

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER  
THE EPIPHANY

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*January 19, 2025*



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

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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 ..... “Sonata No.6: Andante” Felix Mendelssohn

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

## \*HYMN 362 ..... “Holy, Holy, Holy”

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
\*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826), alt.; Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

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 God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LESSON ..... Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

# HYMN 135 (vs. 1-2).....“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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Words: Sts. 1–3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807–1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984); Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622–1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750).

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

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**THE GOSPEL** .....John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 24.*

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*Please be seated.*



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THE SERMON .....The Rev. Alex D. Graham

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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 the nomination of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, our bishops; the Clergy of this Parish; for our Search Committee and the fifth Rector; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Church in the Province of the West Indies; for all bishops, priests and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Joe, our President, Donald, our President-elect, 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, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*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.**

*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.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see page 25 for classes and events.*

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## THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “Laudate Dominum”

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Laudáte Dóminum ómnes géntes; Laudáte éum, ómnes pópuli. Quóniam confirmáta est super nos misericórdia éjus. Et véritas Dómini mánet in aetérnum. Glória Pátri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sáncto. Sicut érat in princípío, et nunc, et sémpet, et in saécula saéculorum. Amen.

*O praise the Lord, all ye nations; Praise him, all ye peoples. For his loving kindness has been bestowed upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Text: Psalm 117, English version by Alice Parker. Music: W.A. Mozart (1756-1791). © 1963 by the Lawson – Gould Music Publishers, Inc. ARR.

# 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 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 *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.**

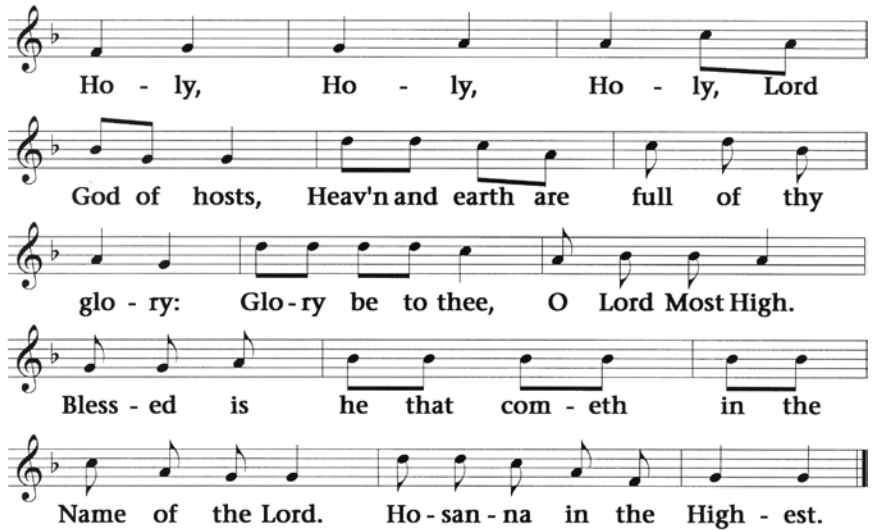
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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*

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

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

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*Then may be said by the Celebrant and People*

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**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** ..... “Set Me as a Seal”  
Rene Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

Music: René Clausen. © 1989 Fostco Music Press.

**HYMN** ..... “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, Look full in His won-der-ful face; And the things of earth will grow strange-ly dim In the light of His glo-ry and grace.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the last two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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HYMN ..... “How Great Thou Art”

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds\* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing\*  
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —  
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —  
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —  
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art! —

The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

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HYMN 693 ..... “Just As I Am”

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya  
 \* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,  
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,  
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -  
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise  
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love  
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
 here for a season, then above:  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871); Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816–1868).

*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 435** ..... “At the Name of Jesus”



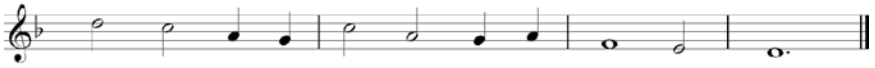
1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name  
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,  
 \*5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
 \*6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,  
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;  
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;  
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord  
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;  
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,  
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
 4 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.  
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.  
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

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**THE DISMISSAL**

*A Minister says the dismissal*

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**VOLUNTARY** ..... “Toccatà”

Theodore Dubois

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

# RECOGNITIONS

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## FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of Walter William Burke

by Dana and Walter Burke

In memory of Kate and Ed Turley

by E. Darnell



## BAPTISMS

Jan. 11 Dale Jones Flores

Jan. 12 Marigold Dillon Carpenter

Emily Suzanne Davey

Riley Elizabeth Davey

Jack Hinton Lassetter

Walker John Sample

James Archer Tollette

Ferguson Michael White



## SYMPATHY

Dec. 19 Frances Nevin Parsons

Jan. 5 Margaret Severin Owen

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit [bit.ly/smecaltarflowers](http://bit.ly/smecaltarflowers) or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at [relhakam@smec.org](mailto:relhakam@smec.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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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:

Crockett Abraham	Katie Jones	Lynne
Carolyn Alban	Dick Kilday	Sharon
Harvey Altmann	Searcy Kracke	Wayne
Edith Avery	Mary Tyler Labhart	
Shelly Bain	Tom Lamb	
Cory Blackman	Bruce Michael Lee	
Jennifer Broussard	Nancy Liles	
Gary Browning	Patrick Maehs	
Helen Paige Buck	Martha Marks	
Brian Burke	Bill Maynard	
Delonda Citrano	Janet McDaniel	
Sammy A. Citrano III	Patricia McDonald	
Gail Davis	Adams McHenry	
Paul Davison	Megan Palsa	
Holly DeMoss	Dan Pate	
Bobby de Sosa	Ophelia Pujol	
Linda de Sosa	Phyllis Reinhardt	
Jeanne Dewey	Hugh Ripps	
Mercedes Dewey	Monica Rivera	
Richard Dewey	John Roady	
Charlotte Dion	Magdalene Robbins	
Ross Dunn	Helen and Jim Shaffer	
Connie Dyer	Caroline Shanahan	
Stacey and John Elliott	Clif Shoemake	
Amelia Embley	Fran Gardner Shores	
Michael Finn	Blake and Matt Stokes	
Will Fogle	Jan and Jim Stokes	
Mark Gholson	Grantland Wagner	
Catherine Gonzales	MaeJoyce Wagner	
Nancy Gore	Margaret Watson	
The Rev. Alex Graham	Mary Watters	
Shea Guinn	Stephen Wedemeyer	
Bette Haidusek	Eric Zoerb	
Cassidy Haidusek	Bill	
Cathy Haidusek	Dave	
Jean Hatton	Elizabeth and Scott	
Nancy Haywood	Harold	
Wendy Hurt	Henry	
Clare Jan	Jeff	
Mary and Jim Jennings	Laura	

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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](mailto:vriviera@smec.org).



# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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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	SrA 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
Major Blake J. Kidd	PO Evan Tomlin
Capt. Jack Mullen	

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## OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

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 *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 p.m. • Parish Life Center  
Online at [bit.ly/oslservice](http://bit.ly/oslservice)

# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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## THE PSALM ..... Psalm 36:5-10

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

## THE EPISTLE ..... 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

# THIS SUNDAY

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## ✦ ADULTS

8+ with the Rev. Naomi Sundara

Discuss the lectionary readings of the day following the 8 a.m. service.

*8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*

**THEOLOGY FOR LIFE** with Dr. Lynn Cohick

“Frequently Asked Questions: How Can We Believe the Bible is True?”

This series hopes to give the best answers to the questions you have about our faith.

*10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*



Dr. Lynn Cohick is a Distinguished Professor of the New Testament and Director of the Houston Theological Seminary at Houston Christian University. She has published various academic and popular works, including commentaries on Ephesians and Philippians and extensive writing on women in the New Testament. Dr. Cohick’s doctoral degree is from the University of Pennsylvania and she is President of the Institute for Biblical Research.

## ✦ 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*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



*To view all our Christian education options, scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/smeucedu](https://bit.ly/smeucedu).*

# THIS SUNDAY

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## ✦ 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*

## ✦ OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### MISSION TRIP INFORMATION SESSION

Lear about the 2025 mission trips to El Salvador and Bolivia

*10:15 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

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JANUARY 20-25, 2025

## ALL ADULTS

St. Martin's Campus is closed Jan. 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will reopen Jan. 21.

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.

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

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](https://bit.ly/smecevents).



# MARATHON SUNDAY

## JANUARY 19

Even though the Chevron Houston Marathon does not go by St. Martin's, some roads will not open until after 11 a.m. and may affect your drive to and from Church.

**Please note the streets affected near St. Martin's Campus:**

- Eastbound Woodway Drive traffic (west of Chimney Rock) will be forced to turn south on Chimney Rock.
- Eastbound traffic on Memorial Drive (west of Chimney Rock) will be forced to go north on Chimney Rock.



Visit the course map and street closures, at [bit.ly/marathonsunday](http://bit.ly/marathonsunday)



**JUST FOR**  
*February*

### INFORMATION MEETING



**Sunday, Jan. 19**

**10:15 a.m.**

**Chapel Reception Hall**



*Join us at*  
[bit.ly/smecjustfor](http://bit.ly/smecjustfor)

**Contact**

The Rev. Jordan Hylden and  
Kathy Johnson  
[smallgroups@smec.org](mailto:smallgroups@smec.org)

*St. Martin's small group ministry continues with a new series this February on the parables of Jesus.*

*Our method is simple: we eat, we study and we pray! It's a great way to grow in faith while also building community with your Church family. Groups meet at Church or in homes once weekly for four weeks, following a study guide and videos produced by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden.*



## ST. MARTIN'S Disaster Relief

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

Please support St. Martin's Disaster Relief Fund today. Your urgent gift will provide critical supplies such as food and water, pastoral care and other immediate needs to help those affected by the devastating fires in Los Angeles. Our Outreach ministry will distribute the funds collected to churches, community leaders and relief organizations.

Every donation counts! Tens of Thousands of people have lost their homes, businesses, churches and schools as the fires have ravaged structures and caused significant injuries.



*Thank you for your contribution.  
To donate, visit [bit.ly/smecdisaster](https://bit.ly/smecdisaster).*



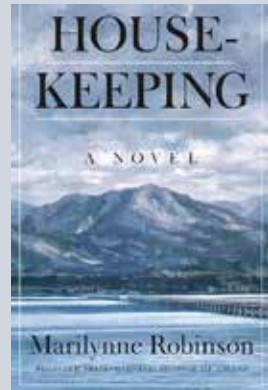
*Faith*  
in  
LITERATURE

## EVENING GROUP

**Tuesday, Jan. 21 | 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Children's Life Center, Room 109 and**

**Via Zoom | [bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom](https://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 "Housekeeping" by Marilynne Robinson.*

**Contact: The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden • [jhylden@smec.org](mailto:jhylden@smec.org) • 713-830-4106**



**Friday, Jan. 24 • 7 p.m. • The Church**  
*Free admission*

Houston Civic Symphony returns to St. Martin's! In his 19th season as Music Director and Conductor of the Houston Civic Symphony, Brian Runnels will present "Pines of Rome" by Ottorino Respighi.

**Contact:** Dr. David Henning • [dhenning@smec.org](mailto:dhenning@smec.org) • 713-985-3820

ST. MARTIN'S  
**OUTREACH**  
MINISTRIES



## **CCSC Work Day**

**Saturday, Jan. 25 | 9 a.m.–noon**  
**3434 Branard, Houston, TX 77027**

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

**Contact Tracee Tindol at [outreach@smec.org](mailto:outreach@smec.org) or 713-985-3811 for more information.**





# 72<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**  
**10:15 A.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL**

*Parishioners are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to learn about progress in the preceding year and plans for 2025. Sunday School for adults will not be offered on this Sunday so that all will have the opportunity to attend. Please join us!*



## RIVERWAY

# *Celebration Sunday and Jam Session!*

**SUNDAY, JAN. 26**

**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. Bring your instrument or voice and jam with the band as well! Everyone is welcome.

Contact: Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam • 713-830-4146 • [relhakam@smec.org](mailto:relhakam@smec.org)



# THE GATHERING

*For church members and others in the community who experience memory loss, along with their caregivers*

**Jan. 27**  
**10 a.m – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Bagby Parish Hall**

## ***NEW GOALS, NEW LIGHT, NEW BEGINNINGS***

***Sun Catcher made  
with beads***



**January 27**  
**Bill Parish**

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

# MEMBERSHIP 101

**MONDAY, JAN. 27**

Bagby Parish Hall and Online  
6 – 8:30 p.m. • Dinner will be served



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

*Reservations are required by  
5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26*



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## Good Books and Good Conversation

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden  
“Life Together” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
JAN. 30 | 6:15–7:45 P.M.  
CHAPEL RECEPTION HALL

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906–1945) is one of the most well-known theologians of the 20th century. A beloved pastor and teacher, he was imprisoned and executed for his involvement in an attempt to kill Hitler. Bonhoeffer wrote “Life Together” for his students in the underground seminary he led in Nazi Germany.



**Contact:** The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden  
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*“Life Together” is available  
wherever fine books are sold.*



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. MARTIN'S PRESENTS

SPRING LUNCHEON

# Worry Free Parenting

FEATURING SISSY GOFF

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

11 A.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL



**Registration Now Open!**  
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ST. MARTIN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Contact:** Valerie Rivera  
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## INTRO TO

# Anglicanism

Sundays, Feb. 9 – May 4  
10:15 a.m.  
Chapel Reception Hall

Learn more about our unique faith, heritage and traditions, and how you can grow in your relationship with Christ with us through Word and Sacrament. Especially encouraged for all who want to be confirmed in the Anglican Communion.



**Juli Browning**, Worship Service Coordinator  
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## SPRING SCHEDULE

- Feb. 9** The Nicene Creed: God the Father
- Feb. 16** The Nicene Creed: God the Son
- Feb. 23** The Nicene Creed: The Holy Spirit & Holy Scripture
- March 2** *Outreach Sunday*
- March 9** *Spring Break*
- March 16** The Church & Ministry
- March 23** The Book of Common Prayer, Prayer & Sacraments
- March 30** Holy Baptism & Confirmation
- April 6** Holy Eucharist
- April 13** History of Anglicanism
- April 20** *Palm Sunday*
- April 27** *Easter Sunday*
- May 4** Life in the Anglican Communion
- Saturday, May 10** Confirmation with the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle



The Rev. Gregory W. Cross'  
**ORDINATION TO  
THE PRIESTHOOD**  
By the Rt. Rev. Hector F. Monterroso  
Bishop Assistant of Texas

**Wednesday, Feb. 12  
7 p.m. • The Church**

Please join us as our very own Gregory Cross is ordained to the Priesthood. This is a significant moment in his spiritual journey that you won't want to miss!

**Contact:** The Rev. Gregory Cross  
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# MEMBERSHIP

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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](http://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](mailto:kjohnson@smec.org)

## ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

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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](mailto: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](mailto:vrivera@smec.org).

For death notifications and funerals, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or [censign@smec.org](mailto:censign@smec.org).

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*Morning*



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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 Your will be done.

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

WE INVITE YOU TO  
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