FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 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.



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.





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....."Melody"
York Bowen

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





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

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. (kneel)

A moment of silence is observed.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

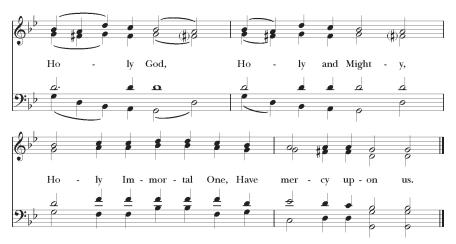
The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People: Have mercy upon us.

TRISAGION



 $Title: The\ Holy\ Eucharist,\ Holy\ God:\ Trisagion;\ Music:\ Ver.\ Hymnal\ 1982,\ after\ Alexander\ Archangelsky\ (1846-1924).$

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON (morning services)2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said," I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
 Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.

- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

All stand.



 $Words: Augustus\ Montague\ Toplady\ (1740-1778),\ alt.;\ Music:\ \textit{Toplady},\ Thomas\ Hastings\ (1784-1872).$

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL......Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen!

For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.""

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 23.

*HYMN 645 (vs. 46)....."The King of Love My Shepherd Is"



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

Please be seated.

THE SERMONThe Rev. Dr. Suse McBay

Morning Services

Please see page 28 for more about Dr. McBay.

THE SERMON The Rev. R. Wesley Arning Evening Service

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;

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

who spake by the Prophets.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the nomination of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, our bishops; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, and John, our Mayor; for the Congress and the Courts; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those in hospitals ___, and those who have requested our prayers ___, and those on our continuing prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for all who remember and care for them; for first responders, and for all who serve in our armed forces and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially ____, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar greenery, ____; and in the communion of St. Martin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. **Amen.**

THE PEACE (stand)

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

People: And with thy spirit.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 24 for classes and events.

THE OFFERTORY

A N T H E M"" "O Come Every One That Thirsteth"
Felix Mendelssohn

O come, everyone that thirsteth, O come to the waters, O come unto Him. O come, everyone that thirsteth, come ye unto Him, O hear, and your souls shall live forever; O come to the waters, O come everyone that thirsteth. O come to Him!

From Elijah.

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.



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.

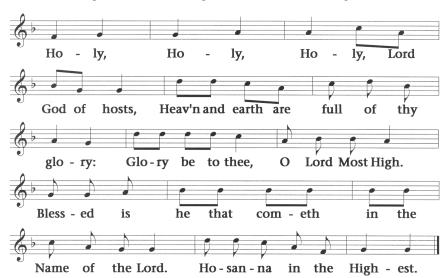
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

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.)



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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

${\it Celebrant\ and\ People}$

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.

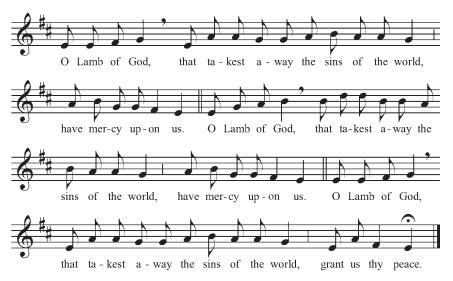
Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

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.

A N T H E M""Almighty and Everlasting God"
Orlando Gibbons

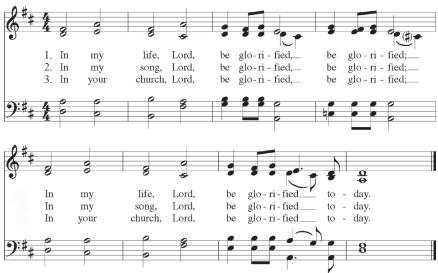
Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look up our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

 $Text: Edited by \ E.H. \ Fellowes. \ Revised \ edition \ by \ Peter \ Le \ Huray \ and \ David \ Willcocks. \ Music: Orlando \ Gibbons \ (1583-1625). \ @ \ 1969 \ Oxford \ University \ Press.$

There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall, where our dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all. O dearly, dearly has he loved! And we must love him too, and trust in his redeeming love, and try his will to do. Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended, that we to judge you have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by your own rejected, O most afflicted.

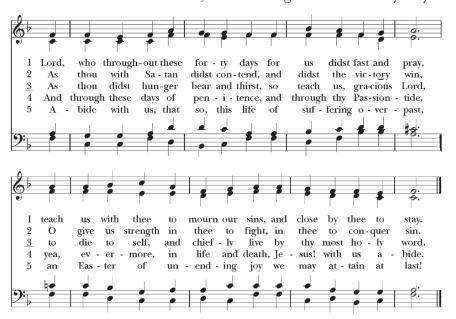
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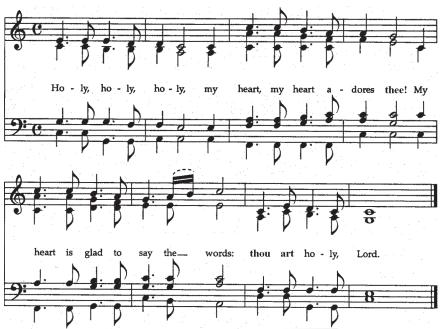
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HYMN 142"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"



 $Words: Charlotte\ Elliott\ (1789-1871); Music:\ \textit{Woodworth}, William\ Batchelder\ Bradbury\ (1816-1868).$





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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.



Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887); Music: Olivet, Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THE DISMISSAL

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

RECOGNITIONS



GREENERY GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay

In thanksgiving for Irene Lee on her birthday

by her husband, Bruce Michael Lee

In memory of Rita Bastian

by the Clergy of St. Martin's

In memory of Mary Gray Lester

by Linda and John Griffin, Laura and Jack Schuhmacher, and

Allison and Philip Lorenzo

In memory of John Lollar

by Klinka Lollar



BIRTHS

Jan. 22 Luke Talmadge Prath

Son of Kristina Little and Patrick Prath

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 Clare Jan Grantland Wagner Mary and Jim Jennings Margaret Watson Carolyn Alban Edith Avery Katie Jones Mary Watters Stephen Wedemeyer Phyllis Katharine Shelly Bain Chris Woessner John Bebout Dick Kilday Cory Blackman Searcy Kracke Eric Zoerb Jennifer Broussard Tom Lamb Abagail Gary Browning Bruce Michael Lee Bill Helen Paige Buck Mary Lehman Dave Brian Burke Nancy Liles David

Delonda Citrano Patrick Maehs Elizabeth and Scott

Sammy A. Citrano III Martha Marks Grace Gail Davis Bill Maynard Harold Paul Davison Barbara and Bob McClellan Henry Bobby de Sosa Janet McDaniel Ieff Linda de Sosa Adams McHenry Laura Renita DeBois Babies A and B McLaughlin Lynne Holly DeMoss Gillian McLaughlin Mark Jeanne Dewey Frank Melcher Sara Mercedes Dewey Len Menefee Sharon Richard Dewey Bob Paddock Stephen Charlotte Dion Megan Palsa Wayne

Ross Dunn Ophelia Pujol
Stacey and John Elliott Phyllis Reinhardt
Jackie Eubank Hugh Ripps
Michael Finn Monica Rivera
Will Fogle John Roady

Catherine Gonzales
Nancy Gore
Aart and Susan Gosma
The Rev. Alex Graham
Shea Guinn
Bette Haidusek
Magdalene Robbins
Michael Scarborough
Helen and Jim Shaffer
Caroline Shanahan
Clif Shoemake
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

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 vrivera@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Prayers for those on Active Military Duty in the Armed Forces:

Lt. Col. Julian Benton
1LT. Tom Cadwallender
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender
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Capt. Casey Gainer LCDR Bradley Hoffman LTC Wesley J. Hunnell

1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich

Major Blake J. Kidd Capt. Jack Mullen 1st Lt. Alex Mullen PFC. Parris F. Owen SrA James W. Peoples

Lt. Paul Piana

Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant CPO Brian Powell

CPO Brian Powel PO Evan Tomlin

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 vrivera@smec.org.

Please circle the name of any loved one that you would like to remain on our Continuing Prayer list, tear out this sheet of your bulletin and place it in the Prayer List box in the Narthex. You may also email Valerie Rivera at vrivera@smec.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

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

RIVERWAY

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......Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

THIS SUNDAY

▶ ADULTS

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Discuss the lectionary readings of the day following the 8 a.m. service. 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

THEOLOGY FOR LIFE with Dr. Philip Tallon

"The Seven Deadly Sins (And How to Avoid Them): Wrath and Envy" This series hopes to give the best answers to the questions you have about our faith.

10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall



Dr. Philip Tallon

Dean of the School of Christian Thought at Houston Christian University Dr. Tallon teaches theology and apologetics and is the author of several scholarly and popular books, including "The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith" (Seedbed Press, 2016) and several

theological treatments of literature and the arts, ranging from Sherlock Holmes to horror films. Dr. Tallon and his large, lively family make their home in Houston.

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

FAMILY LIFE CLASS with the Rev. Alex Graham

"Sanctification: The Art of Christian Growth and Maturity" Parents of younger families meet to examine key teachings on Christian growth and maturity.

10:15 a.m. • Activity Center, Game Room

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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

THIS SUNDAY

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



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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

MARCH 30-APRIL 5, 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.

Blanket Ladies *Wednesday, 10 a.m.* • *Activity Center, Family Room* Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals.

Docent Tour Wednesday, 10:45 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.

Parish Choir *Thursday*, 11:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. • The Music Center, Rehearsal Hall Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation.

MEN

Men of St. Martin's *Thursday* • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall
This mens' group meets for fellowship, mutual support and Bible study.

WOMEN

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.



THE REV. DR. SUSE MCBAY

Sunday, March 30 8, 9, 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Church



At St. Martin's, the Rev. Dr. McBay focused on Christian education, Prayer ministries and Riverway. Now, she teaches biblical studies and homiletics, guiding students to explore ministry from a biblical perspective.



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE REV. DICK ELWOOD

MAY 11, 1939-MARCH 1, 2025

Friday, April 4 11 a.m. The Church

Please join us to celebrate the life and ministry of the Rev. Dick Elwood, who faithfully served our Lord at St. Martin's for more than two decades.

Contact: Pastoral Care pastoralcare@smec.org • 713-621-3040



Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate March Birthdays and Anniversaries with Riverway.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 Parish Life Center Narthex

Following the 11:15 a.m. services

We invite everyone who has had a recent birthday or anniversary to join us in acknowledgement of your special day, and share a dessert or breakfast item with us. Everyone is welcome!

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





Be in the Know!

Sign up to receive our monthly Outreach newsletter for updates on all the volunteer opportunities.





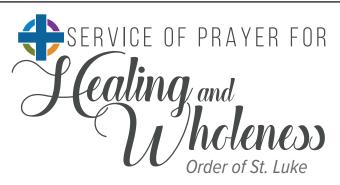
To join the list, scan the QR code or email outreach@smec.org.



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 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, April 2 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center or via Zoom

smec.org/osl

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



WEDNESDAY ADULT LENTEN SERIES Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: The Seven Christian Habits

APRIL 2

Life Together in a Lonely World Led by the Rev. Wesley Arning

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 Week 5: The Rev. Sharron Cox **Speaker:**







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



SATURDAY, APRIL 5 • 10 A.M. CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

BOOK STUDY

We will discuss Brennan Manning's book, "Ruthless Trust: The Ragamuffin's Path to God."

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



Volunteers are invited to be part of the cast for Palm Sunday Dramatic Re-Enactment

Rehearsal Date
Saturday, April 12
10 a.m.-noon
The Church

Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 13
9 and 11:15 a.m. services
The Church

No "acting" experience needed and costumes will be provided.

Adults, youth and children over the age of 10 (with participating parents).

Limited time commitment.

Interested? Please respond by Monday, April 7, to Bruce Morgan at robertbrucemorgan@gmail.com.



PALM CROSS WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 9 A.M.-3 P.M.

STUDENT LIFE CENTER

If planning to attend after 1 p.m., please call in advance to ensure volunteers are still needed.

Join members of the Altar Guild as they make palm crosses to distribute on Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion. This annual tradition is a fun and meaningful time of fellowship and service. Please bring scissors.

Barbara Piana, Verger 713-830-4116 • bpiana@smec.org



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.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER



AT ST. MARTIN'S



PALM SUNDAY

April 13

Traditional Services

8 a.m. and 6 p.m., Holy Eucharist 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist and dramatic re-enactment The Church

Family Table Service

8:30 and 9:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist and dramatic reading *Parish Life Center*

Riverway Contemporary Service

11:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist

Parish Life Center

TAIZÉ PRAYER WITH EUCHARIST

Wednesday, April 16 6 p.m. · Christ Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 17 7 p.m. • The Church

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18
Traditional Services
Noon and 6 p.m. • The Church

Family Table Service

Noon • Parish Life Center

Riverway Contemporary Service

6 p.m. • Parish Life Center

HOLY SATURDAY BAPTISM

Saturday, April 19 10 am. • Christ Chapel

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20

Traditional Services

7, 9, 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. • The Church

Family Table Service

8:30 and 9:45 a.m., • Parish Life Center

Riverway Contemporary Service

11:15 a.m., • Parish Life Center



See full details of our Holy Week offerings at smec.org/holy-week



See full details of our Easter offerings at **smec.org/easter**





Adult/Family Mission Trip

June 14-19, 2025 • San Salvador, El Salvador

Adults and families are invited to serve with St. Martin's ministry partner, Kurt Ackermann, and his organization, Sus Hijos, in San Salvador, El Salvador. Together, we will be the hands and feet of Jesus by visiting an orphanage, building a house for a needy family and ministering to special needs children on a beach trip—all while deepening our faith and theirs.



Register at smec.org/worldmissions
Deadline: April 15

Contact: Courtney Kearns worldmission@smec.org 713-985-3819



AMISTAD MISSION TRIP

JUNE 24-JULY 1

Cochabamba, Bolivia

Join us in building meaningful relationships with the children at Casa San Martín! We'll engage in arts and crafts, visit a park, play games, work in their garden and have a lot of fun. Since 1993, St. Martin's has sponsored Casa San Martín, a home that offers a loving Christian community for children who have been abused, abandoned or orphaned.



Register at smec.org/worldmissions

Deadline: April 15

Minimum age: 12 years old

Contact: Courtney Kearns

worldmission@smec.org • 713-985-3819

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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Mr. Will HedgesVestry Representative
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Jesus, The Christ

The Head of This Church



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