

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY

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*June 15, 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 ..... “We Thank Thee, O God” Johann Sebastian Bach

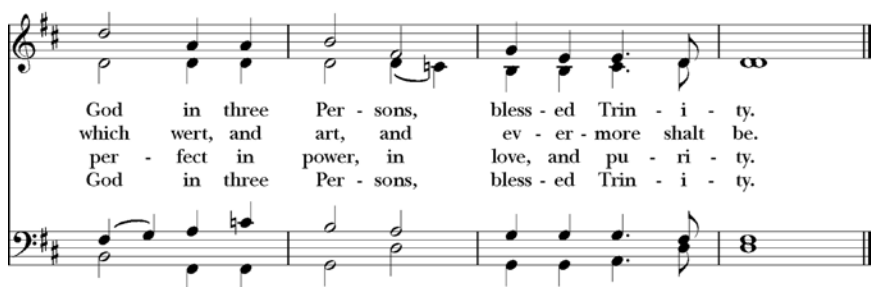
*The Celebrant greets the People. Following the greeting, all stand.*

## \*HYMN 362 ..... “Holy, Holy, Holy”

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
\*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826), alt.; Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## 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.*)



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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(kneel)*

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE LESSON ..... Romans 5:1-5

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

\*HYMN 368 (vs. 1-2).....“Holy Father, Great Creator”



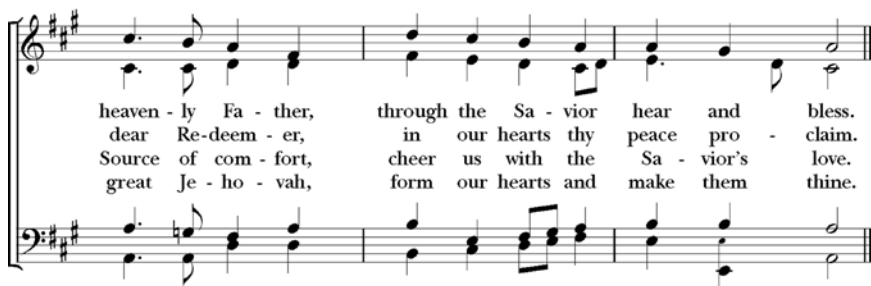
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 2 Ho - ly Je - sus, Lord of glo - ry, whom an - gel - ic  
 3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, Sanc - ti - fi - er, Come with unc - tion  
 4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na - tion let thy won - drous



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 hosts pro - claim, while we hear thy won - drous sto - ry,  
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Words: Alexander Viets Griswold (1766–1843), alt.; Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813–1879).

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 16:12-15

Jesus said to the disciples, “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

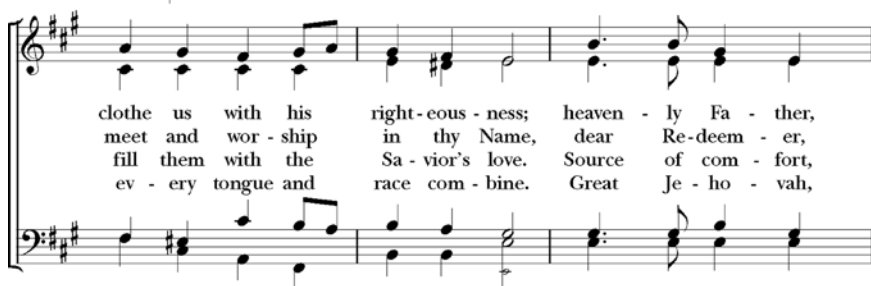
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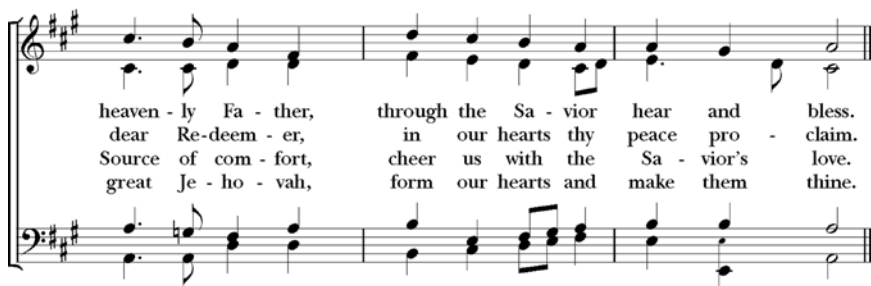
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THE SERMON .....The Rev. Canon Christine M. Faulstich  
*Please see page 26 for more information about Canon Faulstich.*

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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, especially the Rev. Dane Boston  
and his family; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the  
Anglican Church of Mexico; 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*

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSIO 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** ..... “Be Thou My Vision”

Alice Parker

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance now and always; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasures Thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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 ..... *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: Old 100th, melody from *Psaumes octante trois* de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

## 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.**

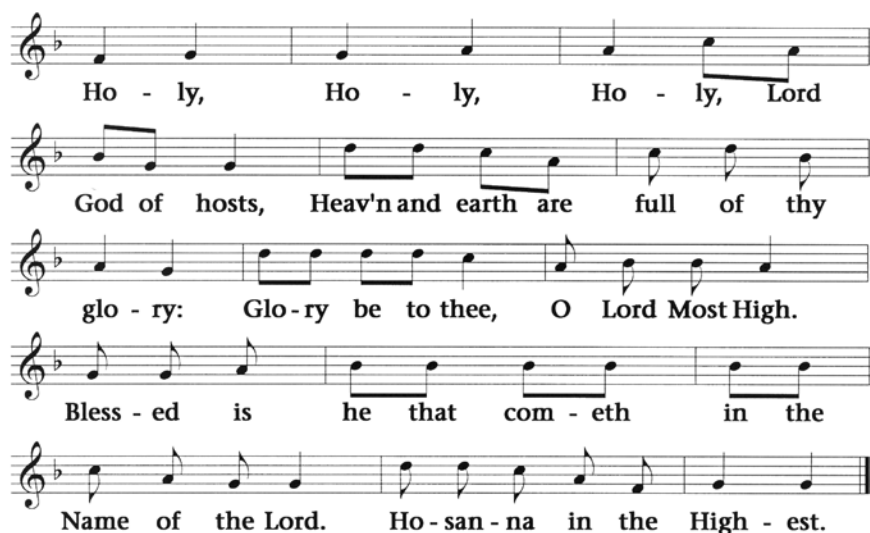
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.)



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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

*The Prayer of Humble Access is not a part of our public liturgy until the Second Sunday after Pentecost. 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 ..... “Come Down, O Love Divine”

*Bentley, Wayne Cohn*

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Words by Words: Bianco da Siena (d.1434?); tr. Richard F. Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: *Bentley, Wayne Cohn*, 2000. Dedication: *For The Rev'd John R. Bentley, Jr., on the occasion of the celebration of his 25th anniversary of ordination, October 29, 2000.*

HYMN ..... “Children of the Heavenly Father”

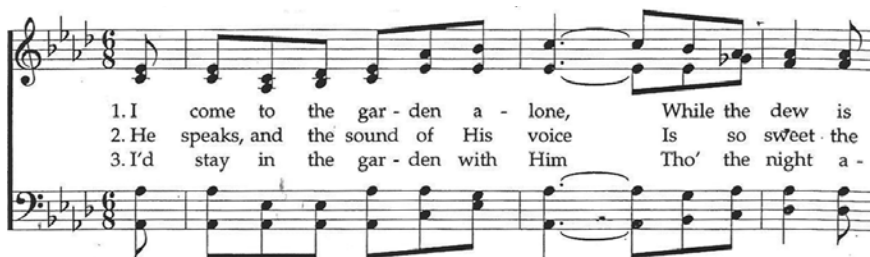
1. Child - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish, In His  
3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, Your pro -  
5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish; From all e - vil things He  
Lord His child - ren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
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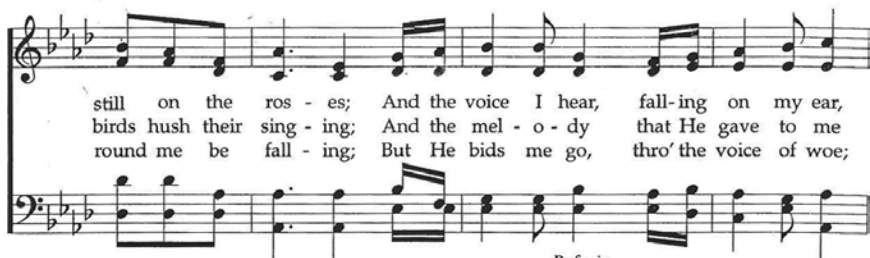
heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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# HYMN ..... "In the Garden"



1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is  
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the  
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Tho' the night a -



still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear,  
 birds hush their sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me  
 round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe;

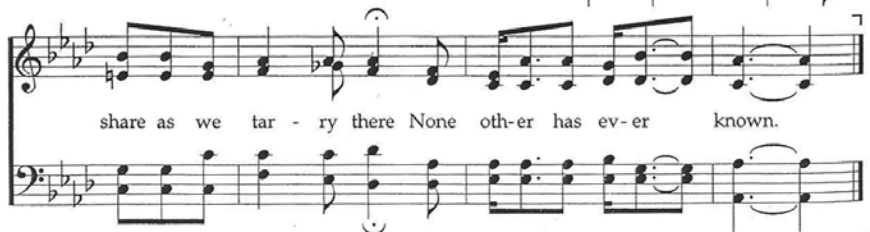
*Refrain*



The Son of God dis - clos - es.  
 With - in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He  
 His voice to me is call - ing.



talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the joy we



share as we tar - ry there None oth - er has ev - er known.

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# HYMN ..... "Blessed Assurance"

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore - taste of  
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, Vi - sions of rap - ture now  
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Say - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,  
 burst on my sight: An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove  
 hap - py and blest: Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

Born of his Spir - it, wash'd in his blood.  
 Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry, this is my  
 Fill'd with his good - ness, lost in his love.

song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry,

this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915); Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908).

*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 BLESSING

*All stand.*

# HYMN 379 .....“God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him”



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all



earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace; with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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# THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

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

**VOLUNTARY** ..... “Fugue in E-flat”  
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

On the occasion of their marriage

by Eleanor Browning Anderson and Carter Randall Ware

In thanksgiving for the Rev. John Bentley on the 50th anniversary of his ordination

by his wife, his family and St. Martin's Vestry, Clergy and Staff

In thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Canon Christine Faulstich

In thanksgiving for fathers

In thanksgiving for Samantha Hutchison for her selfless and dedicated service as  
President of the Altar Guild

by St. Martin's Altar Guild Officers and Group Leaders

In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Sloane Marie Armbrust and Ashley Grace Homan  
by Chase Armbrust

In memory of Susan Gedutis

by Daniel Conlon

In memory of Frank Kotar on Father's Day

by Cindy Kotar Wilson

In memory of Yolanda A. Morrison and Sally J. Piana

by Barbara and Gary Piana

In memory of Richard R. Nelson, Jr.

by Marjorie Nelson and her family



### BAPTISMS

June 7 Sloane Marie Armbrust  
Ashley Grace Homan  
Ana Lee Reagan Kohl  
Emerson Wren Lumberas

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

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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](mailto:vriviera@smec.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

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

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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 OLD TESTAMENT .....Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
“To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.  
The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth--  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.”

# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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THE PSALM ..... Psalm 8

- 1 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

# 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*

### JUST FOR JUNE

Focus on Sunday lectionary passages and learn what each lesson is saying. Discover how the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel lessons connect with each other. Bring your worship booklet!

*10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

## ✦ 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 **[smec.org/learn](https://smec.org/learn)**.*

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

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JUNE 15-21, 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.

## EVENTS



*To view all our upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit **[smec.org/events](https://smec.org/events)**.*

ST. MARTIN'S WELCOMES

The Rev.  
**CHRISTINE M. FAULSTICH**

*Canon to the Ordinary*

**Sunday, June 15**

**8, 9, 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.**

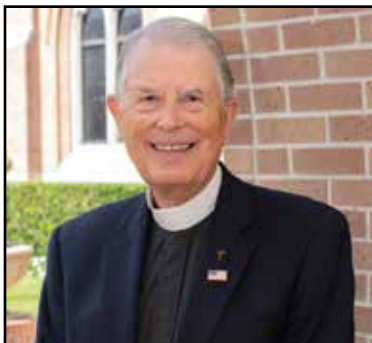
***The Church***



The Rev. Christine Faulstich, Canon to the Ordinary, serves as chief operating officer of the Diocese of Texas, leading the ministry staff to support and implement the diocese's vision. Among her responsibilities are mentoring clergy and disciplinary matters.

Before being appointed as chief of staff for the diocese in 2019, Canon Faulstich served as the Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, a multicultural congregation in Southwest Houston. Cn. Faulstich graduated from Rice University with a degree in economics and attended Virginia Theological Seminary.

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CELEBRATING

**50** YEARS  
OF  
MINISTRY

HONORING

**The Rev. John R. Bentley, Jr.**



**Sunday, June 15**

*Reception following the 11:15 a.m.  
service in Bagby Parish Hall*

The Rev. John R. Bentley, Jr., Pastoral Associate, marks an extraordinary milestone in 2025 – 50 years of ordained ministry. His decades of faithful service, including more than 23 years at St. Martin's, have left a lasting impact on countless lives in the Diocese of Texas and beyond.

A native Texan, Rev. Bentley earned his Master's degree in Divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1975. That same year, he was ordained to the Diaconate and began his first term at St. Martin's, serving as Assistant to the Rector under the Rev. Dr. J. Thomas Bagby. He was ordained to the Priesthood at St. Martin's in 1976.

The Rev. Bentley went on to serve as Rector of St. Peter's in Brenham (1977–1984) and then at St. Dunstan's in Houston (1984–2004), before returning to St. Martin's, where he continues to offer pastoral care and leadership.

He and his wife, Pam – who both sing in the Parish Choir – are blessed with a loving family of two sons, one daughter, and five grandchildren.

We give thanks for the Rev. Bentley's remarkable journey of ministry, marked by dedication, compassion and unwavering faith.



*Celebrate*  
**FATHER'S DAY**

**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.

# *growing together*

Throughout our beautiful Church campus we worship, learn, have fellowship, and deepen our faith together. Your weekly participation enriches and helps grow our Parish. Your presence here matters!

To reach our goals of bridging the 2025 operating budget gap and retiring our Church's debt,  
***we need everyone's participation!***



*Scan the QR code to learn more and help us continue to grow together.*

# BLOOD DRIVE

**MONDAY, JUNE 16**

**9 A.M.–1:30 P.M.**

**ACTIVITY CENTER, GAME ROOM**

***smec.org/blood-drive***



***Free diabetes  
screening***

*to everyone who donates!*



*Save lives and  
beat the heat with  
cool rewards.*

**Contact:** Victoria Wilson  
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713-985-3838



## Serve Day

Join us to help us prepare for the CCSC Food Drive, Angel Tree Holiday Project, Seafarer's Christmas Shoebox Project, Church in the Field hygiene kits and pack snack bags for the Houston Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and Agape Development. Children are welcome!

**Contact: Tracee Tindol**  
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**Tuesday, June 17**

**10-11:30 a.m.**

**Student Life Center**

ST. MARTIN'S  
**OUTREACH**  
MINISTRIES

# PENTECOST ARTIST RECEPTION AND TALK

**FRIDAY, JUNE 20**

**6–8 P.M.**

**PARISH LIFE CENTER NARTHEX**



*"Fire & Glory" by Joy Hilley*

Join us for an evening celebrating the Riverway Pentecost Art Exhibit inspired by Acts 2 and curated by St. Martin's Artist-in-Residence, Joy Hilley and featuring Parishioners Stephanie Fox, Sherri Harris, Joy Hilley, Marthann Masterson, Lisa Reid, Caren Schmidt and Frances Carter Stephens.

*Attendees will enjoy a special artist talk, alongside light bites and refreshments.*

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## THE GATHERING

*For church members and others in the community who experience memory loss, along with their caregivers*

**June 23**

**10 a.m – 1:30 p.m.**

**Bagby Parish Hall**

## Catch a Ray of Sunshine.

***Paper Suns***



**June 23**

**Robert Greaney**

For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen  
at 713-301-4786 or [kattellepsen@me.com](mailto:kattellepsen@me.com).



## 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 **[smec.org/visitor-card](http://smec.org/visitor-card)**. 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.

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## 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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**Mrs. Debbie Robinson**  
*Vestry Representative*  
*Morning*



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