

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4, 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 “Canzonetta in G Major”

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

*HYMN 432 “O Praise Ye the Lord”

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,



and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150; Music: *Laudate Dominum*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918).

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.**

G L O R I A (*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- ring 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- ring
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

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONActs 9:1-20

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 343 (vs. 1-2).....“Shepherd of Souls”

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

T H E G O S P E LJohn 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John,

do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on pages 25-26.

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 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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THE SERMON Mr. Eric Priest
8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

THE SERMON The Most Rev. Hosam E. Naoum
9 and 11:15 a.m.

See more about Archbishop Naoum on page 29.

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 Ireland; 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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

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

Celebrant stands and says

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

T H E P E A C E *(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 27 for upcoming events.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS *(11:15 a.m.)*

The Celebrant

Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of St. Martin's Episcopal Church. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

Presenter

I present these Christians to be welcomed as members of St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

Celebrant: Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church?

New Members: We do.

Celebrant: Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

New Members: We will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought these new members to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM "If Ye Love Me"

Philip Wilby

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever. Even the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

Text: John 14: 15-18. © Banks Music Publications 1992.

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!

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. *Lyra 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.

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The Celebrant continues (kneel)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

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

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

FRACTION ANTHEM *Celtic Alleluia*



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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.

ANTHEM “Brother James’ Air” Gordon Jacob

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make within the Paths of Blessedness, e’en for his own name’s sake. Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head with oil thou does anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me, and in my Father’s heart always my dwelling place shall be.

Text: Psalm 23 from the Scottish Psalter (1650). Music: Brother James MacBeth Bain, arr. Gordon Jacob. © 1934 Oxford University Press.

HYMN 178 “Alleuia, Alleuia”

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give
Praise to his Name.



1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain



He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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HYMN "Surely the Presence"

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can

feel His might - y pow - er and His grace. I can

hear the brush of an - gel's wings, I see glo - ry on each face;

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

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HYMN 645“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877); para. Psalm 23; Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

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 210 "The Day of Resurrection"



1 The day of re-sur-rec-tion! Earth, tell it out a-broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e-vil, that we may see a-right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy-ful, let earth her song be-gin,

the Pass-o-ver of glad-ness, the Pass-o-ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e-ter-nal of re-sur-rec-tion light;
 the round world keep high tri-umph, and all that is there in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain,
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.; Music: *Ellacombe*, melody from *Gesangbuch...der Herzogl. Württembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.; adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY "Festal Flourish"

Gordon Jacob

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 Emily Alexandra Segers and Bailey Sebastian Figueroa

In thanksgiving for the ministry of The Most Rev. Hosam E. Naoum

In thanksgiving for the baptism of James Edward Patterson

by Jennifer and Blake Patterson

In loving memory of Betty R. Paul and Keith Paul

by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

In memory of Larry Sikes

by the Sikes-Bartlett families

In memory of Virginia Wortham

by the Wortham family



BIRTHS

Oct. 10 Thomas Walker Burke IV

Son of Margaret and Thomas Burke III

Grandson of Dana and Walter Burke

Jan. 7 Clara Rochelle Deiso

Daughter of Rochelle and Andrew Deiso



BAPTISMS

April 27 Maggie Parker Camp

Scarlett Ivey Owen

Rankin Jack Miglioretti



WEDDINGS

April 26 Julie Watts Baker and Robert Carroll Kempner



SYMPATHY

Nov. 23 Bert Loren Clardy

March 16 Thomas Christopher Barrett

April 14 Michael Kenneth Kuhn

April 16 Ann Craig Gregory

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:

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

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 | Capt. Jack Mullen |
| 1LT. Tom Cadwallender | 1st Lt. Alex Mullen |
| 1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender | PFC. Parris F. Owen |
| Capt. Casey Gainer | SrA James W. Peoples |
| LCDR Bradley Hoffman | Lt. Paul Piana |
| LTC Wesley J. Hunnell | Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant |
| 1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich | CPO Brian Powell |
| Major Blake J. Kidd | PO Evan Tomlin |
| Lt. Jonathan Lesieur | |

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., 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 30

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as
the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLERevelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

THIS SUNDAY

✦ ADULTS

8+

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

8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

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

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

✦ STUDENT MINISTRIES

SUNDAY GET-TOGETHERS

Students in grades 6–12 spend time in fellowship and discuss the
Scriptures shared in worship. Students in grade 5 are welcome to join!

10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center

✦ CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center

CHILDCARE

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

8 a.m. • Children's Life Center

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

MAY 4-10, 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.

Eastertide Artist Talk and Reception *Tuesday, 6 p.m. • Parish Life Center*
Discuss her new art exhibit with St. Martin's Artist-in-Residence, Joy Hilley.

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.

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

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

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



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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.



The Most Reverend Dr. Hosam Elias Naoum is the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, Archbishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (Anglican). In 1998 Archbishop Hosam was ordained as deacon and began his incumbency at St. Matthew's Church in Zababdeh and St. Philip's Church in Nablus/Rafedla. He was ordained as a priest in 1999. In 2011, he earned a Master of Theology degree in Canon Law from Virginia Theological Seminary in the USA and completed his doctoral studies at VTS in the summer of 2019. Consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor in June 2020, he was installed as the fifteenth Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem in 2021. In May 2022, he was also awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree from the Virginia Theological Seminary. In addition to overseeing the 28 parishes and 30+ institutions of the Diocese, Archbishop Hosam also serves as the Secretary to the Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem and is actively involved in the work of ecumenical and interfaith dialogues.

5TH GRADE PROMOTION

Parent Meeting

May 4

10:15 a.m.

Student Life Center

For students completing 5th grade

717 STUDENTS

Contact: Florence Ritchie

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



THE CHURCH TOURS

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.



**Schedule a Tour at
smec.org/docentguild**

To schedule a special tour, large group tour, or tour on another day, contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117.



ACTIVITY CENTER

STRENGTH TRAINING

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS

9:30–10:15 a.m.

TUESDAYS

11 a.m.

Aerobics Room

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

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

Enjoy a full-body workout that improves strength, balance and flexibility. A variety of equipment is used. **Open to ALL levels.**

Activity Center Reception

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Kids' Meals

See how you can help fight hunger in Houston. Bring the whole family and prepare sandwiches with us! Kids' Meals provides and distributes nutritious lunches to hungry children throughout Houston.

Visit kidsmealshouston.org to learn more.

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**Tuesday, May 6
4 p.m.**

Parish Life Center

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



END-OF-YEAR SOCIAL

Wednesday, May 7

9:15 a.m.

**Common Bond at Tanglewood
5740 San Felipe**

Contact: Elizabeth Miller
emiller@smec.org • 346-335-8678



SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR *Healing and Wholeness* *Order of St. Luke*

St. Martin's International Order of St. Luke (OSL) Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

Next Service
Wednesday, May 7 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center or via Zoom
smec.org/osl

Contact: Valerie Rivera • vrivera@smec.org • 713-985-3817

CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 11



Come by the Cloister Garden, Peace Garden or Christus Garden on this special day. Before or after our worship services, snap memorable photos against a colorful backdrop and enjoy delightful treats!

We encourage you to take photos and share them on social media by tagging St. Martin's.

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 • fritchier@smec.org • 713-985-3843

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



Contact: Florence Ritchie
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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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Vestry Representative
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