

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY AND
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

November 3, 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.*

THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY “Andante Sostenuto”
by Charles-Marie Widor

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

*HYMN 287 “For All the Saints”



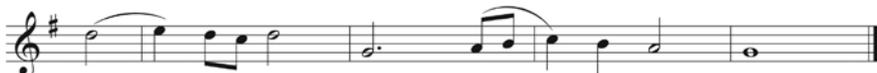
1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: _____
3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, _____
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine! _____
5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee _____ by faith before the world confessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; _____
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet
saints _____ triumphant rise in bright array; the
gates _____ of pearl streams in the countless host _____



Name, O _____ Jesus, be for ever _____ blessed.
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.
win, with _____ them, the victor's crown of _____ gold.
all are _____ one in thee, for all _____ are _____ thine.
King of _____ glory passes on his _____ way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly _____ Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

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 God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONRevelation 21:1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

*HYMN 293 (vs. 1-2)..... "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and _____
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and
his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for
hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And
joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can



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or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just



God - and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt.; Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

T H E G O S P E LJohn 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 22.

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON The Rev. Martin J. Bastian

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and

Godparents: **I present this child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and

Godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and

Godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT *(stand)*

The Celebrant

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Minister: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Open their hearts to thy grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Fill them with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Keep them in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Send them into the world in witness to thy love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Bring them to the fullness of thy peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

We thank thee, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it thy Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank thee, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray thee, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, using Chrism, and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray. *(kneel)*

Heavenly Father, we thank thee that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon these thy servants the forgiveness of sin, and hath raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. **Amen.**

All stand.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 23 for classes and events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Sicut Cervus”

Giovanni Palestrina

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum ita desiderat, anima mea ad te Deus.

As the wild deer long for running streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God.

Text: Psalm 42:1.

AT THE PRESENTATION *(stand)*

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

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

Who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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

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.

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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.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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 “Litanei”

Franz Schubert

Performed by St. Martin’s Youth Choir

Ruh’n in Frieden alle Seelen, die vollbracht ein banges Quälen, die vollendet süßen Traum, lebenssatt, geboren kaum, aus der Welt hinüberschieden: Alle Seelen ruh’n in Frieden! Die sich hier Gespielen suchten, öfter weinten, nimmer fluchten, wenn vor ihrer treuen Hand keiner jeden Druck verstand: Alle die von hinnen schieden, alle Seelen ruh’n in Frieden!

Rest in peace all souls departed, who are done with tortured sorrow, who have finished all their sweet dreams, tired of life, yet hardly born, from this world they have left this mournful life: Rest in peace all souls departed! Those who here searched for friendship, often weeping, never cursing, no one ever knew any hands offered up so faithfully: All of those who left this mournful life, rest in peace all souls departed!

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HYMN “Seek My Face”

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

Seek My face, the face of God.
 I will worship seek, the face of God.
 Al le lu, Al le lu ing God.
 ia. *repeat: 'Alleluia' ad lib.*

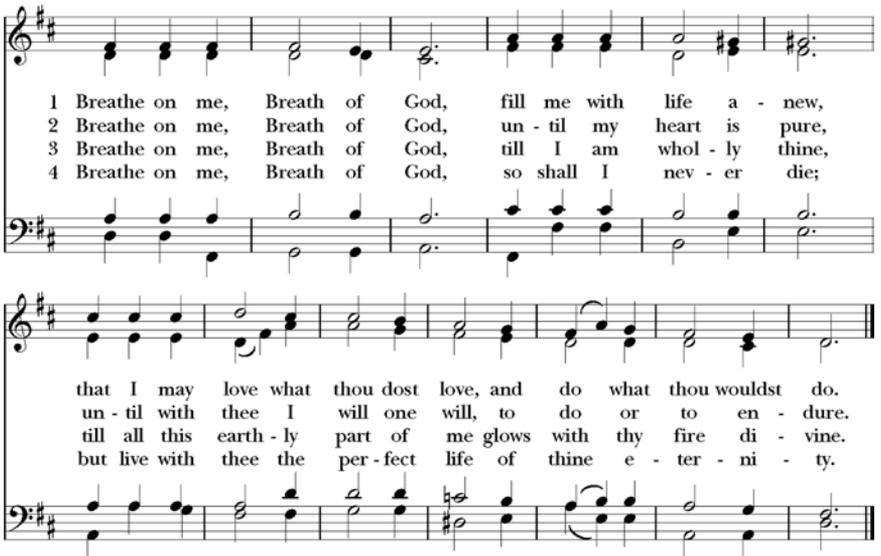
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HYMN “As the Deer”

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

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HYMN 508“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835–1889), alt.; Music: *Noxa Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885–1969).

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.

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 556 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while
 4 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 4 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
 re - joice, re - joice,

5 Then on, ye pure in heart!
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
 Your glorious banner wave on high
 the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821–1891); Music: Marion, Arthur Henry Messiter (1834–1916).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY “Intermezzo”
Charles-Marie Widor

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 wedding
by Elizabeth Rolanette Mitchell and Pierce Henderson Johnson
- In thanksgiving for the baptism of June Hampton Cambas
by Sarah-Hampton and Brice Cambas
- In thanksgiving for the baptism of Grace Lee Duenner
by her parents and grandparents
- In thanksgiving for the baptism of Frank Harrison Kerr
by Frances and Philip Kerr
- In thanksgiving for Chief Tunde J. Afolabi on the occasion of his 74th birthday
by the Afolabis
- In memory of William C. Miller
by his family
- In memory of Hans F. Strohmer
by his loving family



BIRTHS

- Sept. 26 Jack Hinton Lassetter
Son of Maddy and David Lassetter



SYMPATHY

- Oct. 8 Richard Clark (Rit) Webb
- Oct. 17 Hans Franz Strohmer

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	Mollie Hill	John Davis Roady
Carolyn Alban	Marguerite Hillgers	Maggie Rodriguez
Harvey Altmann	Wendy Hurt	Consuelo Saldana
Buck Anderson	Marilyn Ingham	Caroline Searls
Scotty Arnoldy	Thelma Isenhardt	Chelsea Seymour
Edith Avery	Christine Jean	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Shelly Bain	Mary and Jim Jennings	Caroline Shanahan
Susan Beeley	Bobby Jornayvaz	Diane Shelton
Cory Blackman	John Justice	Clif Shoemake
John Boysen	Sandra "Sandy" Justice	Fran Gardner Shores
Jennifer Broussard	Mary Anne Kannard	Joel Speights
Kenny Brown	Dick Kilday	Bob Spencer
Matthews Brown	Robin Kleinpeter	Trish St. Jean Martin
Gary Browning	Frank Kotar	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	Stephen Wedemeyer
Bobby de Sosa	Linda Maddux	Marilyn Whitehurst
Linda de Sosa	Patrick Maehs	Ann Winters
Ross Dunn	Madelyn Markham	Stacy Wood
Connie Dyer	Bill Maynard	Eric Zoerb
Becca Earhart	Tom McDade	Atticus
Stacey and John Elliott	Janet McDaniel	Cameron
Paul Falgout	Adams McHenry	Dave
Michael Finn	Frances Melicks	Elizabeth and Scott
Mary Finucane	Len Menefee	Enzo
Charles Flores	Stuart Nixon	Harold
Will Fogle	Deborah Oliver	Henry
Susan Folk	Andrew O'Malley	Julie
Catherine Gonzales	Bob Paddock	Laura
Nancy Gore	Jim Paddock	Lynne
Rev. Alex Graham	Patty Pate	Phyllis Katharine
Shea Guinn	Colleen Paxton	Roger
Bette Haidusek	Judy Peach	Sarah
Cathy Haidusek	Ophelia Pujol	Stuart
Ann Halverson	Phyllis Reinhardt	Wayne
Jean Hatton	Julia Richards	
Nancy Haywood	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
1st 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

 THE family table

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.

 RIVERWAY

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 TESTAMENTWisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

THE PSALM Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."

THIS SUNDAY

✦ ADULTS

8+ with the Rev. Sharron Cox

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 – Ezekiel”

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

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

✦ STUDENT MINISTRIES

SUNDAY GET-TOGETHERS

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

10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center

✦ CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children through 5th grade are given a solid foundation of Biblical and theological knowledge in age-appropriate ways.

10:15 a.m. • Children’s Life Center

CHILDCARE

Available during all morning services for six-weeks through three-year-olds.

8 a.m. • Children’s Life Center

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

NOVEMBER 4-9, 2024

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.

Docent Tour *Wednesday, 11 a.m. • The Church*
The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church. To schedule a group tour or tours of other Campus locations, contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117.

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

MEN

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

WOMEN

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

Evening Group *Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom*
Day Group *Thursday, 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center and via Zoom*

STUDENTS

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

EVENTS



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



“The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs” by Fra Angelico

Friday, Nov. 1, was All Saints’ Day.

It is believed by many scholars that the commemoration of all the saints on November first originated in Ireland, spread from there to England, and then to the continent of Europe. That it had reached Rome and had been adopted there early in the ninth century is attested by a letter of Pope Gregory the Fourth, who reigned from 828 to 844, to Emperor Louis “the Pious,” urging that such a festival be observed throughout the Holy Roman Empire.

However, the desire of Christian people to express the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ by a commemoration of those who, having professed faith in the living Christ in days past, had entered into the nearer presence of their Lord, and especially of those who had crowned their profession with heroic deaths, was far older than the early Middle Ages. Gregory Thaumaturgus (the “Wonder Worker”), writing before the year 270, refers to the observance of a festival of all martyrs, though he does not date it. A hundred years later, Ephrem the Deacon mentions such an observance in Edessa on May 13; and the patriarch John Chrysostom, who died in 407, says that a festival of All Saints was observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Constantinople at the time of his episcopate. The contemporary lectionary of the East Syrians set a commemoration of all the saints on Friday in Easter week. On May 13, in the year 610, the Pantheon in Rome – originally a pagan temple dedicated to “all the gods” – was dedicated as the Church of St. Mary and All Martyrs.

“Lesser Feasts and Fasts”

Ruth Moulton	Russell Everett Ekblad	Briggs Nesmith
Quackenbush Acree	David Curtis Fletcher	Jan Armstrong
Edward Ahlrich	Margarito Flores	Neuenschwander
Sharon Aldrich	Marvel Ann McDaniel	Molly Josephine Page
Neal Anderson	Galloway	Neugebauer
Patsy W. Angel	David Chase Gardner	Rosemary Nyarubona
Robin Arning	Terry Gayle	Brian Edward O'Brien
Juanita Christine Ayres	Wendy Helena Gilbreath	Donna Caveness Oliver
Ellen Terry Butler Bailey	Alice Parker Greenberg	Martha Jane Mitchiner
Myron Edgar Bailey	Susan Brown "Cissy" Gully	O'Neal
Sylvia Bartz	Frank H. Holcomb	Theo S. Painter
Robert Alfred Beeley	Mary Carlyne Lea Holmes	Steve Parker
Evan Gibson Black	Russell Frazier Hughes	Alice Collie Parkhouse
Mike Boylan	Catherine Jackson	Keith Paul
Jane Marie Park Boyles	John Edgar Joiner	Walter Platt
Dianne Miller Brock	Margaret "Peggy" Parker	Betty Summers Polando
Dorothy Ann McReynolds	Karren	Stephen Wayne Preston
Browne	Mary Pleasant Eastham	Gwendolyn Pryor
Joan Gastrock Brubaker	King	Anne Pullen
John Buck, Jr.	Susanne Stedman King	Ralph Sauer
Patricia Ann Hughs Burke	Marilyn Sadler Kurk	Cherry Kendrick Schwarz
Eric L. Cadow	George Milton Laigle	Carol Norwood Scott
Duane Roy Cain	Robert Edward Lain, Jr.	David George Simpson
Ellen Dianne Clifton Cain	The Rev. Eric Francis	Damon Slator
Jim Sam Camp	LeBrocq	Frank Chelsey Smith, Jr.
Mary Strauss Waggoner	Shawn Levenson	Mary Elizabeth Snellgrove
Chandler	Lewis Norman Levy	Hans Franz Strohmer
Kristi Warren Chickering	Martha Ann Knapp Linden	Edwin J. Taegel
Kenton Chickering III	Ann Neville Shafto Noel	Marilyn Taylor
Alice Combs	Lisenby	Martin Junius Taylor III
Darcy Anne Conway	Harry Lucas, Jr.	Timothy Thorne Templin
John Macklin Cook III	Kathryn Gen Lumpkins	Anne Mebane Sewell
Almeria Thompson	Betty Summers Mann	Thomson
Cottingham	Millicent Bleakney Mason	Mary Ann Opsasnick Trostel
Michael Buchanan	Jack H. Mayfield, Jr.	Edward Wilton Turley, Jr.
Cottingham	Albert Jerome McHenry	George Milton Wagner, Jr.
Robert Irwin Cox, Sr.	Sandra McHenry	Sonny Wallace
Arlyn Gail Crawford	Virginia Newell McIntyre	Robert Paul Wear, Jr.
August Spencer Cummings	Barbara Allen McMahon	Richard C. Webb
Joe David Curtis	John Thomas McNally	Christopher Williams
Tommy Davis	Mary Dorothy Murray	Judy Youens
Louis Raoul DelHomme, Jr.	Metz	Lynn Sinclair Zarr, Sr.
Janie Currlin Dishroon	Vincent Louis Mogas	
D. Camille Hutson Dunn	Mary Frances Monteith	
Helen Moore Lanneau	Blanche Burke Morman	
Eaker	Eleanor Murphy	
James McQueen	George Milton Murray	
Easterling, Jr.	Clarine Naskrent	

PRACTICING OUR BAPTISMAL RESPONSIBILITY

Our baptismal responsibility is a commitment to serve God and participate at St. Martin's through various actions. Being generous with what we have received acknowledges God's generosity to us and is an integral part of our spiritual growth.



Make a financial commitment that helps
St. Martin's plan.

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your 2025 pledge today - Online!



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

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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





THE MOMS' GROUP

Fall Outreach Project

Wednesday, Nov. 6

9:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center

All mothers with infants through 12th grade are invited to participate in our fall outreach project. We will also share information about other outreach opportunities.

Childcare is provided for infants (6 weeks) through age 3.

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



ACTIVITY CENTER

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

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

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

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!
Visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter

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





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 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
bpiana@smec.org • 713-830-4116



Angel Tree

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

DePelchin Children's Center

ANGEL TREE Christmas Gift Program

Sponsor Sign-Up and Pick-Up

Sunday, Nov. 10 • 8 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Gifts Due to DePelchin:

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Through the annual St. Martin's Angel Tree Project, volunteers sign up to purchase Christmas gifts for children in foster care, adoption and mental health services provided by DePelchin Children's Center.

St. Martin's sponsors 250 children annually. Sign-up is required.

Contact: Tracee Tindol

713-985-3811 • outreach@smec.org

7 1 7 STUDENTS

INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST

Monday, Nov. 11

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 • fritchie@smec.org • 713-985-3843

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 at
bit.ly/ChristmasAltarFlowers

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



Led by Chef Robert Iris and Graham Gemoets of Butter & Company

EASY WINTER GOURMET: BRUNCH AND COZY SOUP

Thursday, Nov. 21 • Parish Life Center, Kitchen
6–8 p.m. • Cost is \$75

Sign up at bit.ly/cafestmartinscooking2

Prepare delicious comfort food classics filled with cozy winter flavors that will bring smiles around the table, like Eggs Benedict, Belgian Waffles, Tomato Basil Soup, Grilled Cheese and Chocolate Mousse.

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

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.



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

SHEPHERD'S GUILD



The Shepherd's Guild ministry complements the work of St. Martin's Clergy in visiting homebound Parishioners or those who reside in retirement and assisted living facilities.

The trained lay volunteers offer support, prayers and Holy Communion, being a physical reminder of Jesus' love for them and their value and importance within our church community.

To learn more about joining this ministry or to provide information about Parishioners who may benefit by the Shepherd's Guild, contact Deacon Gill at gkeyworth@smec.org or **346-335-8660**.

Training and support is provided.

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 vrivera@smec.org.

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

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ST. MARTIN'S VESTRY

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Mr. 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. Courtney Schilling

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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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