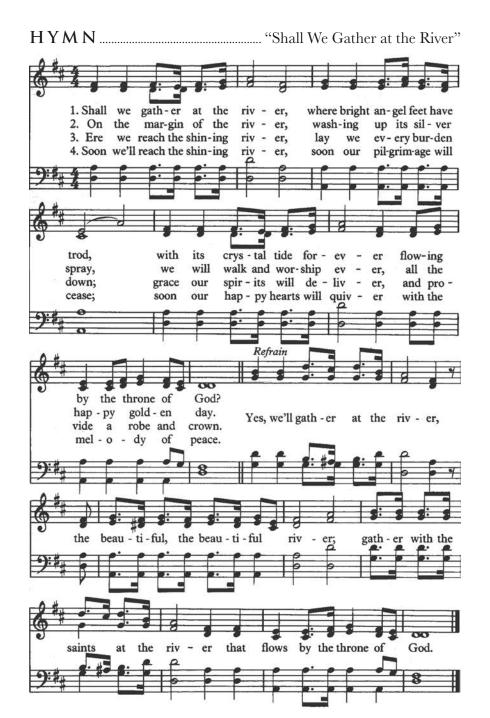
All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the Clergy administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, And the Spirit of God dwelleth within you: For the temple of God is holy, Which temple ye are: For the love of whom ye do this day Celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

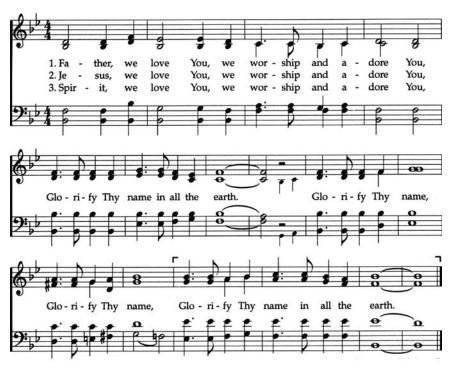
Text: Sarum antiphon.



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After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel) Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

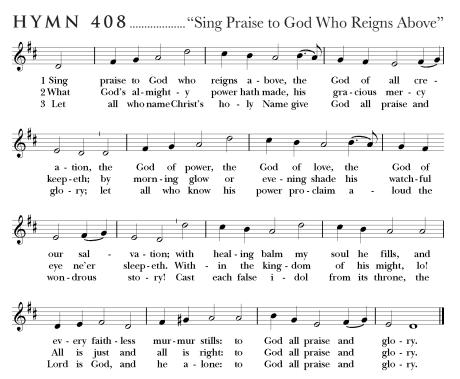
Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate 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.



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

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY"Rigaudon"

Andre Campra

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

RECOGNITIONS



BIRTHS

Aug. 3 August Matthew Thanheiser

Son of Haley and Will Thanheiser Grandson of Debbie Brown Robinson

Great Grandson of Mary Ellen Thanheiser Finnegan

Aug. 4 Preston Kent Robinson

Son of Meagan and Duncan Robinson Grandson of Debbie Brown Robinson



SYMPATHY

- July 31 Joe David Curtis
- Aug. 8 Margaret Parker Karren
- Aug. 10 David Curtis Fletcher

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

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 vrivera@smec.org.

Lvnne

Roger

Sarah

Stuart

Phyllis Katharine

Judy Peach

Ophelia Pujol

Julia Richards

Phyllis Reinhardt

Barbara Quackenbush

Bette Haidusek

Cathy Haidusek

Ann Halverson

Jean Hatton Nancy Haywood

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. Worley L. Hyppell

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.

OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES





9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Family Table service with Holy Eucharist combines contemporary worship music with traditional liturgy and is designed for families with young children.

11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Riverway Contemporary Service is both Episcopalian and modern, offering the Holy Eucharist in a relaxed service with contemporary music.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist Services 7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. • Christ Chapel

OSL Healing Prayer Service First Wednesday of the month 5–6 p.m. • Parish Life Center Online at bit.ly/oslservice

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENTJoshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

THE EPISTLEEphesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.



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 • 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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

AUGUST 26-31, 2024

ALL ADULTS

Saintly Stitchers *Monday, 10 a.m.* • *Activity Center, Upper Hall East* Saintly Stitchers fill St. Martin's with pew kneelers and other gifts for worship spaces.

Prayer Shawl Ministry *Tuesday*, 9 a.m. • Activity Center, Family Room Knit and crochet shawls to be released for those in need of prayer.

Blanket Ladies *Wednesday, 10 a.m.* • *Activity Center, Family Room*Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals.

St. Clare's Guild *Wednesday, Noon • Activity Center, Upper Hall East*St. Clare's Guild undertakes a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs.

Parish Choir *Thursday*, 11:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. • The Music Center, Rehearsal Hall Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation.

Sterling's Market Saturday, 9 a.m. • Corner of Woodway and Sage, rain or shine Glorify God through sharing the Gospel and the bounties of the earth with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors.

EVENTS



To view all our upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/smecevents.



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.



Aug. 26

10 a.m-1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

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



Paint Dog/Cat Mugs



August 26
Bill Parish

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

Melanie Shankle

CREATED YOU TO BE

Tuesday, Sept. 24 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Bagby Parish Hall

\$40/person • Table of ten, \$400





REGISTRATION

bit.ly/ecwmain

Opens at noon, Aug. 26 and closes Sept. 17

Melanie Shankle is a three-time "New York Times" bestselling author, speaker and co-host of The Big Boo podcast. She looks for the holy and the humorous in her daily life and uses her voice to share that with others. Melanie is the author of multiple funny, heartwarming memoirs, including "Nobody's Cuter Than You," "Church of the Small Things," and "On the Bright Side."

Shankle is a 1993 graduate of Texas A&M. She lives in San Antonio with her husband, Perry, and her daughter, Caroline. Her newest book, "Here Be Dragons" will be released in Feb. 2025.

Contact: Valerie Rivera • vrivera@smec.org • 713-985-3817



MOST CLASSES ARE FREE! For more information, visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

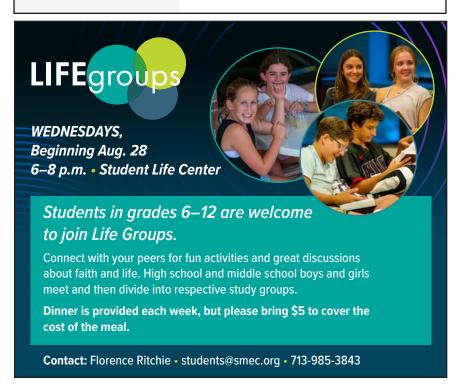
ACTIVITY CENTER

BEGINNER BRIDGE

MONDAYS, BEGINNING SEPT. 9
10 a.m.-noon • Upper Hall West

The strategy of this class focuses on learning by playing and doing, keeping long lectures to an absolute minimum. In seven weeks, you will be ready to play and have fun. Course materials provided.

Register at tomtomj211@yahoo.com. \$125 (cash/check in person)





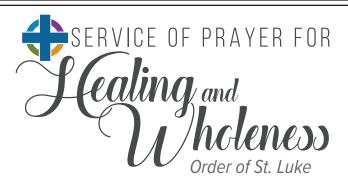


Four-week study on the Book of Ruth Registration ends Monday, Sept. 9



Registration: bit.ly/justforsmallgroups

Contact: The Rev. Wesley Arning or Kathy Johnson at smallgroups@smec.org



St. Martin's International Order of St. Luke (OSL) Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

Next Service

Wednesday, Sept. 4 | 5 p.m. Parish Life Center or via Zoom

bit.ly/oslservice

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



WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4 • 7–9 p.m.
Sylvia's Enchilada Kitchen • 6401 Woodway Dr., Houston 77057

We will start a study on the Gospel of Luke this fall in the Children's Life Center. We also meet throughout the city for a monthly Saturday social event. Everyone is welcome and no reservations are needed.

Contact: The Rev. Wesley Arning • rwarning@smec.org • 713-621-3040



Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. This men's group is for those who want to begin their day seeking ways to connect to the Gospel. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions led by the Rev. R. Wesley Arning. All Dads are welcome!

Contact: The Rev. R. Wesley Arning • rwarning@smec.org • 346-335-8680



FOOD.FUN. FELLOWSHIP.

CYCLONE ANAYA'S
Thursday, Sept. 5, 5–7pm.
5761 Woodway Dr.
Houston, Texas 77057

Cost is \$25 per person includes food and beverages with no-host cocktails.





REGISTRATION:
bit.ly/mosmkickoff

Contact: Juli Browning • jbrowning@smec.org • 713-985-3845

St. Martin's Welcomes Back

THE REV. DR. SUSE

MCBAY

THE REV. DR. MICHAEL

LLOYD





SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

Dr. McBay will preach at all traditional services in The Church.

Dr. Lloyd will preach at the 11:15 a.m. Riverway service in the Parish Life Center.

Contact: Juli Browning • jbrowning@smec.org • 713-985-3845



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



BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sept. 8 • 9: 15 a.m. Parish Life Center



Join us in Family Table as we present Bibles to our third-grade students.

To sign up to receive a Bible for your child, please contact Rocio Velazquez at rvelazquez@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3807.



MEMBERSHIP 101

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

Bagby Parish Hall and Online • 6 – 9 p.m. • Dinner will be served Reservations are required by 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8



Register at bit.ly/Membership-101 Case sensitive

CONTACT: Kathy Johnson • membership@smec.org • 713-985-3834



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





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** or 713-985-3811 for more information or to be put on the volunteer list.



MEMBERSHIP

If you are visiting today, please fill out a Welcome Card from the pew rack to place in the offering plate or complete it online by scanning the QR code or visiting **bit.ly/smecvisitors**. Please introduce yourself to one of



our Clergy and we will be in touch to let you know more about our Parish Family.

Seeking membership in a parish is a very important step and it is our goal to support your understanding of our Parish, its ministries and your place in the life of St. Martin's. Our membership process begins by attending one of our quartely Membership 101 classes.

Contact: Kathy Johnson • 713-985-3834 • kjohnson@smec.org

ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

For general questions, contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040 during business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday–Friday).

For pastoral concerns during business hours, contact 713-985-3817 or pastoralcare@smec.org.

For pastoral emergencies after hours and weekends, call 713-621-3040 and follow the prompts to reach the priest on call.

For prayer requests, contact the prayer request line at 713-830-4124 or Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.

For death notifications and funerals, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@smec.org.

OUR STAFF AND VESTRY

SUNDAY PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. David Henning

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ST. MARTIN'S VESTRY

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Mrs. Nancy Bynon, Missions Chair

Ms. Sherrie Perkins, Treasurer

Mr. Logan Walters, Clerk

Mr. Tommy Ford, Past Senior Warden

Mr. Bob Heston, Jr., Parish Stewardship Chair

Mr. Andy Harvin, Chancellor*

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Mr. Milton West

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Mrs. Beth Reeves, Senior Council Representative 2023-2025

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Mrs. Shelly Newton, ECW President 2024-2025

Mr. Perry Ruthven, Men of St. Martin's President 2023-2025

Mr. John Sutherland, *Usher Representative* 2024-2026

*Denotes Associate Vestry filled at the discretion of the Rector.



Mrs. Summer Craig
Vestry Representative
Morning



The Hon. Edith JonesVestry Representative
Evening

OUR CLERGY

Jesus, The Christ The Head of This Church



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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 Your will be done.

With humble expectations, we pray this prayer in Jesus name, who we joyfully serve and love. Amen.

WE INVITE YOU TO KEEP THIS BOOKLET FOR REFERENCE.

