

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 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 "Meditation"


Gabriel Dupont

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

THE GREAT LITANY


(said at 8 a.m.; chanted at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

Cantor *People*




O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Cantor *People*




O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Cantor *People*




O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Cantor *People*




O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Cantor




Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People




preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Cantor



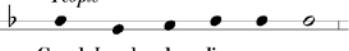
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

Cantor



devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of
the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart,
and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from
plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle,
and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and
submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by
thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and
Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour
of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may
please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the
right way,

People
b ————— • • •

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of St. Martin and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

The musical notation consists of four systems, each with a staff and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first system is for the opening prayer. The second and third systems are for the 'Lamb of God' prayer, with the Cantor part on the left and the People part on the right. The fourth system is for the 'O Christ, hear us' prayer, also with Cantor and People parts. The lyrics are written below the staves, and the musical notes are represented by black dots and lines.

Cantor Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Cantor O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.
People O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

Cantor O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.
People

Cantor O Christ, hear us. *People* O Christ, hear us.

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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 blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONPsalm 91:1-2, 9-16

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD, “You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust.”
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold *
to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 150 (vs. 1-3).....“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain.
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smytton (1822–1870), alt.; Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654–1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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

HYMN 150 (vs. 4-5).....“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain.
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON.....“More Than Conquerors” *The Rev. Naomi B. Sundara*

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 PEACE

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 26 for classes and events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “O Love Divine”
David Ashley White

O Love divine, what hast Thou done! The immortal God hath died for me! The Father’s co-eternal Son bore all my sins upon the tree. The immortal God for me hath died: My Lord, my Love, is crucified! Is crucified for me and you, to bring us rebels back to God. Believe, believe the record true, ye all are bought with Jesus’ blood. Pardon for all flows from his side: My Lord, my Love, is crucified. O ye behold Him, all ye that pass by, the bleeding Prince of life and peace! Come, sinners, see your Savior die, and say, “Was ever grief like His?” Come, feel with me His blood applied: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

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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 *Gardiner*



Text, John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; Music, *Gardiner*, William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815; By permission of Houghton Mifflin Company.

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.

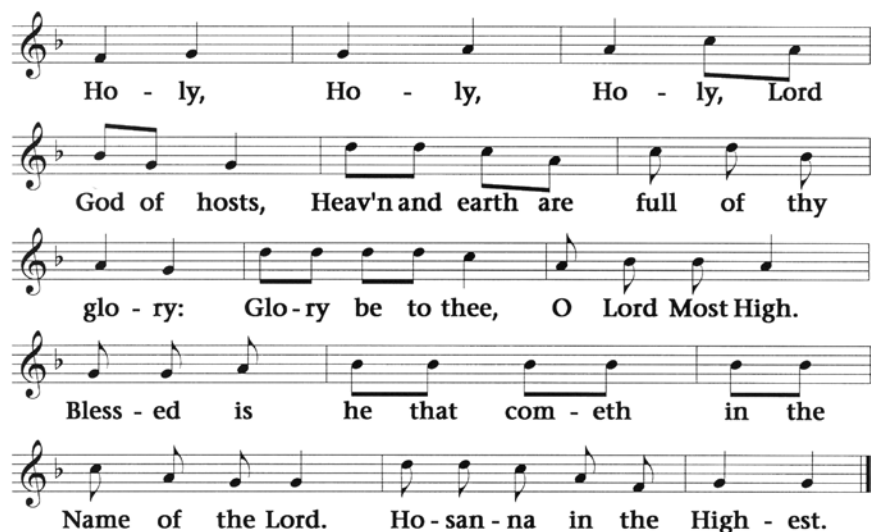
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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

Celebrant and People (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, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with 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 Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy upon us.

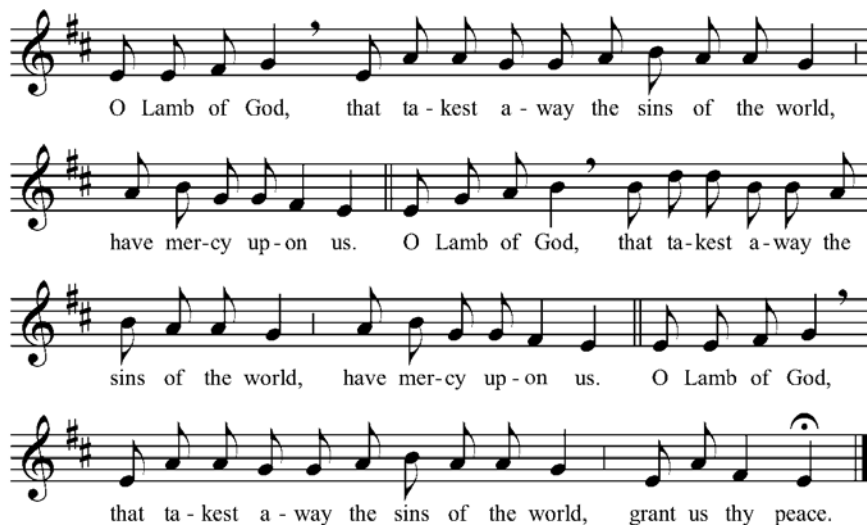
Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Grant us thy peace.

FRACTION ANTHEM



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People

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“For He Shall Give His Angels Charge” Felix Mendelssohn

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, that they shall protect thee in all the ways thou goest. For he shall give his angels charge over thee; that their hands shall uphold and guide thee, Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone, they shall uphold thee.

Text: From *Elijah*: Psalms 91:11-12. Music: Felix Mendelssohn. Public Domain.

HYMN 685“Rock of Ages”

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778), alt.; Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784–1872).

HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores thee! My

heart is glad to say the— words: thou art ho - ly, Lord.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in C major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on a whole note. The lyrics are printed below the staves.

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HYMN “In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified”

1. In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 2. In my song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 3. In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;

In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 In my song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It features three verses of lyrics. The melody is a simple, ascending line that ends with a final cadence. The lyrics are printed below the staves.

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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.**


LENTEN BLESSING

All stand.

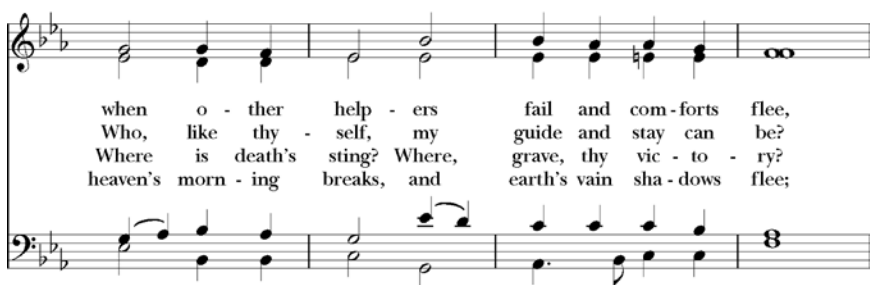
HYMN 662 “Abide with Me”




1 A - bidē with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bidē:
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;



help of the help - less, O a - bidē with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bidē with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bidē with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bidē with me.

Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793–1847); Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluias are omitted during the season of Lent.

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Prelude in E Minor”
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

RECOGNITIONS



BIRTHS

Feb. 7 Rankin Jack Miglioretti
Son of Kiara Rankin Miglioretti and Jack Miglioretti II
Grandson of Marlene and Bill Rankin



BAPTISMS

March 1 Margot Cecilia Benak
March 2 Jacqueline Jane White Anderson



WEDDINGS

March 1 Catherine Marie Chastain and Richard Allen Costello



SYMPATHY

Jan. 2 Anne Baker Horton
Feb. 25 Christopher Patrick Cammuso
Feb. 28 Judy Catherine Whaley Hershberger

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

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
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	

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



9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Family Table service with Holy Eucharist combines contemporary worship music with traditional liturgy and is designed for families with young children.



11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Riverway Contemporary Service is both Anglican and modern, offering the Holy Eucharist in a relaxed service with contemporary music.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist Services

7 a.m. and noon • Christ Chapel

5:30 p.m. • The Church

OSL Healing Prayer Service

First Wednesday of the month

5 p.m. • Parish Life Center • Online at smec.org/osl

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

THIS SUNDAY

Sunday School classes for Students and Children at 10:15 a.m. will not be offered due to Spring Break.

✦ ADULTS

8+

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

8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception 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

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER with the Rev. Sharron Cox
Spend a morning in silent prayer and sharing as we grow to learn to love as God loves.

10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center, Bride's Parlor

✦ CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDCARE

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

8 a.m. • Children's Life Center

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

MARCH 9-15, 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.

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.

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.

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*

STUDENTS

Youth Choir *Sunday, 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
Students in grades 6-12 spend time in fellowship and heart Christ's Word through the music they study and sing.

CHILDREN

Young Singers *Sunday, 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
Children in grades 1-5 learn Christ's Word through music, where they learn techniques of singing and of following a musical score.

EVENTS



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

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAYS • MARCH 12–APRIL 9

4:30–5:30 p.m. • The Church

Sundays, before and after the morning services.

Parishioners and guests are invited to make their pilgrimage along the Via Dolorosa, or “Way of Sorrows,” during Lent. The Stations of the Cross depict the final hours (or Passion) of Jesus and the devotion commemorating the Passion.

Contact: Juli Browning

jbrowning@smec.org • 713-985-3845



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



WEDNESDAY ADULT LENTEN SERIES

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: The Seven Christian Habits

MARCH 12

Reclaiming Attention: Worship and Prayer

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

This Lent, we invite you to spend Wednesday evenings with your Church family as we seek to re-focus our lives and hearts on Jesus. We'll walk together through the Seven Christian Habits as good practices God has given the church to draw us into a closer relationship with Him.

Dinner (\$10) • Bagby Parish Hall • 5–6:15 p.m.

Holy Eucharist • The Church • 5:30 p.m.

Program • Bagby Parish Hall • 6:15 p.m.



Sign up for Dinner at smec.org/cafe
or purchase tickets at the Gift Shoppe
by Tuesday of each week.

Upcoming Speakers:

Week 2: The Rev. Dr. Suse McBay
Week 3: The Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd
Week 4: The Rev. Wesley Arning
Week 5: The Rev. Sharron Cox



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THEOLOGY *for* LIFE

The Seven Deadly Sins *And How to Avoid Them*

**Sundays, 10:15–11 a.m.
Bagby Parish Hall**

This season of Lent, we'll be looking more closely at the traditional "seven deadly sins:" how they draw us away from our true home in God, and how by God's grace we can be forgiven and drawn back to the true source of all joy, the God who loves us and made us for Himself.

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



MARCH 16
Lust and Gluttony
Led by Dr. Elisabeth Kincaid



MARCH 23
Pride and Greed
Led by the Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd



MARCH 30
Wrath and Envy
Led by Dr. Philip Tallon



APRIL 6
Sloth (or Acedia)
Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

EASTER FLOWERS

Remember a loved one by ordering lilies to decorate The Church at Easter. All requests received will be included in the worship booklet available at all Easter services. Names submitted after the deadline will be printed in worship booklets in weeks following Easter.

Donations Close
5 p.m. Monday, March 17

Due to limited space, please do not include additional dedication language.

Make your flower dedication online at
smec.org/easterflowers

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



HIGH SCHOOL *Retreat*

717 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

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

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



ACTIVITY CENTER

SLOW FLOW YOGA

Tuesdays – **NEW TIME**

9 a.m. | Aerobics Room

This class focuses on all the benefits of yoga through slow and continuous movement. Learn yoga sequences that help to improve focus, strength, balance, flexibility, reduce stress and enhance emotional wellbeing! Perfect for beginners.

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

For more information, visit smec.org/activity-center.

Activity Center Reception

activitycenter@smec.org • 713-985-3835

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



Chat with Amistad Children

Tuesday, March 18 | 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Spend some of your evening getting to know the children and Mama Isabel in Casa San Martin in Cochabamba, Bolivia over Zoom. All ages are welcome, and a translator will be available.

Contact Tracee Tindol at ttindol@smec.org or 713-985-3811 for the Zoom link.

Save Lives. *Feel Refreshed.*

MONDAY, MARCH 17

9 A.M.–1:30 P.M.

ACTIVITY CENTER, GAME ROOM



SIGN UP AT
smec.org/blood-drive
Walk-ins Welcome!



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

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



SPECIAL STAINED-GLASS WINDOW TOUR

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
11 A.M. • THE CHURCH**

Lee Hunnell, one of the founders of St. Martin's Docent Guild, will lead a special tour of the stained-glass windows. She is the author of the book **"Reaching Up to God,"** which tells the story of the building of The Church, and is available at St. Martin's Gift Shoppe.

Contact

Shelly Newton • 281-788-1288
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Good Books and Good Conversation

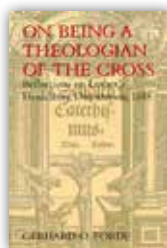
Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

**THURSDAY, MARCH 27 | 6:15 P.M.
CHAPEL RECEPTION HALL**

Join in the dialogue!

"On Being a Theologian of the Cross" by Gerhard Forde

This brief but rich book is an exposition of Martin Luther's 1518 Heidelberg Disputation, centered around Luther's central distinction between a human-centered "theology of glory" and a Christ-centered "theology of the cross."



Contact: The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden
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*"On Being a Theologian of the Cross" is
available wherever fine books are sold.*



Mary Ann's

That's Amore!

Cooking From The Heart with Mary Ann Pace

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

PARISH LIFE CENTER, KITCHEN • 6–8 P.M.

Join Mary Ann Pace for a unique cooking experience inspired by her culinary journey.



Sign up at
smec.org/cooking

Cost is \$75

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



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UNITED THANK
OFFERING

**NOTICE.
GIVE.
MAKE.
BLESS.**

LENT 2025: 40 DAYS OF WELCOME AND GRATITUDE

The United Thank Offering is a ministry of The Episcopal Church that began in 1883. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen daily, thank God, and make an offering in a UTO Blue Box.

Find UTO envelopes in The Church pews and boxes in The Church Narthex and Parish Life Center. Boxes collected on Easter morning.

One-hundred percent of the collected funds are distributed throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.



SAN ANTONIO • JUNE 15–20

This summer Student Ministries will take our middle and high school students to beautiful San Antonio to work with Blueprint Ministries, a non-profit that works to make homes healthier, safer and drier for San Antonio neighbors.



Register at
smec.org/students

Deadline to register: May 15

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

PASSION
Camp

JULY 13–JULY 19 • DAYTONA BEACH, FL

717 STUDENTS

Middle and high school students are invited to join the Student Ministries leaders in Florida for four days of worship, learning and faith-growing. Meet Christian teens from around the country in worship, music, fun and foundational conversations about being disciples of Christ.



Join us at
smec.org/students

Deadline to register: May 15



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MEMBERSHIP

If you are visiting today, please fill out a Welcome Card from the pew rack to place in the offering plate or complete it online by scanning the QR code or visiting **bit.ly/smecvisitors**. Please introduce yourself to one of our Clergy and we will be in touch to let you know more about our Parish Family.



Seeking membership in a parish is a very important step and it is our goal to support your understanding of our Parish, its ministries and your place in the life of St. Martin's. Our membership process begins by attending one of our quarterly Membership 101 classes.

Contact: Kathy Johnson • 713-985-3834 • kjohnson@smec.org

ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

For general questions, contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040 during business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday–Friday).

For pastoral concerns during business hours, contact 713-985-3817 or pastoralcare@smec.org.

For pastoral emergencies after hours and weekends, call 713-621-3040 and follow the prompts to reach the priest on call.

For prayer requests, contact the prayer request line at 713-830-4124 or Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@smec.org.

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

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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 You will be done.

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

WE INVITE YOU TO
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