

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*May 11, 2025*



## OUR MISSION

*To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.*



**ST. MARTIN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S

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IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST,  
WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me ..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

We want to invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.

## ***Prayer Before Worship***

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## NOTICES

- *St. Martin's is a gun-free Campus.*
  - *To use a hearing assisted device, see one of our ushers.*
  - *St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.*
  - *Please silence all cell phones when entering The Church and also refrain from texting.*
- Thank you for being respectful of God and others as we spend time together in worship.*



*\* indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshippers.*

# HOLY EUCHARIST

*Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.*

## VOLUNTARY ..... “Concerto in A”

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

## \*HYMN 518 ..... “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818–1856), alt.; Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659–1695).

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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# THE LESSON .....Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

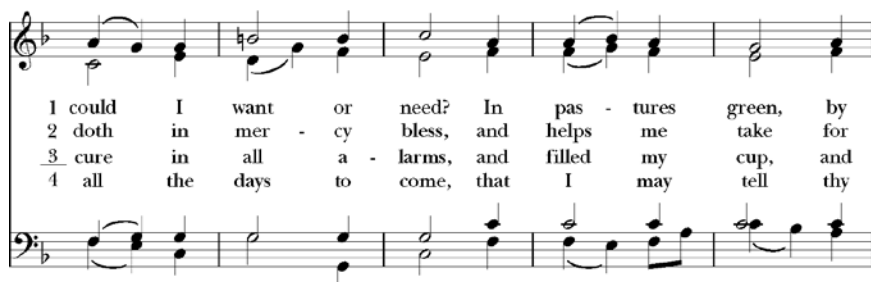
**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

# HYMN 633 (vs. 1-2)..... “The Lord My God My Shepherd Is”



1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how  
 2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and  
 3 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -  
 4 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for



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 4 all the days to come, that I may tell thy



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 2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.  
 3 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 4 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

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

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

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

T H E G O S P E L .....John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The remaining readings for the day are on page 23.*

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THE SERMON ..... The Rev. Dr. Jordan L. Hylden

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# 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 Anglican Church in Japan; 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*

Almighty God, who is the author and giver of life, and whose only begotten Son was born of the Virgin Mary his mother; send down thy Holy Spirit upon all mothers and fill them up: where there is blessing, with gratitude; where there is weakness, with strength; where there is loss, with comfort; where there is pain, with healing; where there is doubt, with faith; where there is peace, with joy; so that together we may all attain the joy and unity of the new Jerusalem, which you have called our mother in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Minister says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*A moment of silence is observed.*

*Minister and People*

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

*Celebrant stands and says*

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

## THE PEACE *(stand)*

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

**People: And with thy spirit.**

*Please be seated.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see page 24 for upcoming events.*

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## THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “The Lord is my Shepherd”  
John Rutter

The Lord is my Shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for His Name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For Thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me: Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. But Thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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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!

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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## 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.*

ANTHEM (9 a.m. and 6 p.m.) ..... “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”  
Philip Stopford

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me. And on his shoulder gently laid and home rejoicing brought me. In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me, Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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ANTHEM (11:15 a.m.) ..... “Who Will Keep God’s Lambs?”  
arr. Greg Gilpin  
*St. Martin’s Youth Choir*

Who will feed the little lambs for the Lord today? Lead them to green pastures or find them when they stray? Who will show them quiet streams with a loving hand? Who will protect the fold of God? Who will keep God’s Lambs? I will feed the little lambs for the Lord today. Lead them to green pastures and find them when they stray. I will show them quiet streams with a loving hand. I will protect the fold of God. I will keep God’s lambs. Jesus said to feed his sheep while he is away. Will you take your rod and staff guard his sheep today? Will you feed the little lambs for the Lord today? Lead them to green pastures or find them when they stray? Will you show them quiet streams with a loving hand? Will you protect the fold of God? Will you keep God’s lambs?

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# HYMN ..... “Alleluia, He Is Coming”

1 I looked up and I saw the Lord a - com - ing,  
 2 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - weep - ing,  
 3 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - dy - ing,  
 4 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - ris - ing,  
 I looked up and I saw the Lord a - com - ing down the road.  
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - weep - ing for my sins.  
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - dy - ing on the cross.  
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a - ris - ing from the grave.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, He is com-ing,  
 Al - le - lu - ia, He is here. Oh! Al - le -  
 lu - ia, He is com-ing, Al - le - lu - ia, He is here.

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# HYMN ..... “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.

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# HYMN ..... "Glorify The Name"

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
 2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
 3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy name,  
 Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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

At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

THE 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 182 ..... "Christ Is Alive"

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - every in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - every fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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## THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

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

VOLUNTARY ..... “In Thee is Joy”  
 Johann Sebastian Bach

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

# RECOGNITIONS

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## FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for mothers

In thanksgiving for all those confirmed, received and reaffirmed on May 10



## BIRTHS

March 25 William Daniel Hughes IV

Son of Analise and William Hughes III

Grandson of Laura and Paul Riddle



## BAPTISMS

May 4 Rose Marie Cowan

Cecilia Ann Kane

Thomas Holton Patterson



## WEDDINGS

May 3 Emily Alexandra Segers and Bailey Sebastian Figueroa

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit [bit.ly/smecaltarflowers](https://bit.ly/smecaltarflowers) or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at [relhakam@smec.org](mailto:relhakam@smec.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Individuals are included on the Continuing Prayers list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

Crockett Abraham	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	

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# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Lt. Col. Julian Benton	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	

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## OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

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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](https://smec.org/osl)



# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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## THE FIRST LESSON ..... Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

## THE PSALM ..... Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

# THIS SUNDAY

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## ✦ 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 the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden  
“The Resurrection of Christ: The Resurrection unto Eternal Life”

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*

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** with the Rev. Sharron Cox

Spend a morning in silent prayer and sharing as we grow to learn to love as God loves.

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

## ✦ 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



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

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

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MAY 11-17, 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.

**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.

**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.

## 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.

## 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](https://bit.ly/smecevents)**.*

# 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.

## ACTIVITY CENTER

### *Walk-it-Off*

Mondays and Fridays

10:30–11:15 a.m. | Aerobics Room

Join a fun, low-impact cardio class with easy-to-follow steps. Get the equivalent of a 1-mile walk in 30 minutes of work, followed by 15 minutes of stretching. Open to all levels.

**MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!**

For more information, visit [smec.org/activity-center](https://smec.org/activity-center).

**Activity Center Reception**

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



## Church in the Field

Parishioners and friends ages 18 and over minister to those who are homeless near downtown Houston through meals, prayer and music at the monthly worship service.

Find out about and sign up for Dessert Ministry at [smec.org/church-in-the-field](http://smec.org/church-in-the-field).

**Tracee Tindol**

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**Tuesday, May 13**

**6:30 p.m.**

**St. Martin's Parking Lot**

ST. MARTIN'S  
**OUTREACH**  
MINISTRIES



## DAY GROUP



**1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, May 14**  
**Children's Life Center, Room 132 and**  
**Via Zoom | [smec.org/faith-in-literature](http://smec.org/faith-in-literature)**

While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

*This month, we discuss "Cold Comfort Farm"*  
*by Stella Gibbons.*

**Contact: Haley Lynch • 713-830-4110 • [hlynch@smec.org](mailto:hlynch@smec.org)**



**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](https://smec.org/students)**

**Deadline to register: May 15**

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

**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**  
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## 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**

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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.



# MEN of ST. MARTIN'S

The Men of St. Martin's invite you to a

## CRAWFISH BOIL

THURSDAY, MAY 22

5:30 p.m. • Student Life Center

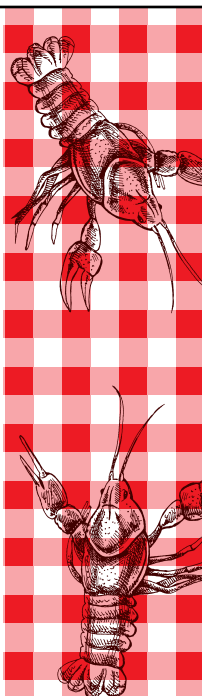
All men, members of St. Martin's and guests, are welcome.



**Space is limited! Register at:**  
[smec.org/mosm](http://smec.org/mosm)

**Suggested Donation: \$25**

**Contact:** Juli Browning • [jbrowning@smec.org](mailto:jbrowning@smec.org) • 713-985-3845



## Good Books and Good Conversation

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

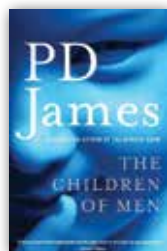
THURSDAY, MAY 22 | 6:15 P.M.

CHAPEL RECEPTION HALL

*Join in the dialogue!*

### *"The Children of Men" by PD James*

This novel revolves around a mysterious event: all women around the world became unable to bear children. As the world grows older, people lose hope, yet some continue to believe that the gift of life will be restored. This novel has been called the deepest theological reflection of James' work.



**Contact:** The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden  
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*"The Children of Men" is available  
wherever fine books are sold.*



## MEMBERSHIP

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



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

Contact: Kathy Johnson • 713-985-3834 • [kjohnson@smec.org](mailto:kjohnson@smec.org)

## ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

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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](mailto: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 [vriviera@smec.org](mailto:vriviera@smec.org).

For death notifications and funerals, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or [censign@smec.org](mailto:censign@smec.org).

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**The Hon. Edith Jones**  
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*Morning*



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