

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

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*September 8, 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.*
  - *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.*



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

# HOLY EUCHARIST

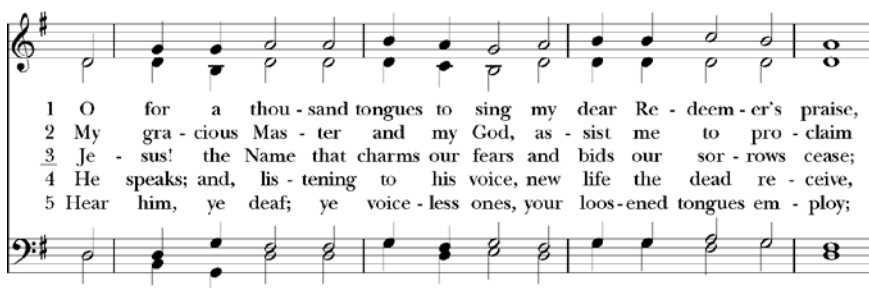
*Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.*

## VOLUNTARY ..... “Toccata in F”

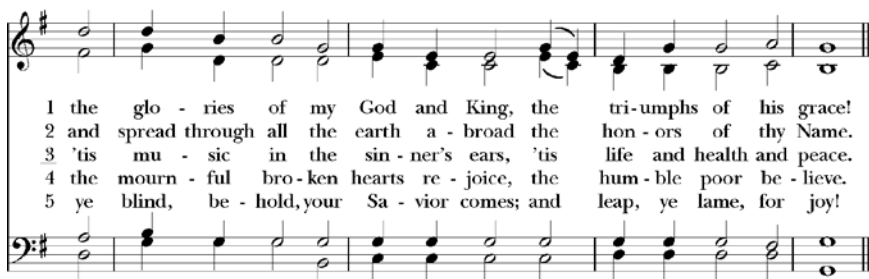
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

## \*HYMN 493 ..... “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.; Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784–1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792–1872).

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, my soul, the King of hea - ven;  
to his feet thy tri - bute bring; ran - somed,  
healed, re - stored, for - gi - ven, e - ver - more his  
prai - ses sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia! Praise the e - ver - las - ting King.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847); Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800–1880).

## 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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE LESSON** ..... Psalm 146

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*  
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

\*HYMN 603 (vs. 1-2).... “When Christ was Lifted from the Earth”

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his  
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and  
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -  
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture, us  
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us  
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 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

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

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

**THE GOSPEL** .....Mark 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go — the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The remaining readings for the day are on page 22.*

\*HYMN 603 (vs. 3-4).... “When Christ was Lifted from the Earth”

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his  
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and  
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -  
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

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*Please be seated.*

THE SERMON ..... The Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay



# 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 Church of the Province  
of Myanmar; for all bishops, priests and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, John, our Mayor,  
and the Congress and the Courts; and for all who govern and hold  
authority in the nations of the World;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in thy sight.**

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested,  
especially \_\_\_\_; for those who are hospitalized, especially \_\_\_\_; and for  
those on our continuing prayer list; have compassion on those who  
suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray for those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_; give to the departed  
eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers, \_\_\_\_; and we praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.**

In this moment of silence, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly in the privacy of their hearts.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The Minister says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*A moment of silence is observed.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# THE PEACE *(stand)*

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

**People:**   **And with thy spirit.**

*Please be seated.*

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# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see page 23 for classes and events.*

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# THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “Greater Love Hath No Man”  
John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins should live unto righteousness. Ye are wash’d, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath call’d you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Text: Holy Scripture; Music: John Ireland.

# 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.**

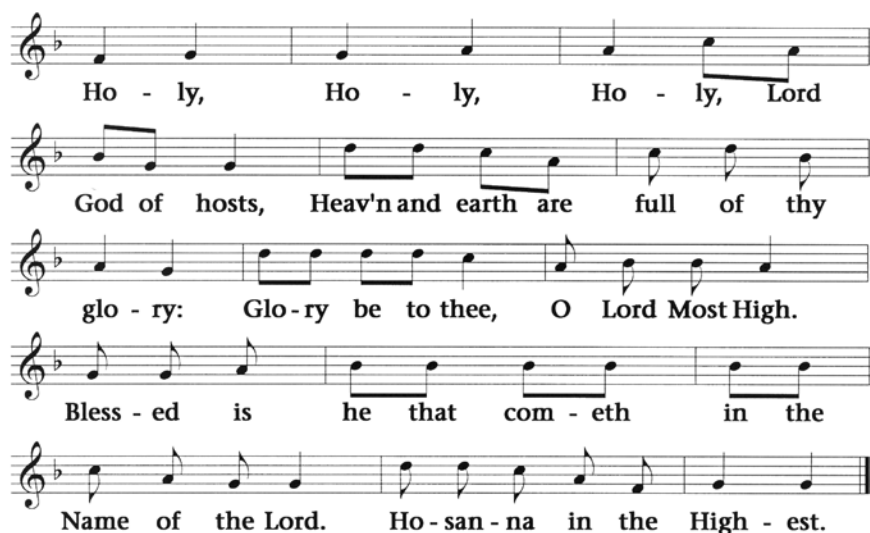
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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 ..... “Let Thy Merciful Ears”

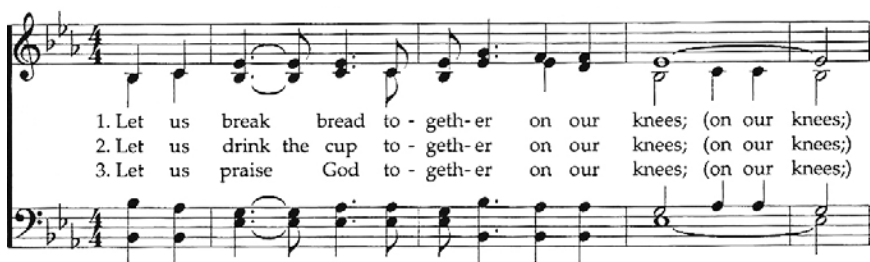
Thomas Mudd

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Text: Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity. © Oxford University Press 1969.



# 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.)

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual, arr. by Keith Phillips. © 1986 Word Music.

# HYMN 685 ..... “Rock of Ages”

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778), alt.; Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784–1872).

# HYMN ..... “Jesus, Remember Me”

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

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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 371 ..... “Thou, Whose Almighty Word”



1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing  
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!  
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!  
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780–1825), alt.; Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792–1872).

## THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

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

## VOLUNTARY ..... “Toccata Brevis”

Daniel Gawthrop

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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 ministries of the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay and the Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd



## BIRTHS

April 30

James David Hardie

Son of Kaki and Ryan Hardie

Grandson of Kathy and David Childress

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).

## 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](http://bit.ly/VestryNominations)

If you have any questions, please contact Brittney Pena at 713-985-3821 or [bjacobson@smec.org](mailto: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.**

# 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	Marguerite Hillgers	John Davis Roady
Carolyn Alban	Cecilia Illeman	Maggie Rodriguez
Harvey Altmann	Marilyn Ingham	Consuelo Saldana
Buck Anderson	Thelma Isenhardt	Caroline Searls
Scotty Arnoldy	Christine Jean	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Edith Avery	Mary and Jim Jennings	Caroline Shanahan
Shelly Bain	Bobby Jornayvaz	Diane Shelton
Beth Beathard	John Justice	Clif Shoemaker
Cory Blackburn	Sandra "Sandy" Justice	Bob Spencer
John Boysen	Mary Anne Kannard	Trish St. Jean Martin
Kenny Brown	Dick Kilday	Jim and Jan Stokes
Matthews Brown	Robin Kleinpeter	Hillary Stonger
Harry Burrow	Marjorie Krajian	Henry Suman
John Canon	Mary Tyler Labhart	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	Linda Maddux	Stephen Wedemeyer
Bobby de Sosa	Madelyn Markham	Marilyn Whitehurst
Linda de Sosa	Bill Maynard	Desyre Whittington
Ross Dunn	Janet McDaniel	Ann Winters
Becca Earhart	Adams McHenry	Stacy Wood
Stacey and John Elliott	Frances Melicks	Eric Zoerb
Paul Falgout	Len Menefee	Atticus
Mary Finucane	The Rev. Lisa Neilson	Cameron
Charles Flores	Stuart Nixon	Dave
Will Fogle	Deborah Oliver	Elizabeth and Scott
Susan Folk	Andrew O'Malley	Henry
Catherine Gonzales	Bob Paddock	Julie
Nancy Gore	Jim Paddock	Laura
Shea Guinn	Patty Pate	Louise
Cissy Gully	Colleen Paxton	Lynne
Bette Haidusek	Judy Peach	Phyllis Katharine
Cathy Haidusek	Ophelia Pujol	Roger
Ann Halverson	Barbara Quackenbush	Sarah
Jean Hatton	Phyllis Reinhardt	Stuart
Nancy Haywood	Julia Richards	
Mollie Hill	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	1st Lt. Alex Mullen
1LT. Tom Cadwallender	PFC. Parris F. Owen
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender	Corporal James W. Peoples
1st LCDR Casey Gainer	Lt. Paul Piana
LCDR Bradley Hoffman	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
Lt. Col. Wesley J. Hunnell	PO1 Brian Powell
2nd Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich	Sgt. Joel Rowell
Capt. Blake J. Kidd	PO Evan Tomlin
Capt. Jack Mullen	

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

## OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

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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 Anglican 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](https://bit.ly/oslservice)

# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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## THE OLD TESTAMENT ..... Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

## THE EPISTLE .....James 2:1-10, 14-17

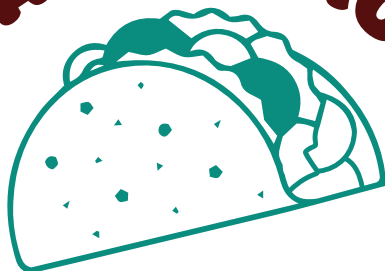
My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.



# WANNA TACO



## 'BOUT MINISTRY? LETTUCE GROW TOGETHER!

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

***PRIZES, FOOD AND MUSIC!***

*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.

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](mailto:jbrowning@smec.org) • 713-985-3806

# THIS SUNDAY

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## ✦ ADULTS

### MINISTRY FAIR

Join us in the Activity Center to learn more about how you can get involved at St. Martin's.

## ✦ STUDENT MINISTRIES

### SUNDAY GET-TOGETHERS

Students in grades 6–12 spend time in fellowship and discuss the Scriptures shared in worship.

*10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*

## ✦ CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children through 5th grade are given a solid foundation of Biblical and theological knowledge in age-appropriate ways.

*10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

### CHILDCARE

Available during all morning services for six-weeks through three-year-olds.

*8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



*To view all our Christian education options, scan the QR code or visit **[bit.ly/smecedu](http://bit.ly/smecedu)**.*

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

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SEPTEMBER 9–14, 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.

**Docent Tour** *Wednesday, 11 a.m. • The Church*  
The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church. To schedule a group tour or tours of other Campus locations, contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117.

**Faith in Literature** *Wednesday, 1 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom*  
Explore and discuss "Elon Musk" by Walter Isaacson.

**OSL Study Group** *Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom*  
Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing.

**St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *Wednesday, 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*  
Join a community of young adults who eat, pray and read Scripture together.

## MEN

**Men of St. Martin's** *Thursday • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*  
This mens' group meets for fellowship, mutual support and Bible study.

**Dads' Bible Study** *Thursday, 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*  
Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study.

## STUDENTS

**Life Groups** *Wednesday, 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*  
Students in grades 6–12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of the meal.

## EVENTS



*To view all our upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit **[bit.ly/smecevents](https://bit.ly/smecevents)**.*

## THE REV. DR. SUSE MCBAY



The Rev. Dr. Suse McBay, Ph.D. returns to St. Martin's as a guest Preacher on **Sunday, Sept. 8.** After nearly a decade at St. Martin's, Dr. McBay left our Parish in May 2023 to join Wycliffe Hall as a Tutorial Fellow at the University of Oxford in England.

Dr. McBay served St. Martin's as Associate for Christian Education, Prayer Ministries and Riverway. In her current role at Wycliffe Hall, she teaches biblical studies and homiletics and helps students consider the reality of ministry from a biblical perspective.

She grew up in Oxford, England and earned a master's in Theology from the University of Oxford. Dr. McBay holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chester in Second Temple Judaism, focusing on the Sibylline Oracles and the language of cosmic catastrophe and divine warrior myth in the Judeo-Christian tradition.

**Contact:** Juli Browning • [jbrowning@smec.org](mailto:jbrowning@smec.org) • 713-985-3845

## ST. MARTIN'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### CCSC Food Drive

**Pick up your bags**

**Sunday, Sept. 8 in**

**The Church Narthex and Parish Life Center Narthex**

Drop off your filled bags next Sunday, Sept. 15 in the Bagby Parish Hall porte cochère. Food donations most needed are canned chicken and tuna, hearty soups, and canned fruits and vegetables.

**Contact Tracee Tindol at [outreach@smec.org](mailto:outreach@smec.org)  
or 713-985-3811 for more information.**





## TOUR A GOTHIC-STYLE CHURCH WITHOUT LEAVING HOUSTON!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

**Following the 11:15 a.m. service**

**Meet in the Narthex**

St. Martin's docents offer free, public and private tours. Everyone is welcome regardless of religious affiliation. To schedule a tour, please call St. Martin's Docent Guild at 713-830-4117 and leave a contact name and number for a return call.



# 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](https://bit.ly/Membership-101)**  
*Case sensitive*

**CONTACT:** Kathy Johnson • [membership@smec.org](mailto:membership@smec.org) • 713-985-3834



**JUST  
FOR**  
SEPTEMBER  
*Small Groups*

Four-week study on the  
Book of Ruth

Registration ends Monday,  
Sept. 9



Registration: [bit.ly/justforsmallgroups](https://bit.ly/justforsmallgroups)

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



**THE MOMS' GROUP**

*Fall Kick-Off*

Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 11

9:15–10:30 a.m.

Children's Life Center, Large Pod

Join mothers of infants through 12th grade for a time of fellowship, teaching, prayer and support. Ashley Monachelli, Director of Children's Ministry, and the Rev. Naomi Sundara will host a practical Bible study about the Gospel of John.

We will look at how Jesus meets us in surprising ways.

*Childcare is provided for infants (6 weeks) through age 3.*

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



# 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)



## COMMUNION INSTRUCTION CLASS

Sundays Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13 and 20

10:15–11 a.m. • Activity Center

The Rev. Alex D. Graham III and Lay Minister Eric Priest will teach children in 2nd-5th grade what communion (also known as the "Eucharist" or the "Lord's Supper") is about. *Parental or significant adult participation is necessary to help children continue learning at home.*



For class schedule and registration,  
visit [bit.ly/communioninstruction](https://bit.ly/communioninstruction)

Contact: Rocio Velazquez • [rvelazquez@smec.org](mailto:rvelazquez@smec.org) • 713-985-3807

# Kick-Off Sunday

SEPTEMBER 15

## 8+ LECTIONARY CLASS WITH ST. MARTIN'S CLERGY

8:55 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

## THEOLOGY FOR LIFE WITH ST. MARTIN'S CLERGY AND GUESTS

"Things Jesus Never Said"

10:15 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

Sept. 15 – The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

Sept. 22 – The Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

Sept. 29 – Mr. Eric Priest

Oct. 6 – The Rev. Canon Dr. Victor Lee Austin

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION WITH THE REV. SHARRON COX

"The Kingdom of God is Within You: Cultivating the Interior Life in Christ"

10:15 a.m. | Founders' Hall

## FAMILY LIFE CLASS WITH THE REV. ALEX GRAHAM III

"The Art of Marriage: How to Maintain a Healthy and Vibrant Marriage"

10:15 a.m. | Activity Center, Game Room

## ADULT CONFIRMATION WITH THE REV. JOHN SUNDARA

10:15 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

To register, email [jbrowning@smec.org](mailto:jbrowning@smec.org)

## STUDENT SUNDAY MORNING GET-TOGETHERS

10:15 a.m. | Student Life Center

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:15 a.m. | Children's Life Center



To view all programs and ministries,  
scan the QR code or visit,  
[bit.ly/smededu](http://bit.ly/smededu)



ST. MARTIN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



717 STUDENTS

# CONFIRMATION

## ***PARENT MEETING***

Sunday, Sept. 15

10:15–11 a.m. • Student Life Center

This is an information meeting for families with students in grades 8-12 who are interested in confirmation at St. Martin's. We will discuss all the components and expectations of this preparatory class, including required acolyte services during your Confirmation year.

Registration for confirmation is open Sept. 1–Oct. 31 at  
**[bit.ly/studentconfirmation2025](http://bit.ly/studentconfirmation2025)**.

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

## RIVERWAY *At the MFAH!*

***SUNDAY, SEPT. 15***  
***1–4 P.M.***

Join Riverway as they continue to find ways to embrace theology and the arts at the Museum of Fine Arts. The Rev. Wesley Arning and artist Joy Hilley will be leading the group through the museum.



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

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

# STUDENT WORSHIP NIGHT

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**SUNDAY, SEPT. 15**

**5 – 6 P.M. • STUDENT LIFE CENTER**

Students in 6–12 grade are invited to join us for prayer, praise and music. Students are encouraged to take part in Scripture readings and music.

We are currently seeking students interested in becoming part of a student worship band!

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



## *Creative Writing* WORKSHOP

**SEPT. 18 • 7 P.M.  
CHAPEL RECEPTION HALL**

Registration:  
[bit.ly/rwcreativewriting](http://bit.ly/rwcreativewriting)

*This fall, St. Martin's will offer three creative workshops on writing poetry led by Dr. Matthew Boyleston.*

Dr. Boyleston is an author and professor of English and Writing at Houston Christian University. No previous experience in creative writing is necessary to join the workshop.

**Contact:** Amanda DeViney  
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*Hosted by*

 **RIVERWAY**



The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's Presents

*Melanie Shankle*

## BECOMING WHO GOD 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](https://bit.ly/ecwmain)

*Deadline to register: Sept. 16*

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 • [vriviera@smec.org](mailto:vriviera@smec.org) • 713-985-3817



**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

# Fall Retreat

**Oct. 4–6 • Camp Blessing, Brenham, TX**

**Cost: \$250 / Registration: [bit.ly/smecretreat](https://bit.ly/smecretreat)**

We'll take time away from our usual schedules for a weekend retreat. What a great way to spend time with God, while sharing in fellowship and making new friends. Transportation, lodging and meals are included in the registration fee.

**Contact:** T.D. Davis • [students@smec.org](mailto:students@smec.org) • 713-830-4132



**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.

## MEMBERSHIP

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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](http://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 quarterly Membership 101 classes.

Contact: Kathy Johnson • 713-985-3834 • [kjohnson@smec.org](mailto:kjohnson@smec.org)

## ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

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

For death notifications and funerals, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or [censign@smec.org](mailto:censign@smec.org).

# OUR STAFF AND VESTRY

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## SUNDAY PROGRAM STAFF

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## ST. MARTIN'S VESTRY

### **Vestry Executive Committee**

Mr. Dan Meyer, *Senior Warden*  
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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\**

### **Vestry Members**

Mr. Scott Anderson  
Mrs. Summer Craig  
Mrs. Elizabeth Dukes  
Mr. Will Hedges  
The Hon. Edith Jones  
Mr. David Leonard  
Mrs. Susan McConn  
Mr. Roy Nichol  
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Mr. Milton West

### **Associate Members**

The Hon. James A. Baker, III, *Special Counsel to the Vestry\**  
Mr. David Harvin, *Senior Council Representative 2023-2025*  
Mrs. Beth Reeves, *Senior Council Representative 2023-2025*  
Ms. Samantha Hutchison, *Altar Guild President 2024-2025*  
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.*



**The Hon. Edith Jones**  
*Vestry Representative*  
*Morning*



**Mrs. Susan McConn**  
*Vestry Representative*  
*Evening*

# OUR CLERGY

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## **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 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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