

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

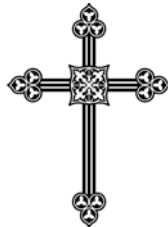
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*October 6, 2024*



## 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 ..... “Fanfare”

John Cook

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

## \*HYMN 594 ..... “God of Grace and God of Glory”

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

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

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

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

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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.**

**G L O R I A** (*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*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LESSON ..... Psalm 50:7-15

- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.
- 9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
nor he-goats out of your pens;
- 10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.
- 11 I know every bird in the sky, \*  
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.
- 13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and make good your vows to the Most High.
- 15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

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

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,  
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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

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

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

**THE GOSPEL** .....Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”


People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.


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

*The remaining readings for the day are on pages 23-24.*


\*HYMN 488 (vs. 3)..... “Be Thou My Vision”




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



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



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



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

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*Please be seated.*

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THE SERMON ..... The Rev. John D. Sundara

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# THE NICENE CREED *(stand)*

*Celebrant and People*

**I believe in one God,**

**the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation**

**came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the**

**Virgin Mary,**

**and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;**

**and the third day he rose again according to  
the Scriptures,**

**and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,  
and he shall come again, with glory,**

**to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,**

**who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;**

**who with the Father and the Son together**

**is worshiped**

**and glorified;**

**who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission  
of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneel)*

*Minister and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly  
serve thee;

**That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our  
Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our bishops; the Clergy  
of this Parish; for our Search Committee and the fifth Rector; in the  
Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Church of  
Papua New Guinea; 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 loving hand hath given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor thee with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty, 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 25 for classes and events.*

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# THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “Here I Am, Lord”  
Daniel Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make the darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my people’s pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone, I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life for them. Whom shall I send?

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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.**

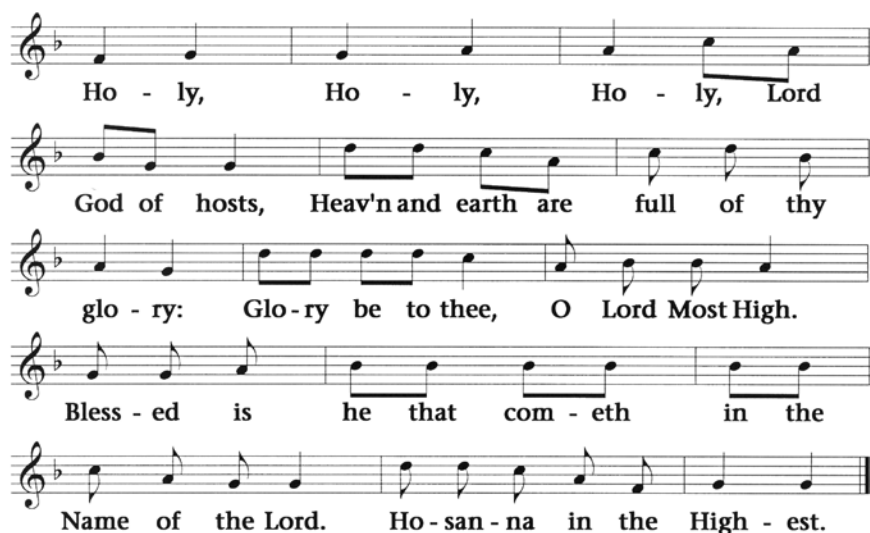
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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 ..... “O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give thee back the life I owe, That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

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# HYMN 707 ..... “Take My Life and Let It Be”

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

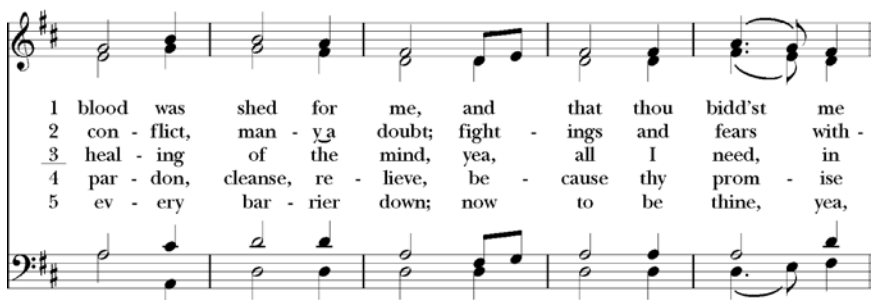
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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

# 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).

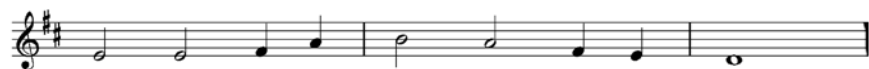
# HYMN 686 ..... “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



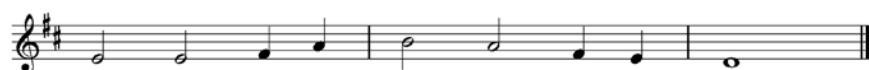
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735–1790), alt.; Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813.

*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.*

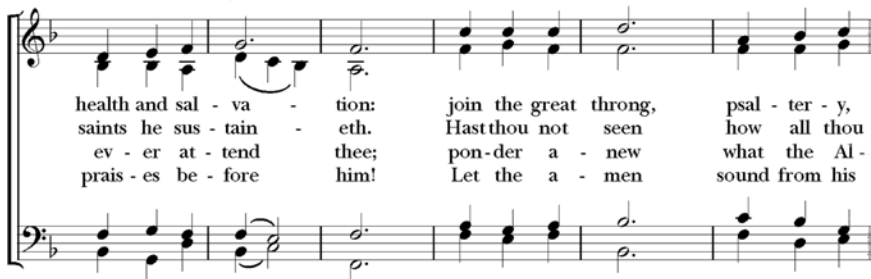
# HYMN 390 ..... "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"



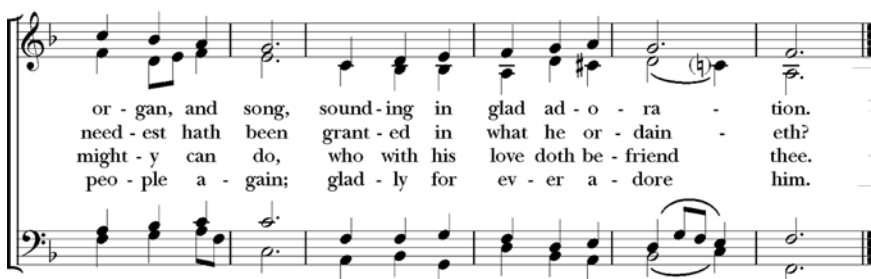
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with



health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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

# THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

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

**VOLUNTARY** ..... “Finale Jubilante”  
Healey Willan

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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 ministry of the Rev. Canon Dr. Victor Lee Austin  
In memory of Sells Neuhaus  
by Becky Neuhaus and family



### BAPTISMS

Sept. 28 Luke Walker Davis  
Griffin Robert Guthneck, Jr.  
John Paul Laurent II



### SYMPATHY

Sept. 6 Carol Norwood Scott  
Sept. 23 Keith Paul  
Sept. 24 Jane Park Boyles

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).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Individuals are included on the Continuing Prayers list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

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

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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).

***Please circle the name of any loved one that you would like to remain on our Continuing Prayer list, tear out this sheet of your bulletin and place it in the Prayer List box in the Narthex. You may also email Valerie Rivera at [vriviera@smec.org](mailto:vriviera@smec.org) with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.***

## 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 .....Job 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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## THE EPISTLE ..... Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

# THIS SUNDAY

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## ✚ ADULTS

**8+** with the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

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. Canon Dr. Victor Lee Austin  
“Things Jesus Never Said: Everything happens for a reason”

Reflect on why popular sayings are so popular and how the Bible gives us a different perspective on what we often think is just common sense.

*10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*



*The Rev. Canon Victor Lee Austin, Ph.D., is canon theologian-in-residence for the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. Previously, he served as theologian-in-residence at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue and, before that, as a parish priest in the Hudson Valley. He is the author of several books on topics such as friendship, authority and an introduction to Christian ethics. Dr. Austin is also the author of a theological memoir, “Losing Susan: Brain Disease, the Priest’s Wife, and the God Who Gives and Takes Away,” from which he will draw for his presentation today.*

**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



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# THIS SUNDAY

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## ✦ 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*

### COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

Children in second through fifth grade learn about communion (also known as the “Eucharist” or the “Lord’s Supper”).

*10:15 a.m. • Activity 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

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OCTOBER 7-12, 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.

**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.

**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.

## MEN

**Dads' Bible Study** *Thursday, 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*  
Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship 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](https://bit.ly/smecevents)**.*



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**Stewardship  
2025**



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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**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.

## BLESSING of the ANIMALS

**Sunday, Oct. 6 • 5 p.m.**  
**The Wayside Chapel**

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of animals, all are invited to bring their pets for a special service dedicated to blessing all creatures great and small.

Pet food donations to service local shelters will be collected by Children's Ministry.

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



# THEOLOGY *for* LIFE

## HOPE IN HARD TIMES: THE PROPHETS FOR TODAY

*Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden*

Tumultuous times. Judgment. A divided nation. Fearsome enemies. Poor leadership. Does any of this sound familiar? This was the world of the Old Testament prophets, as they spoke God's word to Israel during some challenging years, not only in judgment but also to give hope that God was faithful and still at work for the good of His beloved chosen people.

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



### SUNDAYS

**Oct. 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3 and 17**  
**10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall**

- Hosea and Amos: The Day of the Lord
- Jonah: God Loves Nineveh Too?
- Habakkuk: Is God Listening?
- Ezekiel and Jeremiah: Judgment and Hope
- Isaiah: Comfort, O Comfort My People



## contemplative PRAYER HOUR

*Facilitated by the Rev. Sharron Cox*

**Sundays » Oct. 13 | Nov. 3 | Dec. 8 | Jan. 12 | Feb. 9 | March 9 | April 6 | May 11**  
10:15–11 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center, Bride's Parlor

Benedictine monk and Roman Catholic priest, Laurence Freeman, asserts, "To meditate is to become a student of love." Gather for a time of silent prayer and sharing as we grow to learn to love as God loves. All are welcome, whether you have experience in quiet prayer or not.

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





**JOY of  
GIVING  
MARKET**

## **PANTRY PRE-SALES!**

**Starts:** Monday, Sept. 30 at 9 a.m.

**Closes:** Friday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m.

Make your holiday planning a breeze or your weeknights easier! Order your Joy of Giving ECW Pantry items before the Market to ensure you get your favorites.

- Bacon-Wrapped Tamales
- All Beef Lasagna
- Pimento Cheese Grits
- Cinnamon Buttermilk Coffee Cake
- Tasty Trash

### *Or try our exciting new items!*

- Spinach Empanadas
- Chicken Pot Pie
- Bread Pudding
- AND MORE!

And if you miss out on the pre-sale or just need to stock up on more of your favorites, visit the Pantry booth in Bagby Parish Hall Refectory during the Market, Oct. 15–17.

Visit [smec.org/joy-of-giving](https://smec.org/joy-of-giving) to see the full menu and order.

**Contact:** Tracee Tindol • [joyofgiving@smec.org](mailto:joyofgiving@smec.org) • 713-985-3811



## **ACTIVITY CENTER**

### **WATERCOLOR PAINTING**

**Mondays and Wednesdays**  
**10:30–11:30 a.m. | Fellowship Room**

Enjoy fellowship and watercolor painting each week with supplies and inspiration provided. It's open to everyone!

**MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!**  
Visit [bit.ly/smecactivitycenter](https://bit.ly/smecactivitycenter)

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ST. MARTIN'S  
**OUTREACH**  
MINISTRIES

CHURCH  
IN THE  
FIELD

## Church in the Field

**Tuesday, Oct. 8 | 6:30-9 p.m.**

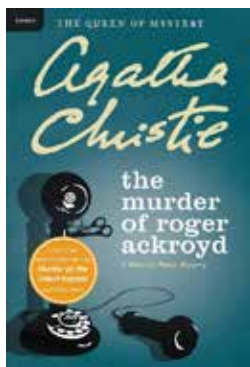
**Meet in St. Martin's parking lot**

Church in the Field ministers to the homeless in downtown Houston by serving a meal, serving as prayer partners and providing praise music for the worship service once a month. Volunteers, age 18 and older, carpool to the service. **Sign up to provide desserts at [bit.ly/citfdesserts](http://bit.ly/citfdesserts) or scan QR code.**

**To sign up, contact Tracee Tindol at 713-985-3811 or [outreach@smec.org](mailto:outreach@smec.org).**



# DAY GROUP



**1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Oct. 9**  
**Children's Life Center, Room 132 and**  
**Via Zoom | [bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom](http://bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom)**

While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

*This month, we discuss "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd" by Agatha Christie.*

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



THE MOMS' GROUP

# MIXER

**Wednesday**  
**Oct. 9 • 7–9 p.m.**

## Los Tios Mexican Restaurant

5161 San Felipe • Houston, TX 77056

*All moms of infants through 12th grade are welcome!*



For registration, scan the QR code or visit  
[bit.ly/momsgroupmixer](https://bit.ly/momsgroupmixer)

**Contact:** Ashley Monachelli  
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*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](https://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 contacting Rocio Velazquez at [rvelazquez@smec.org](mailto:rvelazquez@smec.org) or 713-985-3807.*



## Deep Roots: Good Books and Good Conversation

*Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden*

*"Christianity and Democracy" by Jacques Maritain*

**Oct. 29 | 6:15–7:45 p.m. | Chapel Reception Hall**

We live in a contentious time, where it can sometimes seem like our arguments are as noisy as they are shallow. Yet we possess a great inheritance of wisdom in the Christian tradition that can shake up our present-day perspective and give us deeper roots in richer soil, if only we would seek it out.

*"Christianity and Democracy" is available at St. Martin's Gift Shoppe or wherever fine books are sold.*

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ST. MARTIN'S  
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## 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).

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



**Mrs. Susan McConn**  
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*Morning*



**The Hon. Edith Jones**  
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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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