TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 20, 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.



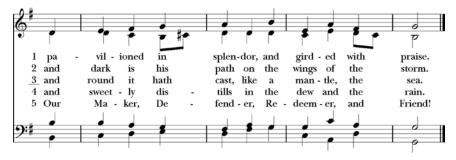


HOLY EUCHARIST

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: Robert Grant (1779–1838); Music: Hanover, att. William Croft (1678–1727).

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: 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, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONPsalm 34:1-8, 19-22

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 660 (vs. 1-2).............O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"



Words: Washington Gladden (1836–1918); Music: Maryton, Henry Percy Smith (1825–1898).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it." And they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Jesus said to them, "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on pages 24-25.





Words: Washington Gladden (1836–1918); Music: Maryton, Henry Percy Smith (1825–1898).

Please be seated.

THE NICENE CREED (stand)

Celebrant and People

I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation

came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the

Virgin Mary,

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again according to

the Scriptures,

and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,

and he shall come again, with glory,

to judge both the quick and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

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

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;

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

who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (kneel)

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

That we all may be one.

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

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our bishops; the Clergy of this Parish; for our Search Committee and the fifth Rector; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Church of Rwanda; 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 26 for classes and events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEMRequiem, "Kyrie"

Maurice Duruflé

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

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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.

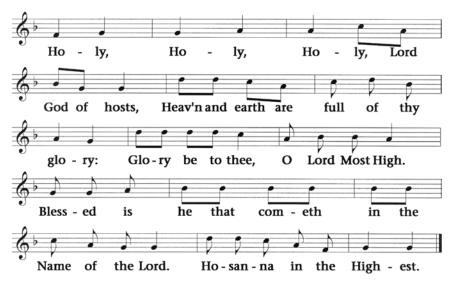
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi cáritas et ámor, Déus ibi est. Congregávit nos in únum Chrísti ámor. Exsultémus et in ípso jucundémur. Timeámus et amémus Déum vívum. Et ex córde diligámus nos sincéro. Amen.

Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart, let us love one another. Amen.

Text: Antiphon for the washing of feet, Maundy Thursday Eucharist. Music: Gregorian Chant, setting by Maurice Duruflé. ©Durand Editions Musicales, 1960.



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



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)...



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.



Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813–1886); Music: Moscow, melody Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); harm. The New Hymnal, 1916 based on Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792–1892).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People:	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!	
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	Maurice Duruflé	_

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage

by Laura Patricia Gorden and Thomas John Wolff

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Mia Sidney Davis

by Mary and Bobby Davis

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Reed Stephen McLean

by Taylor and David McLean



SYMPATHY

Oct. 3 Susan Brown (Cissy) Gully

Oct. 5 Mary Elizabeth Snellgrove

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 John Davis Roady Carolyn Alban Mollie Hill Maggie Rodriguez Harvey Altmann Consuelo Saldana Marguerite Hillgers Caroline Searls Buck Anderson Wendy Hurt Scotty Arnoldy Marilyn Ingham Chelsea Seymour Helen and Jim Shaffer Edith Avery Thelma Isenhart Shelly Bain Christine Jean Caroline Shanahan Susan Beeley Mary and Jim Jennings Diane Shelton Cory Blackman Bobby Jornayvaz Clif Shoemake John Boysen John Justice Fran Gardner Shores Jennifer Broussard Sandra "Sandy" Justice Joel Speights Kenny Brown Mary Anne Kannard **Bob Spencer** Matthews Brown Dick Kilday Trish St. Iean Martin Gary Browning Robin Kleinpeter Jim and Jan Stokes Harry Burrow Searcy Kracke Hillary Stonger John Canon Marjorie Krajian Henry Suman Delonda Citrano Mary Tyler Labhart Paul Therrien Sammy A. Citrano III Rhea Latta Carlotta Thomas

Bruce Michael Lee Grantland Wagner Hallie Cooley Nancy Liles MaeJoyce Wagner Sam Cruse James Cunningham Nicole Holford Lockney Mary Watters Richard "Rit" Webb Gail Davis Amanda Lodge Stephen Wedemeyer Paul Davison Ryan Logan Bobby de Sosa Linda Maddux Marilyn Whitehurst Linda de Sosa Patrick Maehs Ann Winters Ross Dunn Madelyn Markham Stacy Wood Connie Dver Eric Zoerb Bill Maynard Becca Earbart Tom McDade Atticus Russell Ekblad Janet McDaniel Cameron

Adams McHenry Frances Melicks Elizabeth and Scott Paul Falgout

Dave

Michael Finn Len Menefee Enzo Mary Finucane Stuart Nixon Harold Charles Flores Deborah Oliver Henry Will Fogle Andrew O'Malley Julie Susan Folk Bob Paddock Laura Catherine Gonzales Jim Paddock Lynne

Phyllis Katharine Nancy Gore Patty Pate

Rev. Alex Graham Colleen Paxton Roger Judy Peach Shea Guinn Sarah Bette Haidusek Ophelia Pujol Stuart Cathy Haidusek Phyllis Reinhardt Wayne

Ann Halverson Julia Richards Jean Hatton Monica Rivera

Stacev and John Elliott

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

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

THE OLD TESTMANT......Isaiah 53:4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.
Out of his anguish he shall see light;

READINGS FOR THE DAY

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

THE EPISTLEHebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

> "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

THIS SUNDAY

▶ ADULTS

8+ with the Rev. Lisa Neilson
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 – Jonah" 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

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



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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

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Students in grades 6-12 will train as an acolyte for traditional worship services in The Church.

12:30 p.m. • The Church

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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ALL ADULTS

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

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

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

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

The Moms' Group *Wednesday*, 9:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for a book study and fellowship.

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.



Pray and ask for God's guidance on how to respond to His generosity. PROMISE! Make a financial commitment that helps St. Martin's plan.







Our Clergy and Ministry Leaders have worked to create meaningful worship, ministry and outreach opportunities for our Parish and we cannot fulfill these programs without the support of our Parish Family.

PLEDGE TODAY

Scan this QR Code to make your 2025 pledge today - Online!



Contact Ashley Pratka: apratka@smec.org | 346-335-8658





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).





SUNDAY, OCT. 20 5-7 P.M. • STUDENT LIFE CENTER

Join us for a harvesttime costume party with food, 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



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.

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









ACTIVITY CENTER

Walk-it-Off

Mondays and Fridays
10:30–11:15 a.m. | Aerobics Room

Join Angela for a fun, low-impact cardio class with easy-to-follow steps. Get the equivalent of a 1-mile walk in 30 minutes of work, followed by 15 minutes of stretching. Open to all levels.

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

For more information, visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter

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



EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Oct. 22 | 7-8:30 p.m. Children's Life Center, Room 109 and Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom



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 Stranger" by Albert Camus.

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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



CCSC Work Day

Saturday, Oct. 26 | 9 a.m.-noon 3434 Branard, Houston, TX 77027

Organize and distribute food at the Emergency Services location for the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). Please come and go as needed. Children 10+ are encouraged to join.

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



ACOLYTE TRAINING

Sunday, Oct. 27 • 10:15 a.m. *The Church*

Students in grades 6–12 are invited to train as an acolyte for traditional worship services in The Church.

Contact: T.D. Davis

td@smec.org • 713-830-4132





Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate October Birthdays and Anniversaries with Riverway.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27 Parish Life Center Narthex

Following the 11:15 a.m. services

We invite everyone who has had a recent birthday or anniversary to join us in acknowledgement of your special day, and share a dessert or breakfast item with us. Everyone is welcome!

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



Oct. 28

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

Bagby Parish Hall

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



October 28

Cactus plant made with rocks

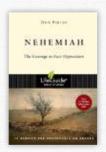


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For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen at 713-301-4786 or kattellepsen@me.com.



A Bible Study for Any Woman Seeking God's Truth



DAY CLASS THURSDAYS

9:30-11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center and via Zoom

EVENING CLASS TUESDAYS

6:30–8 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom CLS is wrapping up their study on Max Lucado's "Help is Here" and will begin Don Fields' "Nehemiah: The Courage of Face Opposition" on Oct. 31 (Day Group) and Nov. 5 (Evening Group).

This is a great time for newcomers to join! For both day and evening classes, register at clsbiblestudy.com

Contact: Liz Gallien • Igallien@smec.org • 713-830-4129



Please note: This class is mandatory for Confirmands.

Open to all students in grades 6–12. We will gather in The Church to journey through the Sacrament of Communion, learning the meaning and symbolism behind the words and actions that we share each week.

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



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.

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\mathcal{A} llSouls'Day

Saturday, Nov. 2 • 6:30 p.m. • Christ Chapel

All Souls' Day is set aside for the church to remember all the faithful departed. Whether you've lost a loved one recently or long ago, this service is a way to remember them and give thanks for their lives as we read their names aloud. A reception will follow in the Chapel Reception Garden.



Scan QR code to add a deceased loved one to the list.



Contact: Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam relhakam@smec.org • 713-830-4146







GRACE

LISTEN IN! TOPICS INCLUDE

- · What is Mindfulness?
- The Gut-Brain Connection with Aloe Madan, PhD, MPH
- Depictions of Mental Health in the Bible
- · Eating Disorders & Body Image
- Setting Boundaries with Family & Friends
- Addiction Recovery with Lauren Kimble



Available on Spotify or Apple Podcasts: bit.ly/3y5NMfN





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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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.

