SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025



OUR MISSION

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



WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S

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

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

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

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

Prayer Before Worship

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

NOTICES

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





HOLY EUCHARIST

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

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



6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90; Music: St. Anne, melody att. William Croft (1678–1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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



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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, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONPsalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, * show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

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

All stand

of 1 My 'tis of thee, land try, sweet 2 My tive coun try, thee, land \mathbf{of} the na 3 Let swell and ring frommu sic the breeze, 4 Our fa thers' God, to thee, au thor ofof lib er - ty, thee land where sing; my \mathbf{n} o ble free, thy name love; Ι love thy all free - dom's let the trees sweet song; mor tal lib er - ty, thee we long may our to sing; fa thers died, land of grim's pride, the pil rocks rills, thy hills; and woods and tem pled tongues a - wake, let all that breathe par - take, land be bright with free dom'sho ly light; from ev ery moun - tain - side let freed - om ring. my heart with rap - ture thrills like that bove. let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro long. pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808–1895); Music: America, from Thesaurus Musicus, 1745.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL......John 5:1-9

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jesus, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on page 23.





Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808–1895); Music: America, from Thesaurus Musicus, 1745.

T H E $\,$ S E R M O N The Rev. Sharron L. Cox

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

who spake by the Prophets.

and glorified;

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (kneel)

Minister and People pray responsively

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 of Kenya; 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

A N T H E M" "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" Charles H.H. Parry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe us in our rightful mind, In purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee. Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace. Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892); Music: Repton, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918); Arr. H. A. Chambers.

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



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.

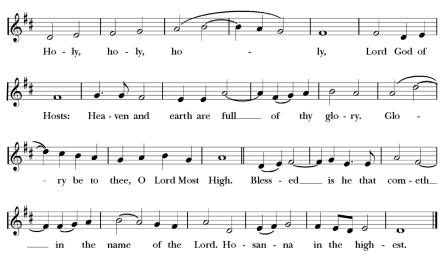
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.)



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

The Celebrant continues (kneel)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!



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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.

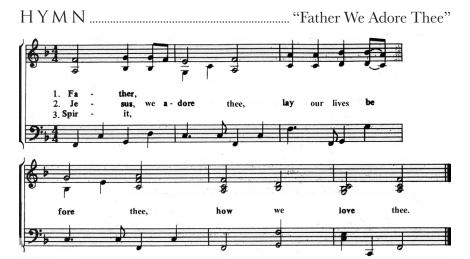
A N T H E M""The Ground"

Ola Gjeilo

Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. Dona nobis pacem.

The heavens and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

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Music and text by Robert Lowry; Tune: Hanson Place. Based on Revelations 22:1-5.



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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.



Words: Daniel Crane Roberts (1841–1907); Music: National Hymn, George William Warren (1828–1902).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY....."Toccata"

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for and in memory of those who have given their lives in service to our country

In thanksgiving for Kaki and John Sutherland's 45th wedding anniversary by John Sutherland

In memory of Col. James L. McBride, Jr., U.S. Air Force, Korea by his family



BIRTHS

May 6 Maximus Xavier James Lupton
Son of Annemieke Bay and Blake Lupton
Grandson of Frank Bay



BAPTISMS

May 17 Hunter Rowe Kelley Liam Michael Medrano

May 18 Brazos Hayes West



WEDDINGS

May 17 Georgia Marie Ginn and Theodore Joseph Winans



SYMPATHY

April 3 Linda-Ann Rossicone

April 6 Carlita W. Settegast Laurent

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit bit.ly/smecaltarflowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at relhakam@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Crockett Abraham Wendy Hurt Karen Smaistrla Carolyn Alban John Illeman Joel Speights

Edith Avery Wanda Jacobs Mitchell Neal Starkey

Shelly Bain Clare Jan Frank Steed
Bridgette Barnes Mary and Jim Jennings Michael Stern
Cory Blackman Katie Jones Blake and Matt Stokes

Jennifer Broussard Phyllis Katharine Jan and Jim Stokes
Gary Browning Dick Kilday Chris Taylor
Helen Paige Buck Kyle King Terry Trotter

Brian Burke Searcy Kracke Scarlett and Luke Tyler
Delonda Citrano Tom Lamb Margaret Watson
Sammy A. Citrano III Bruce Michael Lee Mary Watters
Gail Davis Mary Lehman Stephen Wedemeyer
Paul Davison Nancy Liles Chris Woessner
Bobby de Sosa Julie Long Frie Zoerb

Eric Zoerb Bobby de Sosa Julie Long Linda de Sosa Patrick Maehs Abagail Renita DeBois Martha Marks Angela Holly DeMoss Bill Maynard Atticus Barbara and Bob McClellan Bill Jeanne Dewey Jim McCulloch Mercedes Dewey Carol Richard Dewey Janet McDaniel Dave

Charlotte Dion Adams McHenry David
Ross Dunn Babies A and B McLaughlin Elizabeth and Scott

Stacey and John Elliott Gillian McLaughlin Ellen
Jackie Eubank Frank Melcher Grace
Michael Finn Bill and Connie Neal Henry
Will Fogle Donald Nona James
David Lee Garza Bob Paddock Ian

Catherine Gonzales Megan Palsa Jason and Blanca

Nancy Gore Ophelia Pujol Jeff Cynthia Graham Phyllis Reinhardt Ierry The Rev. Alex Graham Hugh Ripps Laura Shea Guinn Monica Rivera Lynne Bette Haidusek John Roady Margaret Mark Cathy Haidusek Magdalene Robbins Nancy Hall Angela Salinas Sara Harriet Hart Michael Scarborough Sharon Jean Hatton Helen and Jim Shaffer Stephen Nancy Haywood Caroline Shanahan Wayne

Aaron Holbrook Clif Shoemake Louise Huck Fran Gardner Shores

Please be advised that the weeks after Easter and All Saints' Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Lt. Col. Julian Benton

1LT. Tom Cadwallender

1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender

Capt. Casey Gainer

LCDR Bradley Hoffman

LTC Wesley J. Hunnell

Lt. Paul Piana

Lt. Col. Title Lewis

Capt. Jack Mullen

1st Lt. Alex Mullen

PFC. Parris F. Owen

SrA James W. Peoples

Lt. Paul Piana

Lt. Paul Piana

1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich
Major Blake J. Kidd
Lt. Jonathan Lesieur

Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
CPO Brian Powell
PO Evan Tomlin

Please be advised that each year the week after Veterans Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Military Service Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.

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

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

THE EPISTLERevelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

THIS SUNDAY

▶ ADULTS

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

Sunday School classes at 10:15 a.m. will not be offered in observance of Memorial Day weekend.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDCARE

Available during all morning services for six-weeks through three-year-olds. 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

MAY 25-31, 2025

St. Martin's Campus is closed Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen Tuesday, May 27.

ALL ADULTS

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

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

Docent Tour Wednesday, 10:45 a.m. • The Church

The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church. To schedule a group tour or tours of other Campus locations, contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117.

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.

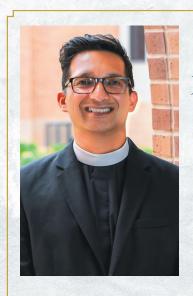
OSL Study Group *Wednesday*, 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing.

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.

EVENTS



To view all our upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/smecevents.



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.



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





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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Sundays, June 1, 15, 22 and 29 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Join us for a four-week small group series during the Sunday school hour! Clergy and lay leaders will facilitate conversations about the lectionary texts chosen for that day's worship.

We will engage in round-table discussions and close with prayer for one another. If you haven't participated in a small group yet, this is a great way to experience what they're like.

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



MOST CLASSES ARE FREE! For more information, visit smec.org/activity-center

ACTIVITY CENTER

LINE DANCING

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS
1–2 p.m. • Gym

Join Britt to learn popular line dances and get your body moving! Line dancing teaches you how to maintain balance, how to find the beat and stay on it, as well as burn some calories.

Beginners are encouraged to join Britt before or after class to learn more!

Activity Center Reception activitycenter@smec.org • 713-985-3835

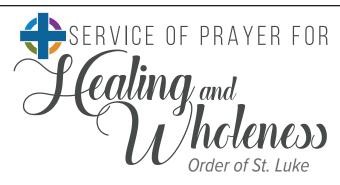


Support Amistad Mission

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*.

Courtney Kearns, *World Missions Coordinator* worldmission@smec.org • 713-985-3811





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, June 4 | 5 p.m. Parish Life Center or via Zoom smec.org/osl

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





Vacation Bible School KICK=OFF

Sunday, June 8 10:15–11 a.m. Activity Center Gym

Children of all ages are invited to help us celebrate and kick off the ultimate Alaskan adventure during VBS week! Come enjoy breakfast, games, fun activities and fellowship.



Parents! Help us gain our True North!

Décor supplies donations needed.

Scan QR code and see how you can help!

Contact: Rozlyn Cline

rmcline@smec.org • 713-985-3816







Sunday, June 15



Come by the **Christus Garden**, **Cloister Garden** or **Peace 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.

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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Jesus, The Christ

The Head of This Church



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