

INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED

July 6, 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 “Meditation on America”

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

*HYMN 579 “Almighty Father, Strong to Save”

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
 3 O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, our peo - ple shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -
 firm - a - ment; O Wind of hea - ven, by thy might save
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed li - mits keep: O hear us when we
 ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.
 watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.
 rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

Words: Sts. 1 and 4, William Whiting (1825–1878), alt.; sts. 2–3, Robert Nelson Spencer (1877–1961), alt.; Music: *Medita*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

NATIONAL ANTHEM

*HYMN 720“O Say Can You See”

1 O say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light,
 2 O thus be it ev - er, when free - men shall stand

what so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing,
 be - tween their loved homes and the war's des - o - la - tion!

whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per - il - ous fight,
 Blest with vic - tory and peace, may the heaven-re - scued land

o'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?
 praise the Power that hath made and pre - served us a na - tion!

And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst - ing in air,
 Then— con - quer we must, when our cause it is just,

gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
 and this be our mot - to, "In God is our trust."

O say does that star-span-gled ban - ner yet wave
 And the star-span-gled ban - ner in tri - umph shall wave

o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
 o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Words: Francis Scott Key (1779–1843); Music: *National Anthem*, source unknown, ca. 18th cent.

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.**

*GLORIA (*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

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; 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 LESSON Psalm 145:1-9

- 1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 717 (vs. 1-2).....“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”



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 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the
 3 Let mu - sic swell, the breeze, and ring from
 4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of



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 rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;
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 my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - 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 Matthew.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:43-48

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on page 24.

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON

***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.**

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR NATION

(kneel) (responsively)

Almighty God, giver of all good things:

We thank thee for the natural majesty and beauty of this land; empower us to conserve them for they restore us.

Accept our thanks, O Lord.

We thank thee for the great resources of this nation; empower us to use them wisely for they are a part of our rich inheritance.

Accept our thanks, O Lord.

We thank thee for the men and women who have made this country strong; empower us to follow in their footsteps for they are models for us.

Accept our thanks, O Lord.

We thank thee for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land; empower us to keep its flame alive for it has drawn people of every tongue and nation to our shores.

Accept our thanks, O Lord.

We thank thee for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety; empower us to always trust in thee for thou dost sustain our lives.

Accept our thanks, O Lord.

We thank thee that thou dost hear and respond to our intercession for ourselves and others.

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 Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); for all bishops, priests and deacons; 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; for all who serve in our armed forces and their families; we pray for peace throughout the world, and especially in the Middle East; and we remember before you, and pray for the protection of our Christian brothers and sisters who face danger or persecution for their faith; and 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; and for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers _____; and we remember before you the departed, _____, and we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind.

I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly or in the privacy of their hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Lord God Almighty, who hast made all peoples of the earth for thy glory, to serve thee in freedom and peace: Grant to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with thy gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 25 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “America the Beautiful”

arr. Robert Russell Bennett

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. O beautiful for pilgrims' feet whose stern impassioned stress a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife. Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life. America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears. America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

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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 Pseaumes 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.

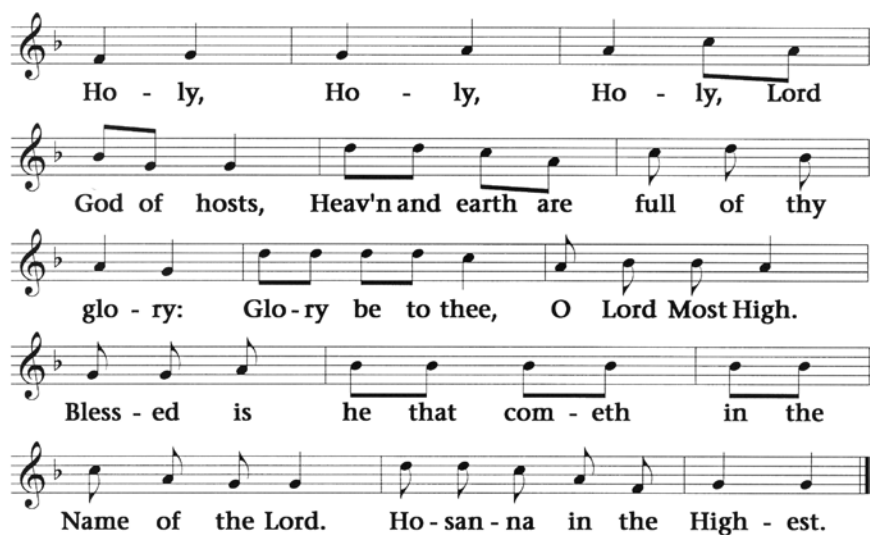
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.)



John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

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

Then may be said together

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 "Hymn for America"

Stephen Paulus

We have loved you for your rivers, we have loved you for your shores, every treasure you have shown us, every seed that you have sown; we have loved you for your mountains, for your prairies, for your fields, all these gifts we have been given, all these glories that we share; now we thank God for these blessings, we, your people, everywhere. Many are the stars of heaven, many are the hopes of earth; all around us worlds unfolding, all around these dreams to grow. From the moment of our rising 'till we rest when day is done, may we tell our hearts' own story, hearts that honor and believe, through our care of one another, for this life and land we love.

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HYMN 719..... "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro-ther-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
 con - firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
 and crown thy good with bro-ther-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859–1929), alt.; Music: *Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848–1903).

HYMN 716.....“God Bless Our Native Land”

1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she
 2 For her our prayers shall rise to God, a -

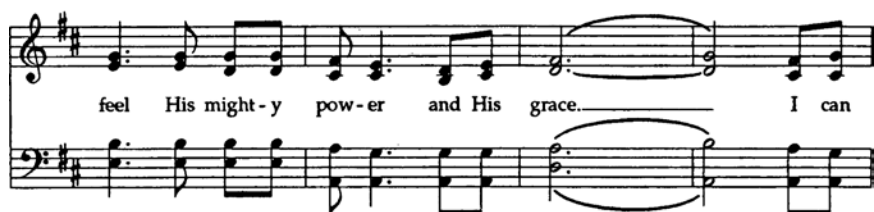
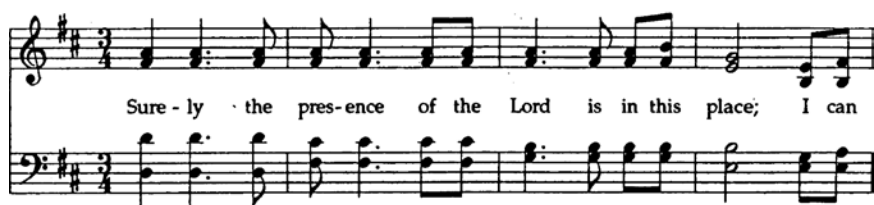
ev - er stand through storm and night: when the wild
 bove the skies; on him we wait; thou who art

tem - pests rave, ru - ler of wind and wave,
 ev - er nigh, guard - ing with watch - ful eye,

do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
 to thee a - loud we cry, God save the state!

Words: Siegfried August Mahlmann (1771–1826); tr. Charles Timothy Brooks (1813–1883) and John Sullivan Dwight (1812–1893), alt.; Music: *America*, from *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1745.

HYMN.....“Surely the Presence”



Text and Music, Lanny Wolfe; © 1977 Lanny Wolfe Music, (admin. By Pathway Music, Cleveland, TN). CCLI #805314.

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 718..... "God of Our Fathers"

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

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 “Psalm 19, The Heavens are Telling”
Benedetto Marcello

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the founders of our country and the birth of our nation
In memory of Ruth W. Giampietro on the anniversary of her birthday
by Mary and Will Williams



BAPTISMS

June 28 Catherine Louise Lynne Sarahan
Georgia Jones Sneed



WEDDINGS

June 28 Julia Ann Schmidt and William Emerson Schulz



SYMPATHY

June 20 Patrick Embry Canterbury

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit smec.org/altar-flowers 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:

Carolyn Alban	Magdalene Robbins
Edith Avery	Maggie Rodriguez
Shelly Bain	Angela Salinas
Cory Blackman	Nancy Seal
Jimmy Broussard	Caroline Searls
Gary Browning	Helen and Jim Shaffer
The Rev. Jim Cunningham	Caroline Shanahan
Gail Davis	Clif Shoemaker
Bobby de Sosa	Marc Sony
Linda de Sosa	Jan and Jim Stokes
Ross Dunn	Jerry Lee Tobar
Stacey and John Elliott	Scarlett and Luke Tyler
Jackie Eubank	Van Valentine
Catherine Gonzales	Caden Walker
Nancy Gore	Margaret Watson
The Rev. Alex Graham	Mary Watters
Bette Haidusek	Eric Zoerb
Cathy Haidusek	Angela
Nancy Hall	Atticus
Harriet Hart	Bill
Nancy Haywood	David
Aaron Holbrook	Ellen
Laurie Howard	Henry
Louise Huck	Jason and Blanca
Mary and Jim Jennings	Jim
Sarah Johnson	Judy
Katie Jones	Laura
Dick Kilday	Lynne
Reid Kuhn	Margaret
Bruce Michael Lee	Mark
Mary Lehman	Sally
Nancy Liles	Shane
Janet McDaniel	Stephen
Adams McHenry	Susan
Chuck Miller	
Nadim Nasir	
Bob Paddock	
Ophelia Pujol	
Phyllis Reinhardt	
John Rody	

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CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

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



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 OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 10:17-21

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

THIS SUNDAY

Sunday School classes for adults, students and children will not be offered in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

✦ 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



*To view all our Christian education options,
scan the QR code or visit **smec.org/learn**.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

JULY 6-12, 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.

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.

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**.*



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.

THEOLOGY *for* LIFE

Join us for a six-week series led primarily by local artists, poets, musicians and writers, including Joy Hilley, our Artist-in-Residence and Dr. Matthew Boyleston, poet and professor at Houston Christian University.

We'll explore themes and questions such as: How do we hear the Gospel in a great sacred musician like Bach, or in modern poets like Eliot and Auden? How do we see the Gospel in the visual arts? ***Join us this summer!***

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

Beautiful Savior: Encountering Christ through the Arts

SUNDAYS

10:15–11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

JULY 13 The Rev. Wesley Arning and Joy Hilley

JULY 20 Joy Hilley

JULY 27 Eric Priest

AUG. 3 Matthew Boyleston

AUG. 10 Keith Lathrom

AUG. 17 Roundtable Discussion





Chat with Amistad

Spend some of your evening getting to know the children and Mama Isabel of Casa San Martin in Cochabamba, Bolivia. They love to meet new friends, pets and ask and answer questions.

All ages are welcome and a translator will be available.

Contact Tracee Tindol for Zoom link:
ttindol@smec.org • 713-985-3811

**Tuesday, July 8
5:30 p.m.
Meet via Zoom**

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES

BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, JULY 14

9 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

ACTIVITY CENTER, GAME ROOM

smec.org/blood-drive



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



Iris, blood recipient



**Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center**
YEARS OF SAVING LIVES

Contact: Victoria Wilson
events@smec.org • 713-985-3838

SUMMER DAYS

717 STUDENTS

Let the Games Begin!

JULY 29-31 • 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Student Life Center and Offsite
\$30/day or \$80 all days • Lunch provided
Register » smec.org/students

July 29 | Water, Water Everywhere!

This will be our water day event with slip and slides, inflatables, fun and games.

July 30 | Game On

Join us for a day of board games, online games and giant games! Bring your A Game for this adventure.

July 31 | Feel the Need for Speed(y's)

Come with us to Speedy's Fast Track where we will play mini golf, laser tag, ride go carts and have arcade game competitions.

Contact: Florence Ritchie • fritchie@smec.org • 713-985-3843

ACTIVITY CENTER



Join us during the week for a variety of classes. Our most popular classes often fill up!



*Learn more at
smec.org/activity*

*Strength Training • Walk-it-Off
Core and More • Tai Chi
Line Dancing with Britt • Zumba
Watercolor Painting • Chair Yoga
Total Body Stretch*

Contact: activitycenter@smec.org
713-985-3835

SHEPHERD'S GUILD



The Shepherd's Guild ministry complements the work of St. Martin's Clergy in visiting homebound Parishioners or those who reside in retirement and assisted living facilities.

The trained lay volunteers offer support, prayers and Holy Communion, being a physical reminder of Jesus' love for them and their value and importance within our church community.

To learn more about joining this ministry or to provide information about Parishioners who may benefit by the Shepherd's Guild, contact Deacon Gill at gkeyworth@smec.org or 346-335-8660.

Training and support is provided.

CAFÉ

ST. MARTIN'S

New!

Enjoy **hot grab and go meals**
Monday–Wednesday and **lunch plate**
entrees on Thursdays.

*Come by and discover delicious
specialties prepared daily by our
café team.*

Chrissy Kana, Café Manager
713-985-3806 • ckana@smec.org

HOURS

Monday – Thursday
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall



View the menu at
smec.org/cafe



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 **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.

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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Mr. David Leonard, *Treasurer*
Mrs. Courtney Schilling, *Clerk*
Mr. Dan Meyer, *Senior Council President*
Mr. Bob Heston, Jr., *Parish Stewardship Chair*
Mr. Andy Harvin, *Chancellor**

Vestry Members

Mr. Scott Anderson
Mrs. Hunter Bell
Mrs. Kathy Bennett
Mrs. Summer Craig
Mr. Mike Fuqua
Mr. Will Hedges
The Hon. Edith Jones
Mr. John Maclay, Jr.
Mrs. Debbie Robinson
Mr. Milton West

Associate Members

The Hon. James A. Baker, III, *Special Counsel to the Vestry**
Mr. Charles Kraft, *Senior Council Representative 2025-2026*
Mr. Steffen van Keppel, *Senior Council Representative 202-2026*
Mrs. Moira Davis, *Altar Guild President 2025-2026*
Mrs. Whitney Gormley, *ECW President 2025-2026*
Mr. Jim Drew, *Men of St. Martin's President 2025-2026*
Mr. John Sutherland, *Usher Representative 2024-2026*

**Denotes Associate Vestry filled at the discretion of the Rector.*



Mrs. Hunter Bell
*Vestry Representative
Morning*



Mrs. Summer Craig
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Evening*

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Jesus, The Christ *The Head of This Church*



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