

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AND HOLY EUCHARIST

November 17, 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.*

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VOLUNTARY“Toccata in C”

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

*HYMN 598“Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth”



1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -

bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
 nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,

by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -

may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -

stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
 pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882–1969), alt.; Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958); after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.); Copyright: Words: By permission of the family of Walter Russell Bowie.

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

The Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

The Bishop: Let us pray.

The Bishop says the Collect (kneel)

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to

the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 652 (vs. 1-2).....“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian
 3 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 4 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

1 ways! Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
 2 sea, the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
 3 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 4 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

1 pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 2 us, like them, with - out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
 3 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 4 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELMark 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on pages 24-25.

HYMN 652 (vs. 3-4).....“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”



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 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian
 3 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 4 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON The Rt. Rev. Kathryn M. Ryan
Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of Texas

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES *(Candidates and Sponsors stand)*

The Bishop says

The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenter: I present these persons to be confirmed, received and reaffirmed.

The Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: **I do.**

The Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

After all have been presented, congregation stands

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

People: **We will.**

The Bishop then says these or similar words

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

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

The Bishop: 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.**

The Bishop: 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.**

The Bishop: 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.**

The Bishop: 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.**

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

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

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

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

The Bishop: 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 Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

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

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Minister: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Minister: Keep them in the faith and communion of your 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 your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence follows.

The Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ thou hast overcome sin and brought us unto thee, and that by the sealing of thy Holy Spirit thou hast bound us to thy service. Renew in these thy servants the covenant thou hast made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service thou hast set before them; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated. Those being presented for Confirmation, come forward to be presented to the Bishop.

FOR CONFIRMATION

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

FOR RECEPTION

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

FOR REAFFIRMATION

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let thy fatherly hand ever be over these thy servants; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that they may serve thee in this life, and dwell with thee in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(stand)*

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 26 for classes and events.

THE OFFERTORY

TODAY'S OFFERING

The undesignated plate offering during today's Confirmation service will be given to the Rt. Rev. Kathryn M. Ryan's discretionary fund for the Bishop's use in carrying out her mission. In addition, if you wish to make a designated contribution to this fund, please be sure to note "Bishop Ryan's Discretionary Fund" in the memo portion of your check.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee” Johannas Brahms

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauern Mit Trauern, Sei stille! Wie Gott es fügt, So sei vergnügt Mein Wille. Was willst du heute sorgen Auf morgen? Der Eine steht allem für; Der gibt auch dir das Deine. Sei nur in allem Handel Ohn Wandel, Steh feste! Was Gott beschleußt, Das ist und heißt das Beste. Amen.

Let nothing ever grieve you; be at peace. Whatever God ordains, accept it gladly, my soul! Why do you want to worry today about tomorrow? The One is lord of all; he also gives to you that which is yours. In all things be not inconstant; stand firmly. Whatever God ordains is and signifies the best. Amen.

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AT THE PRESENTATION (stand)

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

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*



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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 "He that Shall Endure to the End" Felix Mendelssohn

He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved.

Text: 2 Timothy 2:10.

HYMN "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

1
Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ where
Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ It

5
there is hat-red let me bring your love; _____ where there is in-jur-
there's des-pair in life let me bring hope; _____ where there is dark-ness,
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, _____ in giv-ing to all

10
y, your par-don, Lord; _____ and _____ where there's doubt, true
_____ on-ly light; _____ and _____ where there's sad-ness,
men that we re-ceive; _____ and in dy-ing that we're

14 *Fine*
faith _____ in _____ you. _____ Oh, mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er
ev-er _____ joy. _____
born to e-ter-nal life. _____

19
seek _____ so much to be con-soled as to con-sole; _____

24
- to be un-der-stood as to un-der-stand; _____ to be

29 *D.C.*
loved, as to love with all my soul. _____

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HYMN 178 “Alleluia, Alleluia!”

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give
Praise to his Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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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-ify. 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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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 BISHOP BLESSES THE PEOPLE

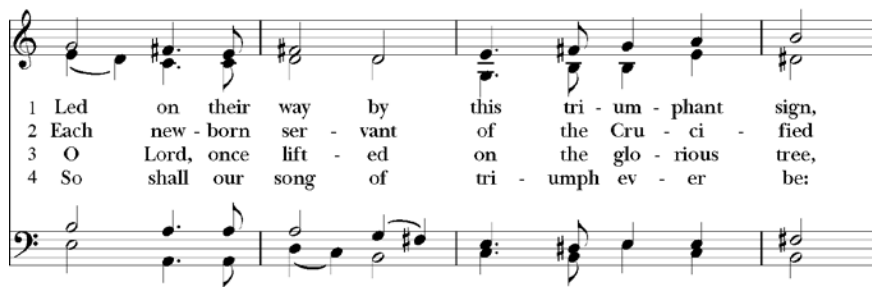
All stand.

HYMN 473 "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain

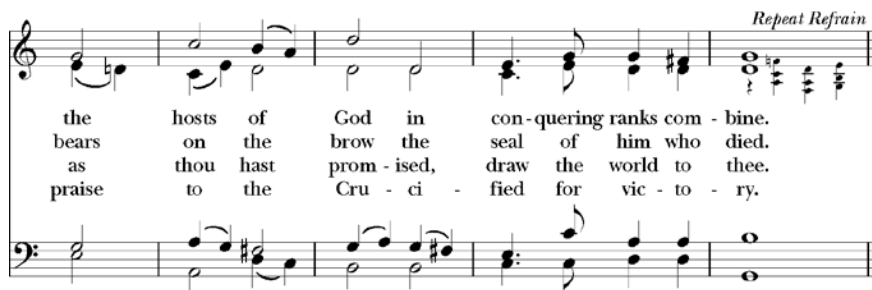


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY“Toccata”
Leon Boelmann

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rt. Rev. Kathryn M. Ryan

In thanksgiving for today's confirmands



BIRTHS

May 24 Walker John Sample

Son of Ben and Annie Sample

July 25 Abigail Raine Cerrillo

Daughter of Nichole and Chris Cerrillo

Oct. 14 Thomas "Teddy" Edwin Martin

Son of Catherine and Weldon Martin

Grandson of Cathy and Ed Frank



WEDDINGS

Nov. 9 Sara Bowen Cain and Michael Copelin McGinnis



SYMPATHY

Sept. 15 George Milton Laigle

Nov. 4 Carrie Moore Horne

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	Marguerite Hillgers	Monica Rivera
Carolyn Alban	Wendy Hurt	John Davis Roady
Harvey Altmann	Marilyn Ingham	Maggie Rodriguez
Buck Anderson	Thelma Isenhardt	Consuelo Saldana
Scotty Arnoldy	Clare Jan	Caroline Searls
Edith Avery	Christine Jean	Chelsea Seymour
Shelly Bain	Mary and Jim Jennings	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Susan Beeley	Bobby Jornayvaz	Caroline Shanahan
Cory Blackman	John Justice	Diane Shelton
John Boysen	Sandra "Sandy" Justice	Clif Shoemaker
Jennifer Broussard	Mary Anne Kannard	Fran Gardner Shores
Kenny Brown	Dick Kilday	Joel Speights
Matthews Brown	Robin Kleinpeter	Bob Spencer
Gary Browning	Frank Kotar	Trish St. Jean Martin
Helen Paige Buck	Searcy Kracke	Jim and Jan Stokes
Harry Burrow	Marjorie Krajian	Hillary Stonger
John Canon	Mary Tyler Labhart	Henry Suman
Delonda Citrano	The Rev. Peter Larson	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	Martha Marks	Eric Zoerb
Becca Earhart	Bill Maynard	Atticus
Stacey and John Elliott	Tom McDade	Cameron
Paul Falgout	Janet McDaniel	Dave
Mary Finucane	Adams McHenry	Elizabeth and Scott
Charles Flores	Frances Melicks	Enzo
Will Fogle	Len Menefee	Harold
Susan Folk	Stuart Nixon	Henry
Catherine Gonzales	Deborah Oliver	Julie
Nancy Gore	Andrew O'Malley	Laura
The Rev. Alex Graham	Bob Paddock	Lynne
Shea Guinn	Jim Paddock	Phyllis Katharine
Bette Haidusek	Patty Pate	Roger
Cathy Haidusek	Colleen Paxton	Sarah
Ann Halverson	Judy Peach	Stuart
Jean Hatton	Ophelia Pujol	Wayne
Nancy Haywood	Phyllis Reinhardt	
Mollie Hill	Julia Richards	

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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
LTC Wesley J. Hunnell	PO1 Brian Powell
1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich	Sgt. Joel Rowell
Capt. Blake J. Kidd	PO Evan Tomlin
Capt. Jack Mullen	

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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 p.m. • Parish Life Center
Online at bit.ly/oslservice

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT 1 Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: “O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

THE PSALM Psalm 16

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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. • Welcome Center

THEOLOGY FOR LIFE with the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

“Hope in Hard Times: The Prophets for Today – Isaiah” **Final Class**

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

✦ 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

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

NOVEMBER 18-23, 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**.*



Bishop's Visitation

**THE RT. REV.
KATHRYN M. RYAN**

Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Texas

SUNDAY, NOV. 17

9 and 11:15 a.m.*

The Church

The Rt. Rev. Kathryn "Kai" McCrossen Ryan served as Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of Texas from 2014 through 2019 and was elected Bishop Suffragan at the Diocesan Council in Feb. 2019. Bishop Ryan completed her undergraduate studies at Sewanee and received a Master of Divinity from the Seminary of the Southwest in 1992. Over her 20 years in parish ministry, she spent 14 years as Rector of Ascension Episcopal Church in Dallas. While at Sewanee, she met her husband, Tim Ryan. They have two daughters.

** The 11:15 a.m. service will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.*



**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

YOUR PLEDGE MATTERS!

PRAY and ask for God's guidance on how to respond to His generosity. Make a financial commitment that helps St. Martin's plan for 2025.

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

PLEDGE TODAY

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



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STUDENT WORSHIP NIGHT

717 STUDENTS

SUNDAY, NOV. 17

5 – 6 P.M. • STUDENT LIFE CENTER

Students in 6–12 grade are invited to join us for prayer, praise and music. Students are encouraged to take part in Scripture readings and music.

We are currently seeking students interested in becoming part of a student worship band!

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

GIVE BLOOD.ORG

Monday, Nov. 18

9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Activity Center, Game Room



**DONATE BLOOD &
SAVE LIVES!**



Contact: Victoria Wilson
events@smec.org • 713-985-3838

*Receive a **blanket** as a
thank you to helping patients in our
local hospitals! (while supplies last)*



**Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center**



**ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



ACTIVITY CENTER

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TUESDAYS

10–10:45 a.m.

Aerobics Room

Join Sandy for a class that is an easy-to-follow, high energy, calorie burning, total body dance-based workout!

Open to ALL levels.

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

For more information,
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Contact | Victoria Wilson
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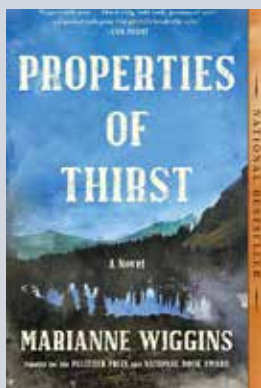
EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Nov. 19 | 7-8:30 p.m.
Children's Life Center, Room 109 and
Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom

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

This month, we discuss "Properties of Thirst" by Marianne Wiggins.

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



BAYOU CITY

**BLESSINGS IN A
BACKPACK**

Food Packing

Thursday, Nov. 21 | 6 p.m.
Holy Spirit Episcopal Church
12535 Perthshire Rd.
Houston 77024

Get in the giving spirit and pack food bags that will be delivered in Spring Branch program schools.

Bayou City Blessings provides food on the weekends and during school breaks for Houston children who might otherwise go hungry.

The mission serves to raise awareness of childhood hunger by building community to improve the lives of Houston children.

Contact: Savanna Bowman • outreach@smec.org • 713-985-3811



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY BAPTISMS

SUNDAY, NOV. 24

9:15 AND 11:15 A.M

PARISH LIFE CENTER

Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and celebrates Christ's messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all creation. The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be held in Family Table and Riverway services to commemorate this auspicious day.

Through 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

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RIVERWAY

Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate November Birthdays and Anniversaries
with Riverway.

SUNDAY, NOV. 24

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

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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Mr. Perry Ruthven, *Men of St. Martin's President 2023-2025*
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PRAYER FOR THE SEARCH FOR ST. MARTIN'S FIFTH RECTOR

Heavenly Father,

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

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

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