

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

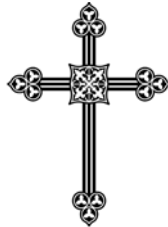
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*February 16, 2025*



## 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 4: Adagio, Andante" Felix Mendelssohn

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

## \*HYMN 690 ..... "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



Words: William Williams (1717–1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722–1796), alt.; Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873–1932).

**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.*)



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*

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LESSON .....Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse – who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

# HYMN 663 (vs. 1-3)..... “The Lord My God My Shepherd Is”

1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how  
2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and  
3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the  
4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -  
5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for

1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by  
2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for  
3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for  
4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and  
5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy

1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.  
2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.  
3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.  
4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.  
5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984); para. of Psalm 23; Music: *Crimond*, melody Jesse Seymour Irvine (1836–1887); harm. *Hymnal* 1982.

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

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

**THE GOSPEL** ..... Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 23.*

# HYMN 663 (vs. 4-5)..... “The Lord My God My Shepherd Is”

1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how  
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 3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the  
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*Please be seated.*

THE SERMON ..... The. Rev. Lisa R. Neilson



# THE NICENE CREED *(stand)*

*Celebrant and People*

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneel)*

*Minister and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

**That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for 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 of Bangladesh; 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*

O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in thine image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that, by the prayers and labors of thy holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship thee as thou hast been revealed in thy Son; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 24 for classes and events.*

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### THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “The Spirit of the Lord”

Edward Elgar

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor: He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind – to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called the trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden that causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel.

Text: Isaiah 61:1-3, 11 Music: From “The Apostles” op. 49 by Edward Elgar. Copyright: 1903 Novello & Company, Limited.

### 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.**

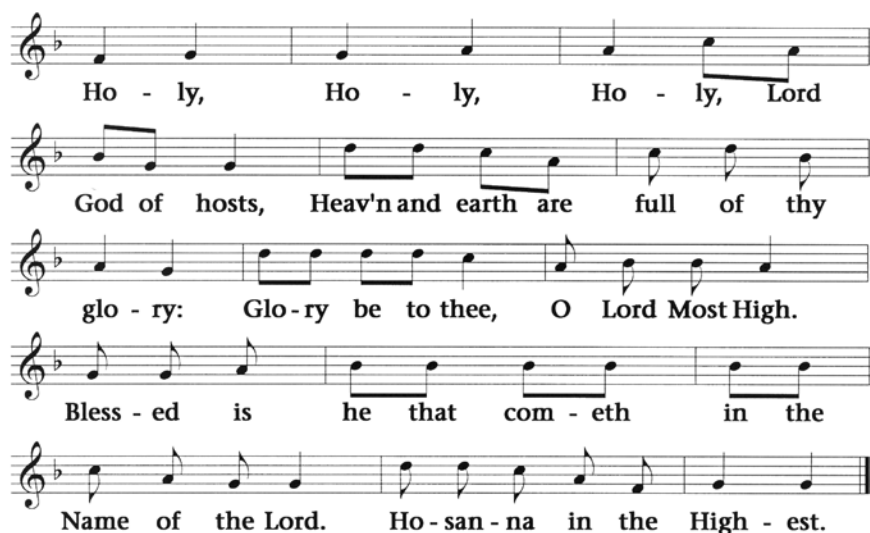
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.)



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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*



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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 ..... “Wash Me Thoroughly”

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Psalms 51, vs.s 2, 3.



# HYMN ..... "Shall We Gather at the River"

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv - er, where bright an-gel feet have  
 2. On the mar-gin of the riv - er, wash-ing up its sil-ver  
 3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev-ery bur-den  
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will

trod, with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing  
 spray, we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the  
 down; grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-  
 cease; soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the

*Refrain*  
 by the throne of God?  
 hap-py gold-en day. Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er,  
 vide a robe and crown.  
 mel-o-dy of peace.

the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er; gath-er with the  
 saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

Music and text by Robert Lowry; Tune: *Hanson Place*. Based on Revelations 22:1-5.

# HYMN 490 ..... "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we



star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

*a tempo*  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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# HYMN ..... “As the Deer”

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

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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

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 555 ..... "Lead On, O King Eternal"

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;  
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease;  
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:  
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears.

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,  
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
 Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heaven - ly king - dom comes.  
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

# THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

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

**VOLUNTARY** ..... “Prelude in E-flat Major”  
Camille Saint-Saens

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*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 thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rt. Rev. Mike Hill

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Capri Madeline Connelly-James  
by Jennifer Connelly and Kevin James

In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Conrad and Michael Steitz and Harrison Stout  
by Brittany and Matt Steitz and Courtney and Dylan Stout

In thanksgiving for the baptism of August Matthew Thanheiser  
by Haley and Will Thanheiser

In thanksgiving for our wedding anniversary  
by Lila and Chad Flores

In loving memory of Mary Stuart McHenry Baker  
by James A. Baker, III, James A. Baker, IV, Stuart McHenry Baker,  
John Coalter Baker and Douglas Bland Baker

In loving memory of Cleo Barksdale Williams, Kathryn Williams Barksdale and  
Nancy Lynn Horton on the occasion of their birthdays  
by Laurence Barksdale Horton, grandson, son and brother



### SYMPATHY

Jan. 31 Mary Weismann Peterson

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

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## 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
Capt. 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](https://bit.ly/oslservice)



# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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## THE PSALM ..... Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## THE EPISTLE ..... 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

# THIS SUNDAY

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## ✦ ADULTS

8+

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

*8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*

**THEOLOGY FOR LIFE** with the Rt. Rev. Mike Hill

“Frequently Asked Questions: What Happens When We Die?”

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

*10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

**INTRO TO ANGLICANISM** with the Rev. John Sundara

Discuss the Book of Common Prayer, the Sacraments and the Church’s history and polity to explore the Episcopal faith.

*10:15 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION** with the Rev. Sharron Cox

“The Kingdom of God is Within You”

Learn how to cultivate the interior life in Christ amid so many competing thoughts, desires and motivations.

*10:15 a.m. • Founders’ Hall*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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

# THIS SUNDAY

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## ✦ STUDENT MINISTRIES

### SUNDAY GET-TOGETHERS

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

*10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*

## ✦ CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

*10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

### CHILDCARE

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

*8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

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FEBRUARY 17-22, 2025

## ALL ADULTS

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** *Tuesday, 9 a.m. • Activity Center, Family Room*  
Knit and crochet shawls to be released for those in need of prayer.

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

**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

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

# Taizé

PRAYER SERVICE

**SUNDAY, FEB. 16**  
5 p.m. • Christ Chapel

Taizé Prayer is a quiet and meditative time of sung prayer, listening and quiet reflection based upon the style of worship of the Taizé Community in France which has drawn hundreds of thousands of visitors for over half a century.

*Come and join us whether you are drawn to silence or just in need of quiet or seeking time of prayer with others.*

**Contact:** Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam  
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## DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIVES

**MONDAY, FEB. 17**  
9 A.M.–1:30 P.M.  
ACTIVITY CENTER, GAME ROOM



**SIGN UP AT**  
[bit.ly/smecblooddrive](http://bit.ly/smecblooddrive)  
*Walk-ins Welcome!*



**Gulf Coast Regional  
Blood Center**  
YEARS OF SAVING LIVES

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



# ACTIVITY CENTER

## BARRELATES

Tuesdays – **NEW TIME!**

Noon | Aerobics Room

Toning, flexibility, balance and core strength are addressed using a variety of equipment.  
Open to all levels.

### **MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!**

For more information, visit [bit.ly/smecactivitycenter](http://bit.ly/smecactivitycenter).

### **Activity Center Reception**

[activitycenter@smec.org](mailto:activitycenter@smec.org) • 713-985-3835



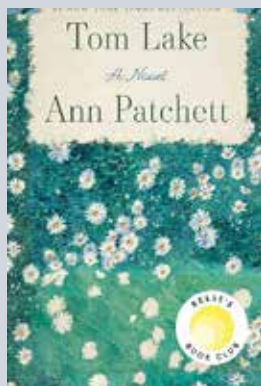
*Faith*  
in  
LITERATURE

## EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Feb. 18 | 7-8:30 p.m.

Children's Life Center, Room 109 and

Via Zoom | [smec.org/faith-in-literature](http://smec.org/faith-in-literature)



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 "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett.*

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

ST. MARTIN'S  
**OUTREACH**  
MINISTRIES



## CCSC Work Day

**Saturday, Feb. 22 | 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.**

 RIVERWAY

# CHILI COOK-OFF



**SUNDAY, FEB. 23**  
**12:30–2:30 p.m. • Student Life Center**

We are so excited to host our chili cook-off Sunday following the Riverway service. We hope you'll consider cooking a batch of your favorite chili to share with us. If you're not much of a cook, then come to Church hungry. Everyone is invited to taste all the options and vote for their favorite. Prizes awarded for Best Tasting, Most Original and Spiciest Chili!



**Enter the contest at**  
**[bit.ly/riverwaychilicookoff](http://bit.ly/riverwaychilicookoff)**

**Contact**  
The Rev. Wesley Arning  
[rwarning@smec.org](mailto:rwarning@smec.org)  
346-335-8680



# SHROVE TUESDAY

PARISH DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4**

**5:30–7 P.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL**

All Parishioners are invited to attend this family gathering, which includes a traditional pancake dinner, red beans and rice, live entertainment, children's activities and prizes.

**Online Discounted Tickets** *(until March 3)*

[smec.org/shrovetuesday](http://smec.org/shrovetuesday)

\$8/adult • \$4/child

Max Family Price: \$26

**Gift Shoppe & Door Tickets**

\$10/adult • \$5/child

Max Family Price: \$30

*Max Family (2 adults, 3+ kids) • (Children are age 15 and under)*

**Contact:** Brittney Pena • [bpena@smec.org](mailto:bpena@smec.org) • 713-985-3821



## HIGH SCHOOL *Retreat*

7 1 7 STUDENTS

**March 21–23 • Lake Livingston**

**Cost is \$250**

*For students in grades 9–12*

A weekend getaway for high schoolers to spend time with God and one another as we talk about faith. Join us for fun, fellowship and a fancy dinner out.



**Sign up at [bit.ly/smechsretreat](http://bit.ly/smechsretreat)**

*Deadline to register is March 14 or until the trip is full.*

**Contact:** Florence Ritchie • [students@smec.org](mailto:students@smec.org) • 713-985-3843



## 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 [vriviera@smec.org](mailto:vriviera@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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Mr. David Leonard, *Treasurer*  
Mrs. Courtney Schilling, *Clerk*  
Mr. Dan Meyer, *Senior Council President*  
Mr. Bob Heston, Jr., *Parish Stewardship Chair*  
Mr. Andy Harvin, *Chancellor\**

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Mrs. Kathy Bennett  
Mrs. Summer Craig  
Mr. Mike Fuqua  
Mr. Will Hedges  
The Hon. Edith Jones  
Mr. John Maclay, Jr.  
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Mr. Milton West

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The Hon. James A. Baker, III, *Special Counsel to the Vestry\**  
Mr. David Harvin, *Senior Council Representative 2023-2025*  
Mrs. Beth Reeves, *Senior Council Representative 2023-2025*  
Ms. Samantha Hutchison, *Altar Guild President 2024-2025*  
Mrs. Shelly Newton, *ECW President 2024-2025*  
Mr. Perry Ruthven, *Men of St. Martin's President 2023-2025*  
Mr. John Sutherland, *Usher Representative 2024-2026*

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



**Mrs. Courtney Schilling**  
*Vestry Representative*  
*Morning*



**Mr. David Leonard**  
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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.

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