

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 15, 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.*
 - *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 “Symphony 2: Scherzo”

Louis Vierne

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

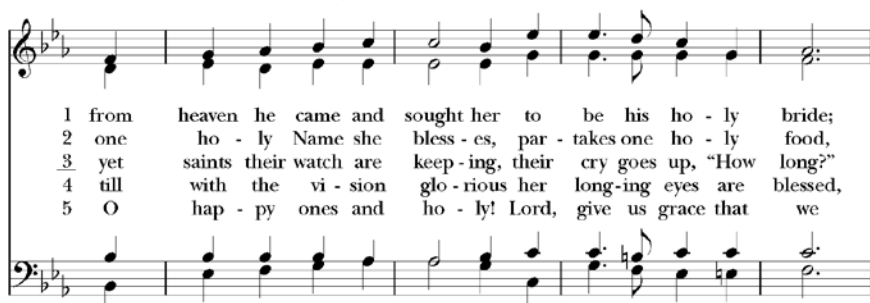
*HYMN 525 “The Church’s One Foundation”



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, “How long?”
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839–1900); Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818–1876).

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.*)

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 19:7-14

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

*HYMN 343 (vs. 1-2).....“Shepherd of Souls”

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELMark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on pages 25-26.

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1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “Having the Mind of God”

The Rev. Martin J. Bastian

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 Nigeria; 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, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage, we beseech thee, to take up our cross and follow him; 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 27 for classes and events.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS *(11:15 a.m.)*

Celebrant

Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of St. Martin's Episcopal Church. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

Presenter

I present these Christians to be welcomed as members of St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

Celebrant: Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church?

New Members: We do.

Celebrant: Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

New Members: We will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought these new members to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Hail, Gladdening Light”
Charles Wood

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured who is the immortal Father, heavenly blest, holiest of holies, Jesu Christ, our Lord. Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest, the lights of evening round us shine, we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine. Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung with undefiled tongue, Son of our God, giver of life, alone: therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

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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.

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.

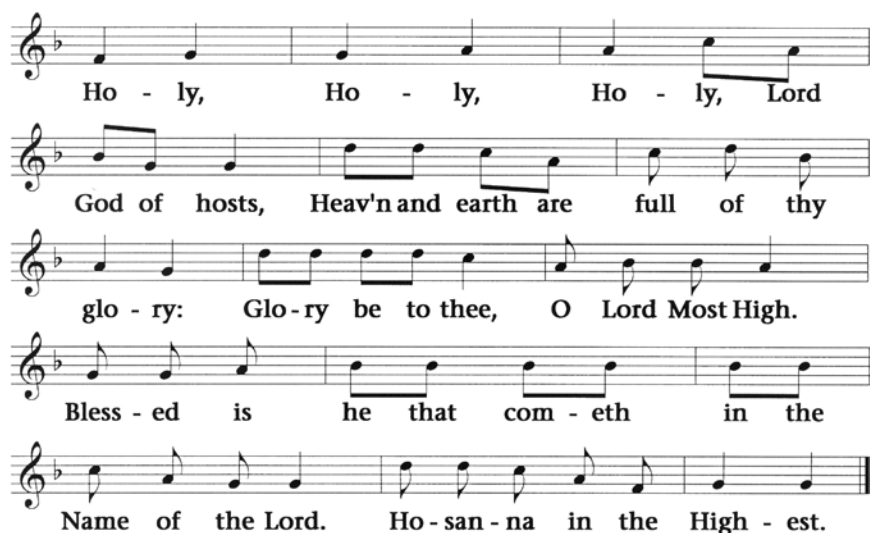
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.)



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

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

The Celebrant continues (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM *Celtic Alleluia*



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Then may be said

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Invitation.

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

ANTHEM “Adoramus Te”

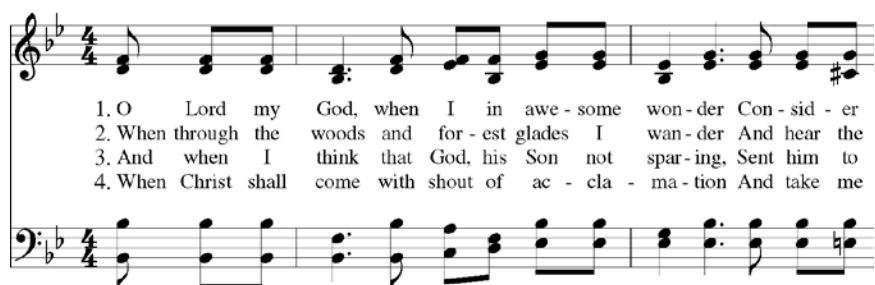
Eric William Barnum

Adoramus te Christe, et benedimus tibi. Quia per sanctam crucem et passionem tuam redemisti mundum. Domine, miserere nobis.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. For by your holy cross and passion you have redeemed the world. O Lord, have mercy upon us.

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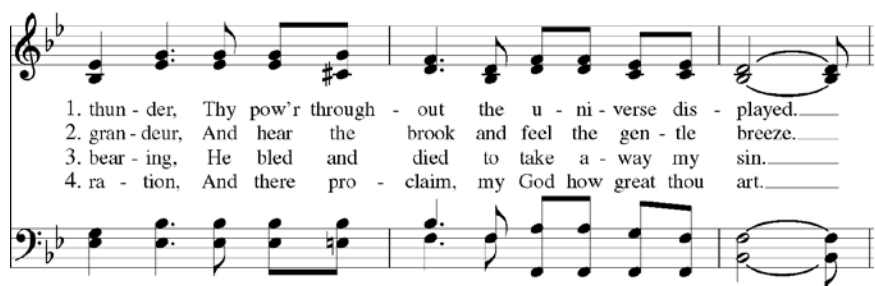
HYMN “How Great Thou Art”



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee:___ How great Thou

art,___ how great Thou art!___ Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

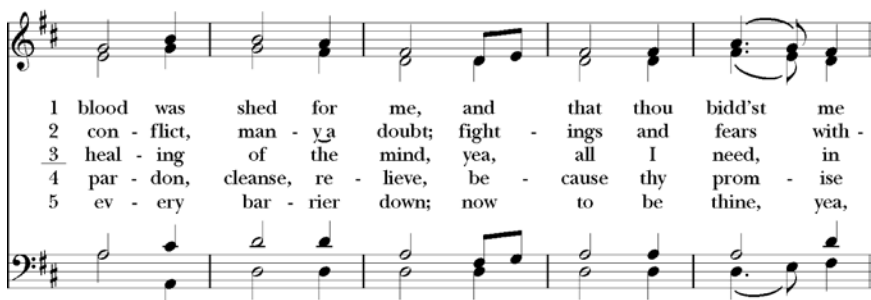
Thee:___ How great Thou art,___ how great Thou art!___

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HYMN 693 “Just As I Am”



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
 * 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken



1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
 here for a season, then above:
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871); Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816–1868).

HYMN "As the Deer"

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

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After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

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

THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 522 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Words: John Newton (1725–1807), alt.; Music: *Austria*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1807)..

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY “Toccata in Seven”
 John Rutter

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of Kevin Riehle

by St. Martin's Parish Choir



SYMPATHY

July 7 Mary Pleasant Eastham King

Aug. 27 Anne Wise Pullen

Sept. 1 Lynn Sinclair Zarr, Sr.

Sept. 4 Louis Raoul DelHomme

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	Nancy Haywood	Julia Richards
Carolyn Alban	Mollie Hill	Monica Rivera
Harvey Altmann	Marguerite Hillgers	John Davis Roady
Buck Anderson	Marilyn Ingham	Maggie Rodriguez
Scotty Arnoldy	Thelma Isenhardt	Consuelo Saldana
Edith Avery	Christine Jean	Caroline Searls
Shelly Bain	Mary and Jim Jennings	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Beth Beathard	Bobby Jornayvaz	Caroline Shanahan
Susan Beeley	John Justice	Diane Shelton
Cory Blackman	Sandra "Sandy" Justice	Clif Shoemaker
John Boysen	Mary Anne Kannard	Bob Spencer
Jennifer Broussard	Dick Kilday	Trish St. Jean Martin
Kenny Brown	Robin Kleinpeter	Jim and Jan Stokes
Matthews Brown	Marjorie Krajian	Hillary Stonger
Harry Burrow	Mary Tyler Labhart	Henry Suman
John Canon	Rhea Latta	Paul Therrien
Delonda Citrano	Bruce Michael Lee	Carlotta Thomas
Sammy A. Citrano III	Nancy Liles	Anne Thomson
Hallie Cooley	Nicole Holford Lockney	Grantland Wagner
Sam Cruse	Amanda Lodge	MaeJoyce Wagner
James Cunningham	Ryan Logan	Mary Watters
Gail Davis	Linda Maddux	Richard "Rit" Webb
Paul Davison	Patrick Maehs	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

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	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	

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.

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 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

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENTProverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
 in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
 at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
 and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
 I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
 have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
 and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
 I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
 and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
 when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
 they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
 and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
would have none of my counsel,
 and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
 and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
 and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
 and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLEJames 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

THIS SUNDAY

✚ ADULTS

8+ with the Rev. Elizabeth Miller

Discuss the lectionary readings of the day following the 8 a.m. service.

8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

THEOLOGY FOR LIFE with the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

“Things Jesus Never Said: God will not give you more than you can handle”

10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

See the second page of ads for more details.

FAMILY LIFE CLASS with the Rev. Alex Graham

“The Art of Marriage”

Parents of younger families meet to study how to maintain a healthy and vibrant marriage.

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

SPIRITUAL FORMATION with the Rev. Sharron Cox

“The Kingdom of God is Within You”

Learn how to cultivate the interior life in Christ amid so many competing thoughts, desires and motivations.

10:15 a.m. • Founders’ Hall

ADULT CONFIRMATION with the Rev. John Sundara

Discuss “The Book of Common Prayer,” the Sacraments and the Church’s history and polity to explore the Episcopal faith.

10:15 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



*To view all our Christian education options,
scan the QR code or visit **bit.ly/smecedu**.*

THIS SUNDAY

✦ 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

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

SEPTEMBER 16–21, 2024

ALL ADULTS

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

Faith in Literature *Tuesday, 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom*
Explore and discuss “Heaven and Earth Grocery Store” by James McBride.

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.

MEN

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

WOMEN

Christian Life Study
Join this women's Bible study and strengthen your relationship with God through the study of His word.

Evening Group *Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom*

Day Group *Thursday, 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center and via Zoom*

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**.*



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

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 • 713-985-3817

THEOLOGY *for* LIFE

Things Jesus Never Said

**Sundays, 10:15–11 a.m.
Bagby Parish Hall**

Have you heard these sayings before? We all have! Come and reflect on why these statements are so popular and how the Bible gives us a different perspective on what we often think is common sense.

Contact: Amanda DeViney
adeviney@smec.org
713-830-4110



SEPT. 15

"God will not give you more than you can handle!"

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden



SEPT. 22

"God helps those who help themselves!"

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson, Jr.



SEPT. 29

"Follow your heart! As long as you are happy, be true to yourself!"

Led by Eric Priest



OCT. 6

"Everything happens for a reason!"

Led by the Rev. Canon Dr. Victor Lee Austin



NEW BOOK STUDY!

Deep Roots: Good Books and Good Conversation

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

"The Four Loves" by C.S. Lewis

Sept. 24 | 6:15–7:45 p.m. | Chapel Reception Hall

In this new series, we're taking C. S. Lewis's advice to read the old books. We'll read a classic each month from the Christian tradition, with Dr. Hylden or special guests giving a talk and leading discussion. This month is Lewis's "The Four Loves," followed by Jacques Maritain on democracy (Oct. 29) and St. Athanasius on the Incarnation (Dec. 3).

St. Martin's has reserved seats at a Houston Ballet world premiere performance of C.S. Lewis's "The Four Loves" on Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wortham Theater Center.



For more information, to reserve childcare or to purchase ballet tickets, visit bit.ly/smecdeeproots or scan the QR code.

Contact: Amanda DeViney • adeviney@smec.org • 713-830-4110

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



CCSC Food Drive

Sunday, Sept. 15 | 9 a.m.-noon

**Drop off your filled bags at
Bagby Parish Hall Porte Cochère**

Drive through or hand your donations to the volunteers.

Food donations most needed are canned chicken and tuna, hearty soups,
and canned fruits and vegetables.

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

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.

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

STUDENT WORSHIP NIGHT

717 STUDENTS

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 • 713-985-3843

DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIVES

Monday, Sept. 16

9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Activity Center, Game Room



*For appointments visit,
bit.ly/smecblooddrive*

Contact: Victoria Wilson
events@smec.org • 713-985-3838



*Drew,
blood recipient*



**Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center**



**ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



ACTIVITY CENTER

SUPERVISED BRIDGE

MONDAYS

1–3 p.m. • Upper Hall West

This supervised play session is the perfect class for those who already know bridge fundamentals. Tom Jahnke offers suggestions and new techniques while guiding players in the game. **\$10 per class (cash/check in person)**

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

For more information, visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Contact | Victoria Wilson
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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

Contact: Rocio Velazquez • rvelazquez@smec.org • 713-985-3807

Creative Writing

WORKSHOP

SEPT. 18, OCT. 9 AND 30 • 7 P.M.
CHAPEL RECEPTION HALL

Registration:

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
adeviney@smec.org • 713-830-4110

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SERVANT SUNDAY



SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

9 and 11:15 a.m.

THE CHURCH

9:15 a.m. Family Table • 11:15 a.m. Riverway

PARISH LIFE CENTER

Servant Sunday is an annual recognition of those who participate in the many volunteer opportunities at St. Martin's.

Please join us to celebrate our volunteers.

Contact: Barbara Piana • bpiana@smec.org • 713-830-4116



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fall Retreat

Oct. 4–6 • Camp Blessing, Brenham, TX

Cost: \$250 / Registration: bit.ly/msretreatsmec

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 • 713-830-4132



THE GATHERING

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

Sept. 23
10 a.m – 1:30 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall



Wave Goodbye to Summer

September 23
Danette McMahon

Boats and waves painted on bubble wrap

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

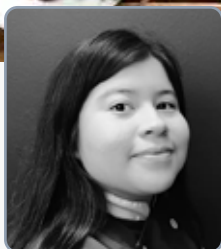


PARISH CHOIR CONCERT

Thursday, Sept. 26
7 p.m. | The Church

Our very own Parish Choir will sing the beautiful program that was so well received in Florence, Italy, at their recent tour. The program is free and open to the public. Hear the voices sing movements from Joseph Haydn's Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis De Deo and music by Tallis, Palestrina, Monteverdi, Ireland, Duruflé, Lauridsen, MacMillan, Ešenvalds and others.

Contact: Keith Lathrom
klathrom@smec.org • 713-985-3815



Chef Aylin Contreras

A CULINARY PASSPORT TO ITALIAN CUISINE!

Learn to make simple and delicious Italian classics in this hands-on cooking class with Chef Aylin Contreras.

Thursday, Oct. 10 • Parish Life Center, Kitchen
6–8 p.m. • Cost is \$75

Scan the QR code or sign up at
bit.ly/cafestmartinscooking1



Chef Contreras will teach techniques for preparing handmade potato gnocchi, homemade Bolognese sauce and tiramisu dessert cups.

Contact: Chrissy Kana • ckana@smec.org • 713-985-3806

Baptism Instruction Class

Saturday, Oct. 12

9-11:30 a.m.

Children's Life Center

The rite of Holy Baptism is a special occasion for St. Martin's — a service of joy that underscores the communal aspect of worship and expresses God's presence amid His people.

If you are interested in public baptism on All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 3, please sign up for this Baptism Instruction class by emailing Rocio Velazquez at rvelazquez@smec.org.



**JOY of
GIVING
MARKET**

**PREMIER
SHOPPING
PARTY**

**TUESDAY, OCT. 15
4-8 p.m.**

**Bagby Parish Hall,
Activity Center and
Parish Life Center**

*Enjoy food, festivities and
first looks at the wonderful
merchandise.*



\$20 advanced ticket / \$25 at the door

Tickets go on sale Monday, Sept. 23

To purchase tickets, visit
stmartinsepiscopal.org/joy-of-giving

Contact: Tracee Tindol
joyofgiving@smec.org • 713-985-3811



**ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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 quarterly 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 vriviera@smec.org.

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

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ST. MARTIN'S VESTRY

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Mr. Logan Walters, *Clerk*
Mr. Tommy Ford, *Past Senior Warden*
Mr. Bob Heston, Jr., *Parish Stewardship Chair*
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Mrs. Summer Craig
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Mr. Will Hedges
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Mr. David Leonard
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Mr. David Harvin, *Senior Council Representative 2023-2025*
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.*



Mr. Dan Meyer
Vestry Representative
Morning



Mrs. Summer Craig
Vestry Representative
Evening

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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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