

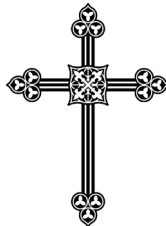
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 27, 2024



OUR MISSION

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



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S

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

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

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

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

Prayer Before Worship

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

NOTICES

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



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

HOLY EUCHARIST

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

VOLUNTARY “Adagio”

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

*HYMN 460 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how; though the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898); 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.)*



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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 LESSON Psalm 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 474 (vs. 1-2)..... “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748); Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731–1807).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELMark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaheus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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

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Please be seated.

THE SERMONThe Rev. Lisa R. Neilson

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 Scottish Episcopal Church; 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.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION RECOGNITION

(9 a.m. only)

Celebrant: Children, please come forward and face the congregation.

Presenter: I present these children who have completed their Communion instruction classes and their family members.

Celebrant: Dear children of God: in Holy Communion we remember Christ's life, death, and resurrection, until his coming again; by it, we offer up to God our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we receive the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our union with Christ and one another, and the foretaste of the heavenly banquet which is our nourishment in eternal life. In Holy Communion, the outward and visible sign of bread and wine, and the inward and spiritual grace of the Body and Blood of Christ Jesus is given to us his people and received by faith, according to Christ's command.

Dear children, what do you seek?

Children: We seek Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven.

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, may these thy children who partake of this Holy Communion, worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, that together we all may be made one Body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. **Amen.**

People: We recognize you as communicants of St. Martin's Episcopal Church and the Lord's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. Together, therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communion Instruction Participants

James Bailey IV, Virginia Bean, James Bell, Paul Bell V, William Blaschke II, Bennett Bowman, Beaumont Boyce III, Abigail Bridger, Bailey Burns, Ryland Caire, Augustus Canterbury, Lysbeth Geise, Greer Gilliam, Madeline Grandt, Charlie Hedrick, Blandford Holstien, John Jamison, Adele Justl, Chelsea Justl, Lucy Lummis, Connolly Masterson, Max Mertz, Millie Meyer, Hadley Montgomery, Graham Oholendt, Edith Omelianchuk, James Potter IV, James Rhea V, Scarlett Scoggins, Holden Stuckey, Daniel Sundara, Raleigh Thompson, Harrison Vick, Luke Virene, Nelson Zhao

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “And I Saw a New Heaven”
Edgar Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

Words: Revelation 21:1-4; Music: Edgar L. Bainton © 1928 by Novello & Co. Limited. Copyright renewed 1956.

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 *Psaumes 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.

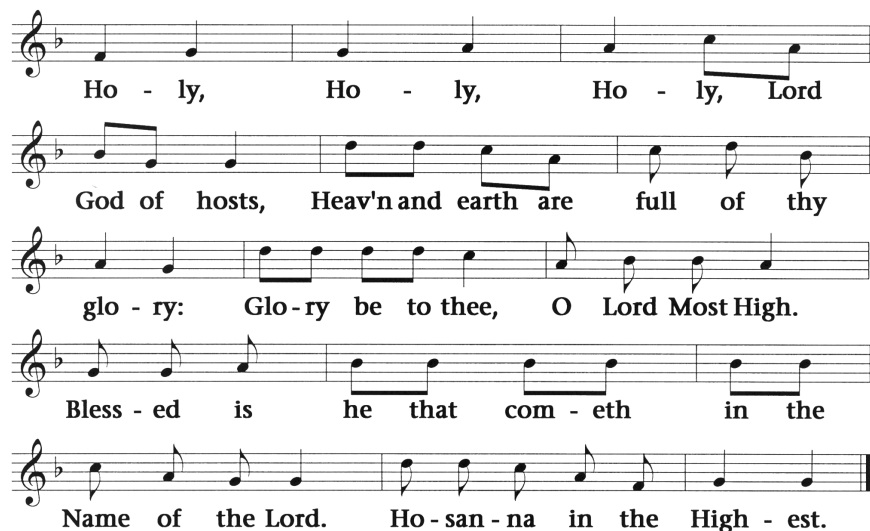
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.)



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

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

The Celebrant continues (kneel)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

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

Celebrant and People

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM *Celtic Alleluia*



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Then may be said

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

The Celebrant says the Invitation.

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

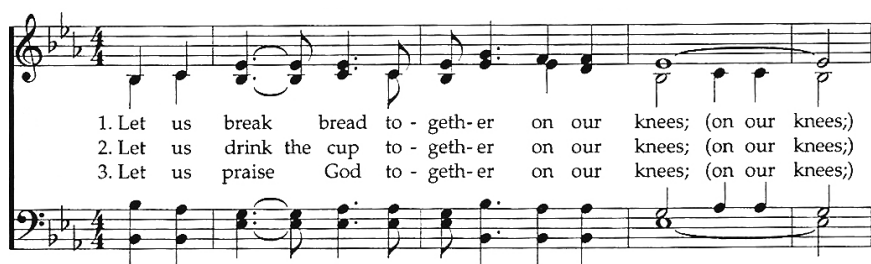
ANTHEM “O Taste and See”

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in Him.

Text: Psalm xxxiv, v. 8; © 1953, Oxford University Press, London.

HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together"



1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 2. Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)




Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

Refrain



When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,



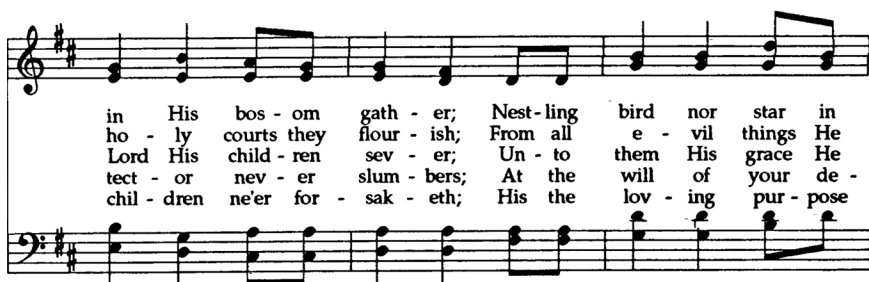
O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me.)

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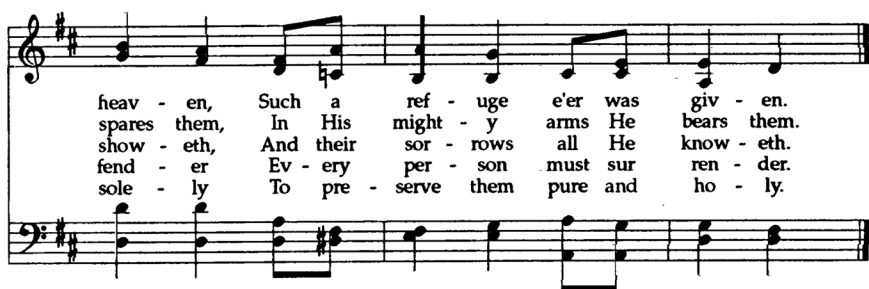
HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father"



1. Child - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish, In His
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, Your pro -
 5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish; From all e - vil things He
 Lord His child - ren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 tect - or nev - er slum - bers; At the will of your de -
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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HYMN “Seek My Face”

1. Seek My face, seek My face.
 2. I will seek.
 3. We worship You,
 4. Al le lu,

Seek My face, the face of God.
 I will seek the the of God.
 we worship You, Al liv - ing God.
 Al le lu, lu, lu ia.

repeat:
 'Alleluia' ad lib.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

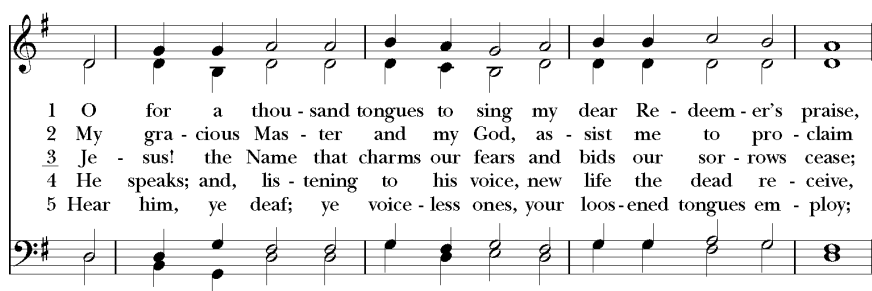
At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

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

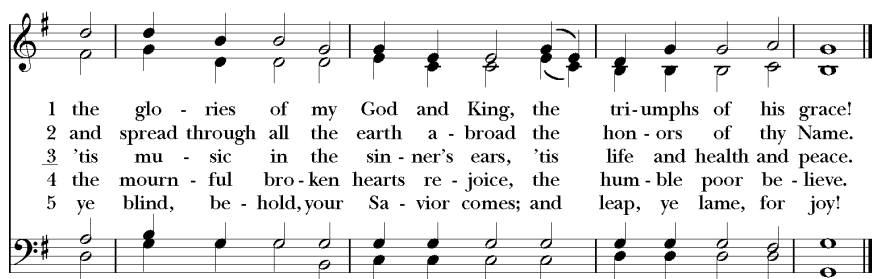
THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 493 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"



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



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

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

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

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY “Fugue, Op. 12”
Maurice Duruflé

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for those who have completed their Communion instruction



BAPTISMS

Oct. 19 Ivy Beatrix Reed Absmeier
Mia Sidney Davis
David Reeves Kendrick
Margaret Grace McLean
Reed Stephen McLean



WEDDINGS

Oct. 19 Laura Patricia Gorden and Thomas John Wolff



SYMPATHY

Oct. 16 Millicent Bleakney Mason

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	Marguerite Hillgers	Consuelo Saldana
Buck Anderson	Wendy Hurt	Caroline Searls
Scotty Arnoldy	Marilyn Ingham	Chelsea Seymour
Edith Avery	Thelma Isenhardt	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Shelly Bain	Christine Jean	Caroline Shanahan
Susan Beeley	Mary and Jim Jennings	Diane Shelton
Cory Blackman	Bobby Jornayvaz	Clif Shoemaker
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. Jean 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
Hallie Cooley	Bruce Michael Lee	Grantland Wagner
Sam Cruse	Nancy Liles	MaeJoyce Wagner
James Cunningham	Nicole Holford Lockney	Margaret Watson
Gail Davis	Amanda Lodge	Mary Watters
Paul Davison	Ryan Logan	Richard "Rit" Webb
Bobby de Sosa	Linda Maddux	Stephen Wedemeyer
Linda de Sosa	Patrick Maechs	Marilyn Whitehurst
Ross Dunn	Madelyn Markham	Ann Winters
Connie Dyer	Bill Maynard	Stacy Wood
Becca Earhart	Tom McDade	Eric Zoerb
Russell Ekblad	Janet McDaniel	Atticus
Stacey and John Elliott	Adams McHenry	Cameron
Paul Falgout	Frances Melicks	Dave
Michael Finn	Len Menefee	Elizabeth and Scott
Mary Finucane	Stuart Nixon	Enzo
Charles Flores	Deborah Oliver	Harold
Will Fogle	Andrew O'Malley	Henry
Susan Folk	Bob Paddock	Julie
Catherine Gonzales	Jim Paddock	Laura
Nancy Gore	Patty Pate	Lynne
Rev. Alex Graham	Colleen Paxton	Phyllis Katharine
Shea Guinn	Judy Peach	Roger
Bette Haidusek	Ophelia Pujol	Sarah
Cathy Haidusek	Phyllis Reinhardt	Stuart
Ann Halverson	Julia Richards	Wayne
Jean Hatton	Monica Rivera	

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

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Lt. Col. Julian Benton	1st Lt. Alex Mullen
1LT. Tom Cadwallender	PFC. Parris F. Owen
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender	Corporal James W. Peoples
1st LCDR Casey Gainer	Lt. Paul Piana
LCDR Bradley Hoffman	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
Lt. Col. Wesley J. Hunnell	PO1 Brian Powell
2nd Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich	Sgt. Joel Rowell
Capt. Blake J. Kidd	PO Evan Tomlin
Capt. Jack Mullen	

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

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 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 TESTAMENTJeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

THE EPISTLEHebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

THIS SUNDAY

✚ ADULTS

8+ with the Rev. Wesley Arning

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 – Habakkuk”

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



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

THIS SUNDAY

✦ STUDENT MINISTRIES

SUNDAY GET-TOGETHERS

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

10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center

ACOLYTE TRAINING

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

10:15 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

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

OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 2, 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.

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

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

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. • Welcome Center*
Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship 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**.*

PARTICIPATE IN STEWARDSHIP!

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

WE
believe



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

FALL BACK
Sunday, Nov. 3
at 2 a.m.

Set your clocks back one hour.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



RIVERWAY

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



Deep Roots: Good Books and Good Conversation

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

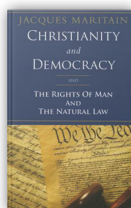
“Christianity and Democracy” by Jacques Maritain

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



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS *Flowers*

Remember a loved one with poinsettias to decorate St. Martin’s worship spaces and the Gardens of the Holy Cross.

All requests received by 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, will be included in the Christmas Flowers listing available in the worship booklets at all Christmas services. Any requests received after the deadline will be published in worship booklets in the weeks following Christmas.

Make your flower dedication online beginning 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 28 at bit.ly/ChristmasAltarFlowers

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



THE GATHERING

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

Oct. 28

10 a.m – 1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

ROCK-TOBER

***Cactus plant
made with
rocks***



October 28

Jane Vandiver

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

717 STUDENTS

INSTRUCTED EUCCHARIST

Monday, Oct. 28

6–8 p.m.

Welcome Center



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 • fritchier@smec.org • 713-985-3843

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



Ronald McDonald House

Tuesday, Oct. 29 | 5 p.m.

1907 Holcombe Blvd. • Houston, TX 77030

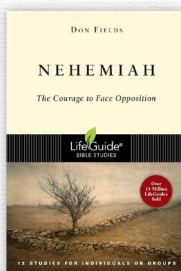
Join St. Martin's members for Ronald McDonald-Holcombe House JoyFULL Eats Meal Program. Help serve a hot meal to a family that is away from home. Dress comfortably.

Contact Tracee Tindol at 713-985-3811 or outreach@smec.org to sign up.



CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDY

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

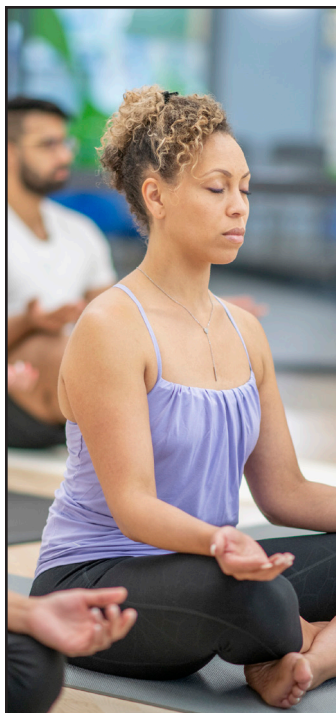
EVENING CLASS TUESDAYS

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 • lgallien@smec.org • 713-830-4129



ACTIVITY CENTER

LUNCHTIME YOGA

| Mondays and Thursdays

| Noon–12:45 p.m. | Aerobics Room

Join Megh for a slower paced yoga class that focuses on breathing, controlled movements and stretching. Help bring peace to your mind and body! Open to all levels.

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

For more information, visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Contact | Victoria Wilson

activitycenter@smec.org • 713-985-3835

717 STUDENTS

CONFIRMATION

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 • fritchier@smec.org • 713-985-3843

*The
Order
of the
Daughters
of the King*



**SATURDAY, NOV. 2 • 10 A.M.
CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER**

SOLE HOPE SHOE-CUTTING PROJECT

We will cut out shoe patterns for Sole Hope and watch a short video about the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

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



Keeping *the* Kalendar

ALL SOULS' 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.*

 **RIVERWAY**

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



ALL SAINTS'

SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

8, 9, 11:15 a.m.* and 6 p.m. ... *The Church*

9:15 a.m. Family Table *Parish Life Center*

11:15 a.m. Riverway..... *Parish Life Center*

**Public Baptism – Livestreamed*

All Saints' Sunday celebrates the presence of God in the lives of all His saints, known and unknown. It is a principal feast of the church year and is recommended for the administration of baptism.

Through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, we are buried with Christ in His death, share in His resurrection and are reborn by the Holy Spirit. In this public rite, we joyfully welcome new members into the Body of Christ and celebrate God's blessings upon them.

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



TOUR A GOTHIC-STYLE CHURCH WITHOUT LEAVING HOUSTON!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Following the 11:15 a.m. service

Meet in the Narthex

St. Martin's docents offer free, public and private tours.

Everyone is welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

To schedule a tour, please call St. Martin's Docent Guild at 713-830-4117 and leave a contact name and number for a return call.

MEMBERSHIP 101

*Join us in our mission to
find your place in the life of
the Church.*

MONDAY, NOV. 4

Bagby Parish Hall and Online
6 – 9 p.m. • Dinner will be served



*Reservations are required
by 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3*



CONTACT: Kathy Johnson
membership@smec.org • 713-985-3834



SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR *Healing and Wholeness* Order of St. Luke

St. Martin's International Order of St. Luke (OSL) Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

Next Service
Wednesday, Nov. 6 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center or via Zoom
bit.ly/oslservice

For more information, contact Amanda DeViney at
713-830-4110 or adeviney@smec.org.



ST. MARTIN'S ANNUAL COOKIE CONTEST

Sunday, Nov. 10
10:30 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall
(after the Parish Picture)



For details, registration and for the contest rules, visit bit.ly/smeccookies or scan the QR code. (**Deadline: Friday, Nov. 8**)

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

ST. MARTIN'S PRESENTS

A VERY SPECIAL LENTEN RETREAT

MONDAY–THURSDAY

March 24–27 • 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
The Scout Center

FRIDAY

March 28 • 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.
The Scout Center and Christ Chapel

Theresa Harrison returns to St. Martin's to guide retreatants in creating the icon of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Beginners and experienced iconographers will find this retreat enriching.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



Registration fee: \$495
*Includes all supplies and lunch at
Café St. Martin's.*



Early bird registration:
bit.ly/smeciconretreat

St. Martin's Day

**Sunday,
November 10**

Our Patron Saint: Saint Martin – Soldier, Priest, Bishop and Servant of God!



GUEST PREACHER

The Rev. Oliver Lee

*Assistant Rector, Pastoral Care, Episcopal Church
of the Incarnation in Dallas*

WORSHIP

8, 9 and 11:15 a.m. • The Church

PARISH FAMILY PICTURE

10:15 a.m. • The Church Plaza

All Parishioners and friends from all services are invited to take part in this time-honored annual event.

COOKIE CONTEST!

10:30 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Taste and vote! Enjoy homemade cookies and select your "Best Tasting Cookie."



Veterans Day

**6 p.m.
The Church**

GUEST PREACHER

The Rev. Oliver Lee

*St. Martin's honors with gratitude the courage and strength of those
who serve or have served our country in its hour of need.*



Contact: Barbara Piana, Verger
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MEMBERSHIP

If you are visiting today, please fill out a Welcome Card from the pew rack to place in the offering plate or complete it online by scanning the QR code or visiting **bit.ly/smecvisitors**. Please introduce yourself to one of our Clergy and we will be in touch to let you know more about our Parish Family.



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

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

ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

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

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

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

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

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

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



Mr. Will Hedges
Vestry Representative
Morning



Mr. Scott Anderson
Vestry Representative
Evening

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Jesus, The Christ *The Head of This Church*



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PRAYER FOR THE SEARCH FOR ST. MARTIN'S FIFTH RECTOR

Heavenly Father,

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

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

WE INVITE YOU TO
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