

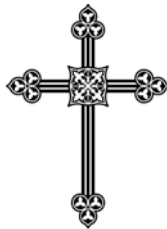
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY

January 26, 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

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 “Concerto”

George F. Handel

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

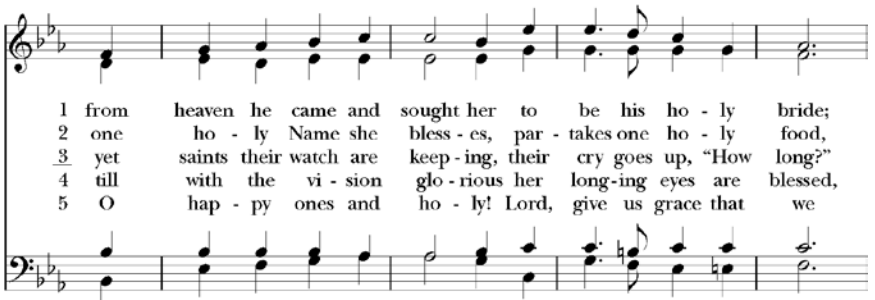
*HYMN 525 “The Church’s One Foundation”



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, “How long?”
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839–1900); Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818–1876).

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.**

G L O R I A (*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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 493 (*vs. 1-3*).....“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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

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

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

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

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

T H E G O S P E L Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

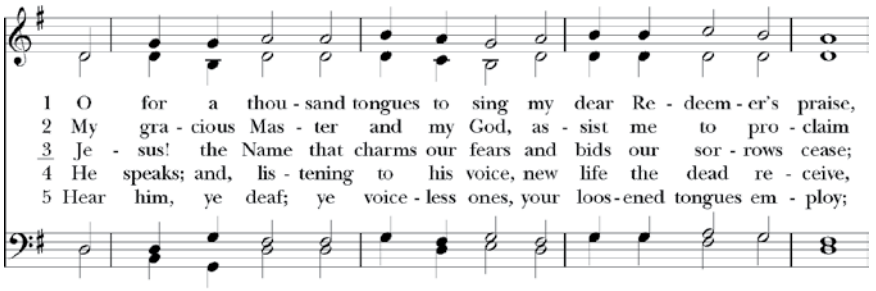
And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on pages 22-23.

HYMN 493 (*vs. 4-6*).....“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON The Rev. Martin J. Bastian

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 Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria; for all bishops, priests and deacons;

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

We pray for Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, John, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the World;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially ___; for those who are hospitalized, especially ___; and for those on our continuing prayer list; have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died, especially ___; give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers, ___; and we praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

In this moment of silence, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly in the privacy of their hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in. St. Martin's for the renewal and mission of thy Church. Teach us in all things to seek first thy honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 24 for classes and events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “O For a Closer Walk with God”

Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made Thee mourn, and drove Thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800).

AT THE PRESENTATION *(stand)*

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

DOXOLOGY..... *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *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.

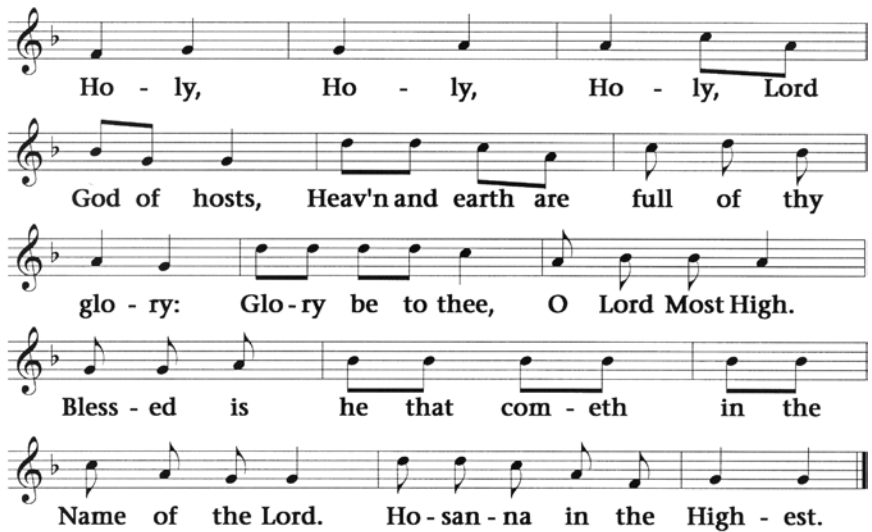
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.

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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.**

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.

AN THE M “How Lovely are the Messengers”
 Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words; throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Text: Romans 10:15 (Paraphrased). Organ accompaniment by H. Clough-Leichter.

HYMN 516 “Come Down, O Love Divine”

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the year - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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HYMN "Here I Am, Lord"



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



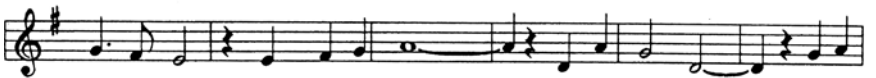
peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will



save,
 way.
 save. I who made the stars of night,
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My



light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____ Here I am, Lord, _____ Is it
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____



I, Lord? _____ I have heard You calling in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____



_____ if you lead me. _____ I will hold Your peo - ple in my



heart. _____

heart. _____

H Y M N “Alleluia, He is Coming”

1 I looked up and I saw the Lord a - com - ing,
 2 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - weep - ing,
 3 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - dy - ing,
 4 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - ris - ing,

I looked up and I saw the Lord a - com - ing down the road. —
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - weep - ing for my sins.
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - dy - ing on the cross.
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - ris - ing from the grave.

Al - le - lu - ia, He is com - ing, —

Al - le - lu - ia, He is here. Oh! — Al - le -

lu - ia, He is com - ing, — Al - le - lu - ia, He is here. —

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After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

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

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

THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 371 "Thou, Whose Almighty Word"

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780–1825), alt.; Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792–1872).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY “Fanfare”
Jacques Lemmens

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage

by Ann Weston Sistrunk and Charles Mitchell Cox, Jr.

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Brodie Cole Marcin

by Casey and Patrick Marcin

In thanksgiving for the 11th birthday of Anneliese and Carsten

by Meredith and Dean Huffiman

In memory of Bart Boyce

by Alix Dunn



SYMPATHY

Dec. 10 Thomas Rambaut McDade

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:

Crockett Abraham	Dick Kilday	Sharon
Carolyn Alban	Searcy Kracke	Wayne
Harvey Altmann	Mary Tyler Labhart	
Edith Avery	Tom Lamb	
Shelly Bain	Bruce Michael Lee	
Cory Blackman	Nancy Liles	
Jennifer Broussard	Patrick Maechs	
Gary Browning	Martha Marks	
Helen Paige Buck	Bill Maynard	
Brian Burke	Janet McDaniel	
Delonda Citrano	Patricia McDonald	
Sammy A. Citrano III	Adams McHenry	
Gail Davis	Megan Palsa	
Paul Davison	Dan Pate	
Holly DeMoss	Ophelia Pujol	
Bobby de Sosa	Phyllis Reinhardt	
Linda de Sosa	Hugh Ripps	
Jeanne Dewey	Monica Rivera	
Mercedes Dewey	John Roady	
Richard Dewey	Magdalene Robbins	
Charlotte Dion	Helen and Jim Shaffer	
Ross Dunn	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	
Katie Jones	Lynne	

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	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	

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.

OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

 *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

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENTNehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

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

Adult Sunday School classes at 10:15 a.m. will not be offered so all may attend the Annual Parish Meeting in 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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

JANUARY 27-FEBRUARY 1, 2025

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

MEN

Dads' Bible Study *Thursday, 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*
Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study.

WOMEN

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

STUDENTS

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

EVENTS



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

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

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*



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



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.



**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/smeccdisaster.***

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



DePelchin
CHILDREN'S CENTER

DePelchin Tour

Wednesday, Jan. 29 | Noon
4950 Memorial Dr.

Tour DePelchin Children's Center and learn all about their programs and how they help the community beyond the Angel Tree Holiday Project.

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



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
jhylden@smec.org • 713-830-4106

"Life Together" is available wherever fine books are sold.



ACTIVITY CENTER

RESTORATIVE YOGA

Fridays

11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. | Aerobics Room

Join Angela for a slow-paced yoga class that targets the deep connective tissues and helps restore body and mind.

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

For more information, visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Contact | Victoria Wilson

activitycenter@smec.org • 713-985-3835



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!
bit.ly/ecwmain



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Contact: Valerie Rivera
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*The
Order
of the
Daughters
of the King*



**SATURDAY, FEB. 1 • 10 A.M.
CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER**

CASA DE ESPERANZA TOUR

We will meet in St. Martin's parking lot and carpool to Casa de Esperanza for a private group tour of their facilities.

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



**CELEBRATE
SCOUT SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 2
9 A.M. • THE CHURCH**

St. Martin's recognizes Scouts and leaders from Church-sponsored Scout Troup 354 and Cub Scout Pack 354 during this special worship service, in which Scouts will also participate. Former and current Scouts and Scout leaders are encouraged to wear their uniforms for this service.

Contact

Barbara Piana, Verger
bpiana@smec.org • 713-985-3836



TOUR A GOTHIC-STYLE CHURCH WITHOUT LEAVING HOUSTON!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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.



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.



Join us at
bit.ly/smecjustfor

Contact

The Rev. Jordan Hylden and
Kathy Johnson
smallgroups@smec.org



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, Feb. 5 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center or via Zoom
bit.ly/oslservice

Contact: The Rev. Sharron Cox • scox@smec.org • 713-830-4131

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
 713-985-3845 • jbrowning@smec.org

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 and Holy Scripture
- March 2** *Outreach Sunday*
- March 9** *Spring Break*
- March 16** The Book of Common Prayer, Prayer and Sacraments
- March 23** The Church and Ministry
- March 30** History of Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church
- April 6** Holy Baptism and Confirmation
- April 13** *Palm Sunday*
- April 20** *Easter Sunday*
- April 27** Life in the Anglican Communion
- May 4** Final Lesson
- Saturday, May 10** Confirmation with the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle



DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Feb. 12
Children's Life Center, Room 132 and
Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom

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 "Old God's Time"
by Sebastian Barry.

Contact: The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden • 713-830-4106 • jhylden@smec.org



Walking the Mourner's Path

Small Group Workshops

Wednesday, Feb. 12 (8 Weeks)
4–5:30 p.m.

Walking the Mourners Path is a series of small group workshops which are appropriate for those who are at least 6 months out from the death of a loved one. There will always be grief after a death and we want to walk with you to ease your pain. This class will be guided by lay and clergy facilitators who are trained at a Facilitator Training School.

Cost is \$30 • Class is limited to 12 participants

To reserve your space, contact

» The Rev. Lisa Neilson • lneilson@smec.org
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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
gcross@smec.org • 713-985-3823



Celebrate Valentine's!

Chefs Graham Gemoets and Robert Iris return to St. Martin's with a tantalizing cooking class menu to celebrate St. Valentine's.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 13
PARISH LIFE CENTER, KITCHEN • 6-8 P.M.**

ON THE MENU:

- Classic Italian Fettucine
- French Onion Soup
- Cherries Jubilee Flambé



**Sign up at
bit.ly/smeccooks
Cost is \$75**

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

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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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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