

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 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 “Aria”

Flor Peeters

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

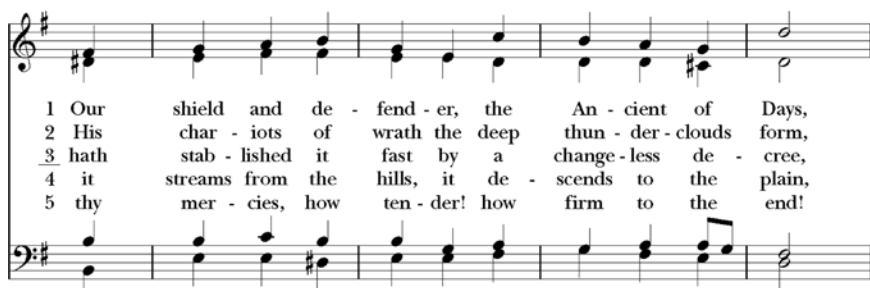
*HYMN 388 “O Worship the King”



1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;



1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!



1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779–1838); Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678–1727).

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-ri-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-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 Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONRevelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 482 (vs. 1-2) “Lord of All Hopefulness”

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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

THE GOSPEL John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on pages 22-23.

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THE SERMON The Rev. Elizabeth A. Miller

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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East; 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.**

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 24 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “And I Saw a New Heaven”
Edgar Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

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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.

A N T H E M “If Ye Love Me”

Thomas Tallis

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 forever. Ev’n the Spirit of truth, that He may abide with you forever.

Text: John 14: 15-17. © HW Gray.

H Y M N 3 3 5 “I Am the Bread of Life”



1	I	am	the	bread	of	life;	they	who
2 (The)	Bread	that	I	will	give	is	my	
3 (Un-)	less			you	eat	of	the	
4	I	am	the	re -	sur -	rec -	tion,	
5 (Yes,)	Lord,		we	be	-	lieve	that	



1	come	to	me	shall	not	hun -	ger;	they	who	be -
2	Flesh	for	the	life	of	the	world,	and	they	who
3	Flesh	of	the	Son	of		Man		and	
4	I		am	the			life.	They	who	be -
5	you		are	the			Christ,		the	



1	lieve	in	me	shall	not	thirst.	No	one	can	come	to
2	eat	of	this	bread,			they	shall	live	for	
3	drink	of	his	Blood,	you		shall	not	have	life	with -
4	lieve	in	me,				e -	ven	if	they	
5	Son	of	God				who			has	



1	me	un -	less	the	Fa -	ther	draw	them.
2	ev -	er.	they	shall	live	for	ev -	er.
3	in	you.	you	shall	not	have	life	with -
4	die,		they	shall	live	for	ev -	er.
5	come	in -	to		the		world.	

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. _____

2 The
3 Un- day.
4 —
5 Yes,
(2)

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H Y M N “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

Je-sus Name a-bove all names, Beau-ti-ful Sav-iour, Glo-ri-ous Lord; — Em-

man-u-el, God— is with us, Bless-ed Re-deem-er, Liv-ing Word.

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HYMN 178 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

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.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior. Al - le -

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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 390 "Praise to the Lord"

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.; Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY “Paean”
Peter Hurford

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 Georgia Marie Ginn and Theodore Joseph Winans
In thanksgiving for the baptism of Kennedy Kaye Moss
by the Moss family
In memory of Kathy Hoffstatter
by Cindy Weatherly



BIRTHS

Nov. 1 Olivia Claire Hallenbeck
Daughter of Erin and Bryan Hallenbeck
Granddaughter of Stephanie Land



SYMPATHY

Feb. 23 Charles Merwin “Jack” Branch

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

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	

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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 FIRST LESSONActs 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM Psalm 148

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wingèd birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

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. John Sundara

“The Resurrection of Christ: The Resurrection and the Christian 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

✦ STUDENT MINISTRIES

SENIOR SUNDAY RECOGNITION

Celebrate our high school seniors and offer blessings and support as we bid farewell.

10 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 18-24, 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry *Tuesday, 9 a.m. • Activity Center, Family Room*
Knit and crochet shawls to be released for those in need of prayer.

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

Docent Tour *Wednesday, 10:45 a.m. • The Church*
The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church. To schedule a group tour or tours of other Campus locations, contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117.

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.

OSL Study Group *Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom*
Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing.

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.

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**.*



**MAY 10 CONFIRMATION
WITH THE RT. REV.
C. ANDREW DOYLE**
Ninth Bishop of Texas

CONFIRMED

Ben Ableson
Farideh Amini
Lydia Arterbury
Milly Bialas
Brittany Bracewell
Georgia Burba
Emmy Canterbury
Avery Cooper
Connor Davis
Findley Eaton
Will Ebaugh
Alex Fertitta
Vivi Fertitta
Conley Fisher
Preston Frede
Claire Fuqua
Callen Gervais
Khaki Groves
Livi Henderson

Palmer Hutcheson
Parker Hutson
Natalie Jabbari
Kay Lee Jenkins
Jared Jett
Eloise Jones
Georgia Jones
William Kimmel
Tanner KinCannon
Charlie Lanier
Georgia Lanier
Ryan Lohse
Leighton Lufburrow
Reagan Marcin
Jackie Martin
Claire McCuen
J.C. McWherter
Peter Meyer
Sophie Miller

Jennifer Murrill
Douglas Nicholson
Mary Hogan Ogilvie
Hudson O'Donnell
Alice Pae
Heidi Parker
Amelia Peine
Henry Peine
James Petri
Michael Piazza
Kendall Potter
Adam Spalding
Braden Spalding
Leah Stivala
William Weinert
Erika Wilcox
Mattingly Wykoff

REAFFIRMED

Jay Martin

Russell Pae

Nancy Strohmmer

RECEIVED

Michael Blandon

BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, MAY 19

9 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

ACTIVITY CENTER, GAME ROOM

smec.org/blood-drive



***Free diabetes
screening***
to everyone who donates!



Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center
YEARS OF SAVING LIVES

Contact: Victoria Wilson
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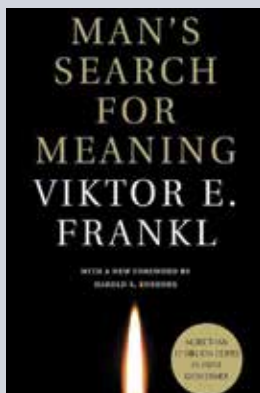
Faith
in
LITERATURE

EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, May 20 | 7-8:30 p.m.

Children's Life Center, Room 109 and

Via Zoom | 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 "Man's Search for Meaning" by Viktor E. Frankl.

Contact: Haley Lynch • hlynch@smec.org • 713-830-4110

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

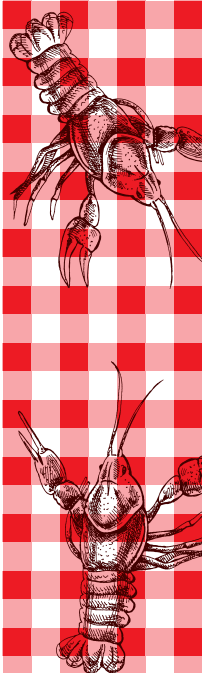
All men, members of St. Martin's and guests, are welcome.



Space is limited! Register at:
smec.org/mosm

Suggested Donation: \$25

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



Good Books and Good Conversation

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

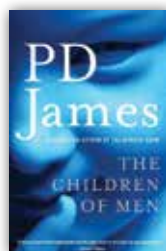
THURSDAY, MAY 22 | 6:15 P.M.

CHAPEL RECEPTION HALL

Join in the dialogue!

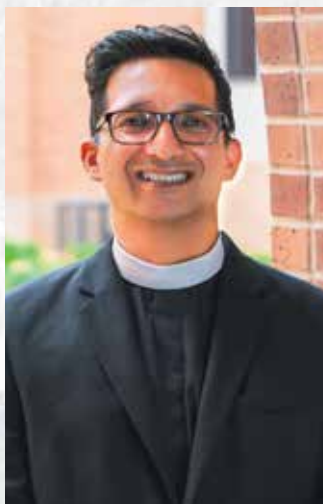
"The Children of Men" by PD James

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.*



Farewell Reception for
THE REV.
JOHN D. SUNDARA

Sunday, May 25
Bagby Parish Hall

Following the 11:15 a.m. services

Join us as we give thanks for the
Rev. John Sundara's ministry at
St. Martin's and wish him well on
his future endeavors.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

 **RIVERWAY**

Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate May Birthdays and Anniversaries
with Riverway.

SUNDAY, MAY 25
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

ASCENSION DAY



Keeping *the* Kalendar

Thursday, May 29 • 6 p.m. • Parish Life Center

Join Riverway as they celebrate one of the high holy days of our Church year. Recalling Jesus' ascension into heaven and His command to proclaim the Gospel to all nations, this service will feature unique musical selections, a copious amount of incense and Holy Eucharist. A reception will follow.

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**WORLD
MISSIONS**

at St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Support Amistad Mission

Be a Prayer Partner! This is an active way to be involved without going but instead partnering with a Parishioner visiting Amistad Mission.

Purchase Items! Buy items on our Amazon wish list for trip activities with Amistad Mission or given to bless the children of Amistad Mission at smec.org/world-mission-trips.

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ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES

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 vriviera@smec.org.

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

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