

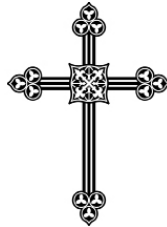
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 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.....“Cantilene”

Louis Vierne

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

*HYMN 460“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
3 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
2 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
3 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
2 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter
3 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 3 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 3 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 3 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898); Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887).

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.)



Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con-que-ri- ng Son; end - less is the
vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
rolled the stone a - way, kept the fol - ded grave clothes
where thy bo - dy lay. Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con-que-ri- ng
Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 209 (vs. 1-2) “We Walk by Faith”

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE G O S P E LJohn 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on pages 23-24.

HYMN 209 (vs. 3-4) “We Walk by Faith”

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
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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; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; 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.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(stand)*

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 25 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Gaelic Blessing”

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you, Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you, Deep peace of the gentle night to you, Moon and stars, pour their healing light on you, Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you, Deep peace of Christ to you.

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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 *Easter Hymn*

Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!" and "praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!". The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lya Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley.

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.

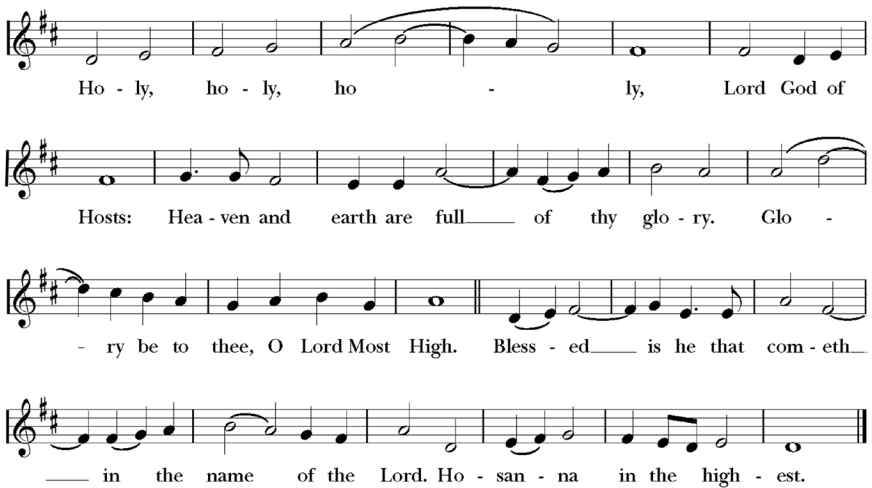
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven 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.

Music: Healey Willan, From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880–1968); Copyright: By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Celebrant continues (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM..... *Celtic Alleluia*

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

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

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

During the season of Easter, the Prayer of Humble Access is not a part of our public liturgy. You are invited to use it for your private preparation before receiving Communion.

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 priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

AN T H E M “This Joyful Eastertide”
 Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber, Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen. Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river: Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen.

Words: George R. Woodward (1848-1934); Music: Dutch Carol, arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926). © 2002 Oxford University Press. ARR.

H Y M N “He Is Lord”

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is ris-en from the dead and He is Lord!

Ev-ery knee shall bow, ev-ery tongue con-fess that Je-sus Christ is Lord.

Text: based on Philippians 2:10-11; Copyright 1977 Marvin V. Frey; All rights reserved, UBP. CCLI #805314.

HYMN 199 “Come, Ye Faithful”

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.; Music: *St. Kevin*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842–1900).

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.

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 EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand.

HYMN 180“He Is Risen”

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895), alt.; Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650–1680).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY “Trumpet Tune”

C. S. Lang

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage

by Julie Watts Baker and Robert Carroll Kempner

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Phoebe Lee Faith

by Jacklyn and Bobby Faith

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Rankin Jack Miglioretti

by his parents

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Annie Taylor

by Ashley and Travis Taylor

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Faith Weldon

by her grandparents, Virginia and Chris Goble

In memory of Barbara S. Patton

by John and family and her sisters, Judy Coleman and Bonnie Weekley

In memory of Victoria May and Gerald Thomas Westbrook

by their loving children, Brenda, Brent and Laura



BAPTISMS

April 19 Phoebe Lee Faith

Hayden Banks Hirsch

Caroline Marie Stegall

Annie Porter Taylor

Faith Anne Weldon



SYMPATHY

March 17 Joseph Harris Amberson, Jr.

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

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	CPO Brian Powell
1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich	PO Evan Tomlin
Major Blake J. Kidd	
Capt. Jack Mullen	

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OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

 *family table*

9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

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

 RIVERWAY

11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

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

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist Services

7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. • Christ Chapel

OSL Healing Prayer Service

First Wednesday of the month

5 p.m. • Parish Life Center

Online at smec.org/osl

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM Psalm 118:14-29

- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! *
LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLERevelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

THIS SUNDAY

✦ 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 Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

“The Resurrection of Christ: The Resurrection in History”

Discover what history tells us about the resurrection, what does it mean for our life today and what does it show us about the Kingdom.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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

THIS SUNDAY

✦ STUDENT MINISTRIES

5TH GRADE PROMOTION

Students in grade 5 will take a tour of the Student Life Center and find out more about Student Ministries.

10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center

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

APRIL 27-MAY 3, 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.

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.

MEN

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

WOMEN

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

STUDENTS

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 American Friends of the
Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem
invites you to



SUNDAY WITH THE ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP IN JERUSALEM

The Most Rev. Hosam E. Naoum, Anglican Archbishop
in Jerusalem and Primate of the Province of Jerusalem
and the Middle East

Sunday, May 4, 2025
9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services
at The Church.

At 10:15 a.m. there will
be an opportunity
for an educational hour
with the Archbishop in
Bagby Parish Hall.



RIVERWAY

Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate April Birthdays and Anniversaries
with Riverway.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

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

MEMBERSHIP **101**



MONDAY, APRIL 28

Bagby Parish Hall and Online

6–8:30 p.m.

Dinner will be served

*Reservations are required
by 5 p.m. Sunday, April 27*



*Join us in our
mission at
smec.org/membership*

Kathy Johnson, Director of Membership
membership@smec.org • 713-985-3834



ACTIVITY CENTER

CHAIR YOGA

MONDAYS

Noon–12:45 p.m.

Aerobics Room

This relaxing workout focuses around a chair with mindful breathing. It is a great class for those who are new to Yoga or anyone wanting to feel rejuvenated.

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

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

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



Disaster Preparedness

The Restoration Team/Gulf Coast Disaster Readiness will provide information on individual and family preparedness for disasters, and training for responding to/ serving those who have been affected by disasters.

Courtney Kearns
worldmission@smec.org • 713-985-3811

Wednesday, April 30

9:30–11 a.m.

Student Life Center

Main Hall

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES

- St. Martin's Presents -
Sponberg
LECTURE
SERIES

Sponsored by the Men of St. Martin's



Wednesday, April 30
7 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Book Signing: 6 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

WHY DO WE SEPARATE CHURCH FROM STATE?

*Christianity, Religious Freedom and the Foundations
of American Constitutionalism*

**Followed by a response by the Hon. Edith Jones,
Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals**

Dr. Phillip Muñoz
University of Notre Dame

Signup for this free event at
smec.org/sponberg

Donations are welcome to support this
lecture series.

Juli Browning
jbrowning@smec.org • 713-985-3845

The
Order
of the
Daughters
of the King



SATURDAY, MAY 3 • 10 A.M.
CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

OUR SEASON ENDS

We will end our year with Holy Eucharist,
reflections, and brunch. Visitors are welcome.

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

5TH GRADE PROMOTION

Parent Meeting

May 4

10:15 a.m.

Student Life Center

For students completing 5th grade

717 STUDENTS

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

Parents of incoming 6th-grade students will receive information about the impactful and exciting programs Student Ministries offers.



TOUR A GOTHIC-STYLE CHURCH WITHOUT LEAVING HOUSTON!

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Following the 11:15 a.m. service

Meet in the Narthex

St. Martin's docents offer free, public and private tours.

Everyone is welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

To schedule a tour, please call St. Martin's Docent Guild at 713-830-4117 and leave a contact name and number for a return call.

PASSION Camp

JULY 13–JULY 19 • DAYTONA BEACH, FLA

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



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



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



ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

*May 15th
(5-6pm)*

*Learn about the services
HHCI can provide you or a
loved one experiencing grief
or loss, battling depression
or addiction, or needing
mental health resources. See
our beautiful facility here
on St. Martin's campus!*



5025 Riverway | (713) 871-1004 | Registration Not Required

CLASS OF 2025

Senior Recognition Sunday!



LET'S CELEBRATE OUR SENIORS!

Sunday, May 18

10 – 11 a.m. • Student Life Center



**RSVP at
smec.org/students**

Deadline to register: May 12

717 STUDENTS

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

It is time to bid farewell and send our blessings to our high school seniors. While we are saddened to see our high school seniors go, we are thrilled to share in their anticipation for what the future holds.

Join us in sharing breakfast and offering blessings, support and parting gifts.

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

St. Martin's office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

For general questions, contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m..

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

For pastoral emergencies when the Reception Desk is closed, 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. Dan Meyer, *Senior Council President*
Mr. Bob Heston, Jr., *Parish Stewardship Chair*
Mr. Andy Harvin, *Chancellor**

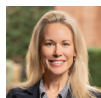
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Mr. Perry Ruthven, *Men of St. Martin's President 2023-2025*
Mr. John Sutherland, *Usher Representative 2024-2026*

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



Mrs. Hunter Bell
Vestry Representative
Morning



Mr. Milton West
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