TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 13, 2024



OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me ..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

We want to invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

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





HOLY EUCHARIST

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

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





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

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA (said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



 $Words: Henry\ Francis\ Lyte\ (1793-1847); Music: \textit{Lauda anima}, John\ Goss\ (1800-1880).$

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,

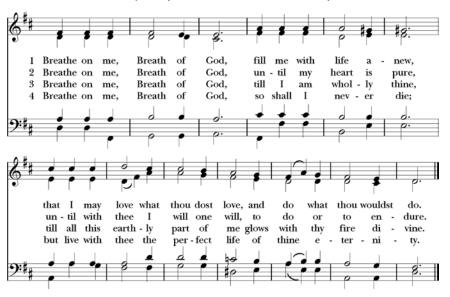
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 508 (vs. 1-2)...."Breathe on Me, Breathe of God"



Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.; Music: Nova Vita, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

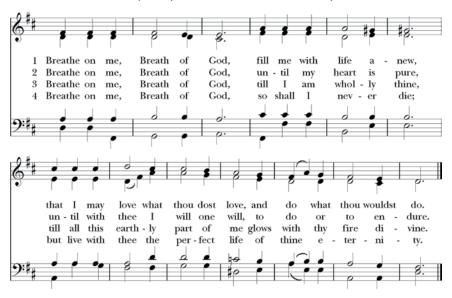
Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age — houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on page 24.

*HYMN 508 (vs. 3-4)....."Breathe on Me, Breathe of God"



Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.; Music: Nova Vita, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

Please be seated.

THE SERMON" "With All Your Heart" The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

THE NICENE CREED (stand)

Celebrant and People

I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation

came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the

Virgin Mary,

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again according to

the Scriptures,

and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,

and he shall come again, with glory,

to judge both the quick and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

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

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;

who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;

and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (kneel)

Minister and People pray responsively Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

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

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our bishops; the Clergy of this Parish; for our Search Committee and the fifth Rector; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines; 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 25 for classes and events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM" "Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace" John Rutter

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; and all for thy mercy's sake, O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, to eternal life.

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AT THE PRESENTATION (stand)

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

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: And of thine own have we given thee.



Words: Isaac Watts (1674—1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637—1711); Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?—1561?).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

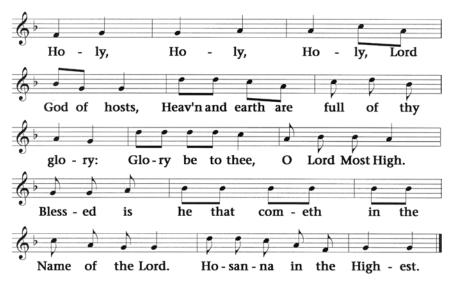
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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!



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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.

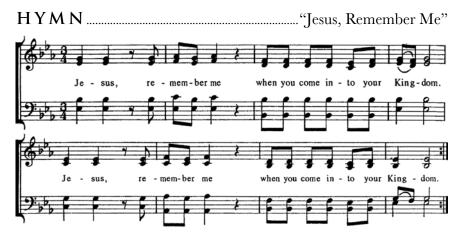
The Celebrant says the Invitation.

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.

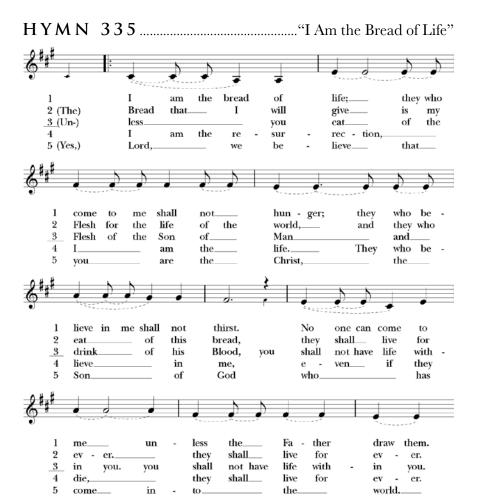
ANTHEM"O for a Closer Walk" Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made Thee mourn, and drove Thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800).



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

Celebrant and People

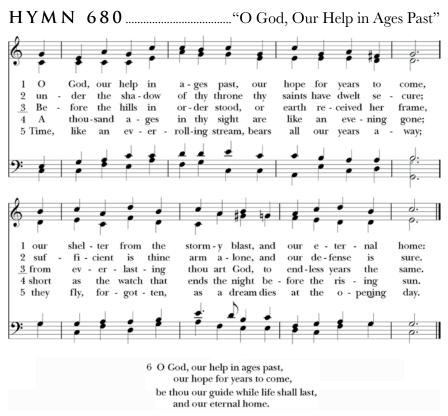
Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate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

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

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

THE BLESSING

All stand.



Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90; Music: St. Anne, melody att. William Croft (1678–1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanks giving for the 100th birthday of Sadie Gwin Allen Blackburn by her family

In thanksgiving for Charles Newton Cain

by Marjorie and Walker Cain

In memory of our son, Christopher Clinton Fox, for his 37th birthday

by Stephanie and Clinton Fox

In memory of Jim Weatherly

by Cindy Weatherly



BIRTHS

July 8 Charles Newton Cain

Son of Anne-Marie and Walker Cain Grandson of Marjorie and James Walker Cain



BAPTISMS

Oct. 5 Edward William Angus Parnell

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 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 Thelma Isenhart Chelsea Seymour Edith Avery Shelly Bain Christine Jean Helen and Jim Shaffer Susan Beeley Mary and Jim Jennings Caroline Shanahan Cory Blackman Bobby Jornayvaz Diane Shelton Clif Shoemake John Boysen John Justice Jennifer Broussard Sandra "Sandy" Justice Fran Gardner Shores Kenny Brown Mary Anne Kannard **Bob Spencer** Matthews Brown Dick Kilday Trish St. Jean Martin Gary Browning Robin Kleinpeter Jim and Jan Stokes Hillary Stonger Harry Burrow Searcy Kracke Henry Suman John Canon Marjorie Krajian Delonda Citrano Mary Tyler Labhart Paul Therrien Sammy A. Citrano III Rhea Latta Carlotta Thomas Bruce Michael Lee Hallie Cooley Grantland Wagner Sam Cruse Nancy Liles MaeJoyce Wagner James Cunningham Nicole Holford Lockney Mary Watters Gail Davis Richard "Rit" Webb Amanda Lodge Paul Davison Ryan Logan Stephen Wedemeyer Marilyn Whitehurst Bobby de Sosa Linda Maddux Linda de Sosa Patrick Maehs Desvre Whittington Ross Dunn Madelyn Markham Ann Winters Connie Dver Bill Maynard Stacy Wood Eric Zoerb Becca Earhart Janet McDaniel Russell Ekblad Adams McHenry Atticus Frances Melicks Stacey and John Elliott Cameron Paul Falgout Len Menefee Dave

Michael Finn Stuart Nixon Elizabeth and Scott

Mary Finucane Deborah Oliver Enzo
Charles Flores Andrew O'Malley Henry
Will Fogle Bob Paddock Julie
Susan Folk Jim Paddock Laura
Catherine Gonzales Patty Pate Lynne

Nancy Gore Colleen Paxton Phyllis Katharine

Shea Guinn Judy Peach Roger
Bette Haidusek Ophelia Pujol Sarah
Cathy Haidusek Barbara Quackenbush Stuart

Ann Halverson Phyllis Reinhardt Jean Hatton Julia Richards

Please be advised that the weeks after Easter and All Saints' Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Prayers for those on Active Military Duty in the Armed Forces:

Lt. Col. Julian Benton
1LT. Tom Cadwallender
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender
1st LCDR Casey Gainer
LCDR Bradley Hoffman
Lt. Col. Wesley J. Hunnell

2nd Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich Capt. Blake J. Kidd Capt. Jack Mullen

1st Lt. Alex Mullen PFC. Parris F. Owen Corporal James W. Peoples

Lt. Paul Piana

Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant

PO1 Brian Powell Sgt. Joel Rowell PO Evan Tomlin

Please be advised that each year the week after Veterans Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Military Service Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.

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 vrivera@smec.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

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

- 12 So teach us to number our days* that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

THE EPISTLEHebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

THIS SUNDAY

▶ ADULTS

8+ with the Rev. Marty Bastian
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 "Hope in Hard Times: The Prophets for Today – Hosea and Amos" Explore the world of the Old Testament prophets as they spoke God's word to Israel during some challenging years.

10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER with the Rev. Sharron Cox Spend a morning in silent prayer and sharing as we grow to learn to love as God loves.

10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center, Bride's Parlor

ADULT CONFIRMATION with the Rev. Wesley Arning 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

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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Programs that occur Monday—Thursday in Bagby Parish Hall, Activity Center and Parish Life Center will not meet this week due to the Joy of Giving Market.

ALL ADULTS

Visit Our Gothic-style Church *Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.* • *The Church* The Church will be open for viewing. To schedule a group tour or tours of other Campus locations, contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117.

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

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

MEN

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

STUDENTS

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

EVENTS



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



YOUR PLEDGE TO ST. MARTIN'S DIRECTLY BENEFITS THE MINISTRIES THAT ALLOW US TO GROW IN OUR FAITH.

It is a privilege to make possible our Lord's work. St. Martin's is here for you because of your financial support!

Scan this QR Code or use the link to make your 2025 pledge today - Online!

bit.ly/StMartinsAbundant





Join St. Martin's in supporting our Disaster Relief Efforts.

Please support St. Martin's Disaster Relief Fund today. Your urgent gift will provide critical supplies such as food and water, pastoral care and other immediate needs to help people affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Every donation counts! Please keep affected families and communities in your prayers as they recover.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION.

To donate, visit **bit.ly/givetosmec** and select the **Disaster Relief Fund** from the menu. If paying by check, please note the Disaster Relief Fund and hurricane name(s).



Joy of Giving Market is the perfect start to the holiday season!



Premier Shopping Party

Enjoy food, festivities and first looks at the wonderful merchandise

Tuesday, Oct. 15 • 4 – 8 p.m. \$20/ticket in advance. Buy them today in the breezeway!

Pre-sales close at 10 p.m. tonight
\$25/ticket at the door

Additional Market Days and Hours

Free Admission. Wide variety of items perfect for holiday shopping.

Wednesday, Oct. 16 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17

10 a.m. – 3 p.m

Visit **smec.org/joy-of-giving** for more information.



SPIRITUAL FORMATION

SUNDAYS, OCT. 20 AND 27 10:15-11 A.M. • FOUNDERS' HALL

The Kingdom of God is Within You: Cultivating the Interior Life in Christ Led by the Rev. Sharron L. Cox

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus redirects His followers from thinking that the Kingdom of God, or the reign of God, is an external event that will come into physical existence either during his lifetime or sometime in the future. Instead, Jesus says, "'... the kingdom of God is within you.'" (Luke 17:21)

If the Kingdom of God is within us, how do we make room for Christ with so many competing thoughts, desires and motivations? Come for prayer and conversation!

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



Contact: T.D. Davis

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Sole Hope

Shoe-Cutting at Home October 2024 Project Sign-up Required at bit.ly/solehopeathome

Cut and prepare fabric uppers from old denim for Sole Hope's Ugandan cobblers to handcraft shoes for vulnerable kids. No skills required and all supplies are provided. Kits are available for pick-up **by sign-up** from the Front Desk on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and should be returned to the same location by 3 p.m. the following Monday. **Sign up at bit.ly/solehopeathome is required.**

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

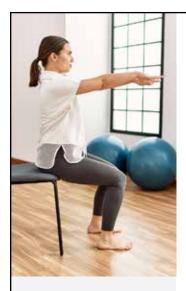


games and prizes. All students in grades 6–12 are invited. There is no cost for this event.

Contact

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





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

ACTIVITY CENTER

CHAIR PILATES

WEDNESDAYS Noon–12:45 p.m. Aerobics Room

This class helps to strengthen and lengthen your muscles, improve your posture, build a strong core and allows you to benefit from a mind/body connection. All exercises are performed with the help of a chair.

Open to all levels.

Contact | Victoria Wilson activitycenter@smec.org • 713-985-3835



ORPHEUS

CHAMBER SINGERS

Friday, Oct. 25 • 7 p.m. • The Church

St. Martin's welcomes the Dallas-based Orpheus Chamber Singers, a premier professional choir based in North Texas. Led by Artistic Director J.D. Burnett, Orpheus open their 30th anniversary season with works by Uģis Praulinš, Johannes Brahms, Carlos Cordero and Ayanna Woods. The event will also showcase a world premiere by Maxwell Kaye, the winner of the student composition competition.

This concert is presented by St. Martin's Episcopal Church and is free and open to the public.



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



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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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Register by Oct. 31 at bit.ly/studentconfirmation2025

St. Martin's Student Confirmation class gives students the opportunity to learn about and think through the Christian message in a more intentional manner than ever before. Through classes, discussion, fellowship, service projects and retreat, these students will be led through the journey from childhood to adult faith.

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

MEMBERSHIP

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



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

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

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

ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

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

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

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

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

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

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Mr. Milton West

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Mrs. Beth Reeves, Senior Council Representative 2023-2025

Ms. Samantha Hutchison, *Altar Guild President* 2024-2025

Mrs. Shelly Newton, ECW President 2024-2025

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

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

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



Mrs. Sherrie Perkins Vestry Representative Morning



Mr. Milton West Vestry Representative Evening

OUR CLERGY

Jesus, The Christ The Head of This Church



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Heavenly Father,

As a community of believers, we come together in prayer seeking Your guidance as St. Martin's Episcopal Church continues the search for our fifth rector. May we be blessed with Your Holy Spirit's wisdom and discernment. We especially ask that You guide the hearts and minds of the Search Committee who will be deeply involved in this choice. Lord Jesus, shepherd Your flock with tender care and love. Give us patience as we wait, trusting in Your gracious provision. Guide us, Oh Lord, as we navigate this season of change, knowing that You are with us every step of the way. Our fervent prayer is that Your will be done.

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

WE INVITE YOU TO KEEP THIS BOOKLET FOR REFERENCE.

