

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*July 13, 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

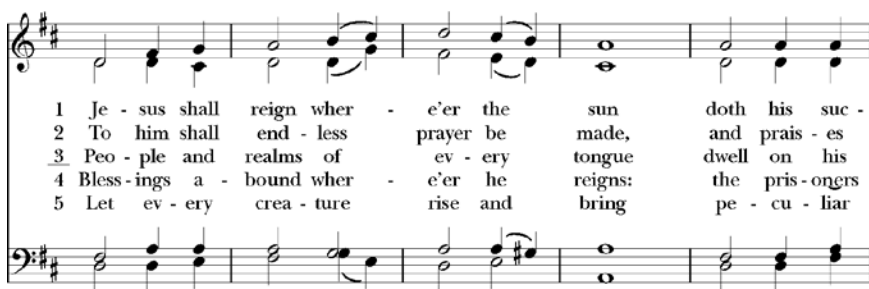
*Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.*

## VOLUNTARY ..... “*Sicilienne*, Op. 78”

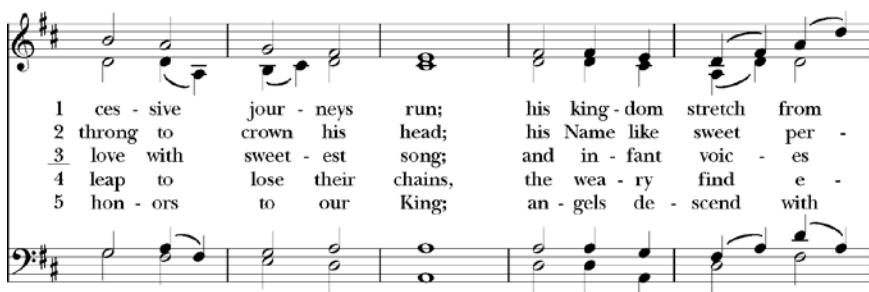
Gabriel Fauré

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

## \*HYMN 544 ..... “*Jesus Shall Reign*”



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

**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*

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE LESSON ..... Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

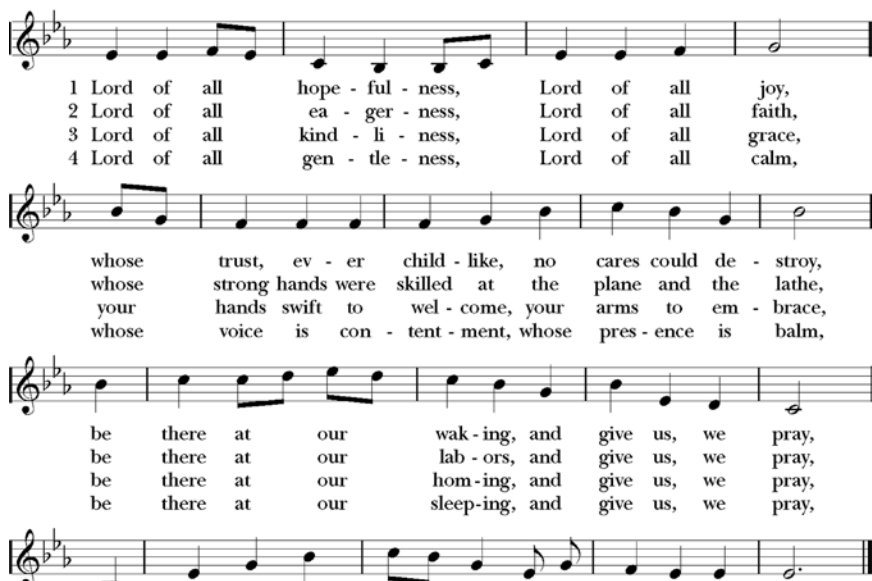
For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader:    The Word of the Lord.

**People:    Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

THE GOSPEL ..... Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The remaining readings for the day are on pages 23-24.*

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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.**

## 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 Church of North India (United); 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 Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see page 25 for upcoming events.*

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### THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “This Is My Father’s World”

Eriks Esenvalds

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears all nature sings, and  
‘round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father’s world: I  
rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand  
the wonders wrought. This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols  
raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s world: He shines in all that’s fair; in the rustling  
grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere. This is my  
Father’s world. O, let me ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft  
so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father’s world: why should  
my heart be sad? The Lord is King: let the heavens rings! God reigns;  
let the earth be glad!

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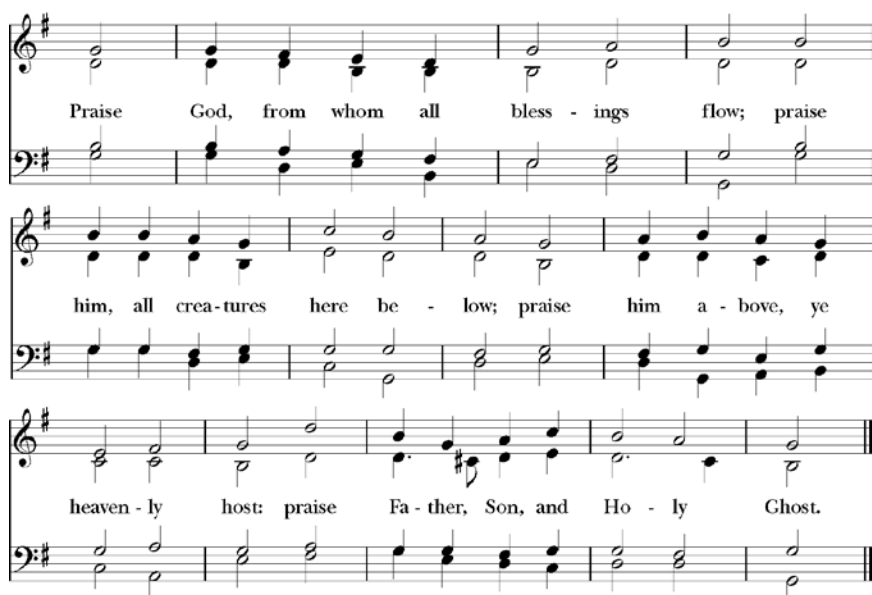
### AT THE PRESENTATION *(stand)*

*(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.**

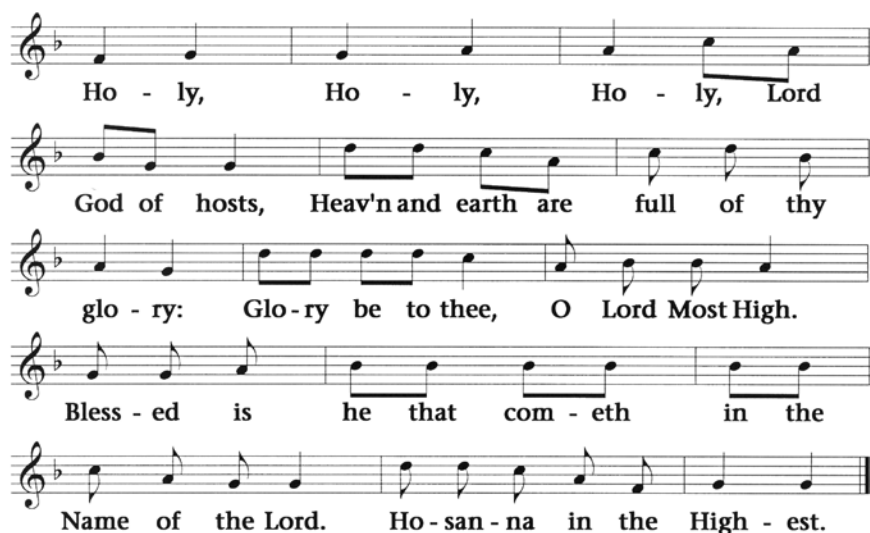
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*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 ..... “Lead Me, Lord”

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness. Make Thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

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# HYMN ..... "They'll Know We Are Christians"

*Unison*

1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
 3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.  
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.  
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

*Refrain*

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

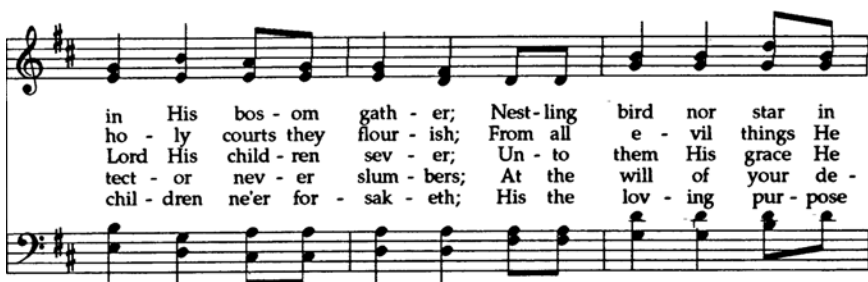
Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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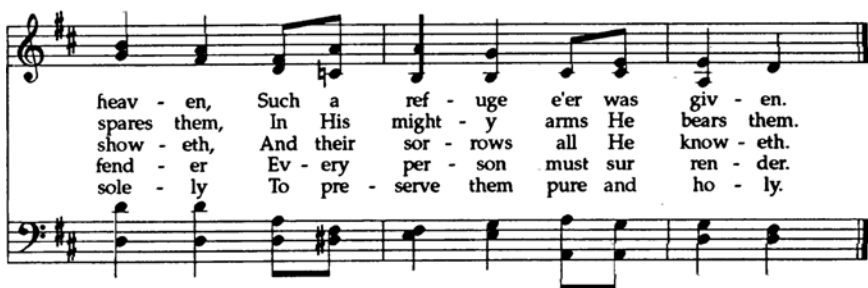
# HYMN ..... "Children of the Heavenly Father"



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  
 tect - or nev - er slum - bers; At the will of your de -  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



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 ..... "As the Deer"

As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my  
You're my friend and you are my broth-er ev-en  
I want you more than gold or sil-ver, on-ly  
soul long-eth af-ter you. You a-lone are my heart's de-sire— and I  
though you— are a King. I love you more than an-y oth-er, so much  
you can— sat-is-ify. You a-lone are the real joy-giv-er and the  
long to wor-ship you. You a-lone are my strength, my shield; To  
more than an-y-thing. ap-ple of my eye.  
you a-lone may my spir-it yield.  
You a-lone are my heart's de-sire,— and I long to wor-ship you.

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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.**

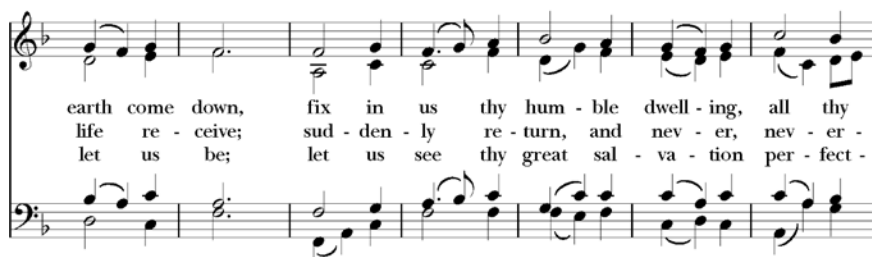
## THE BLESSING

*All stand.*

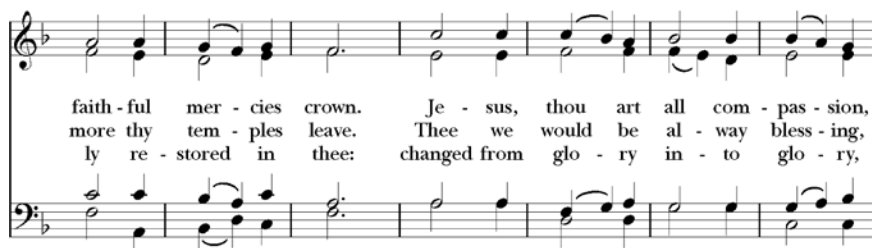
### HYMN 657..... "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788); Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887).

## THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

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

VOLUNTARY ..... “Concerto: Allegro”  
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

# RECOGNITIONS

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## FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Carol Joyce Skinner  
by the Cavender, Skinner and Foster families

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Margaux Mason Winget  
by her loving grandparents, Susan and Stan Galanski

In thanksgiving for Bruce Michael Lee's 93rd birthday  
by his wife, Irene



## SYMPATHY

June 23 William Richards Thurmond

July 1 John Patrick Scott

July 4 Mary Kathryn (Mary Kate) Jacobe

July 7 Tobin Scott O'Donnell

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit [smec.org/altar-flowers](http://smec.org/altar-flowers) 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:

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 Shoemake
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 Roady	

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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:

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 .....Amos 7:7-17

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’”

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

“Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’ Therefore thus says the Lord: ‘Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.’”

## READINGS FOR THE DAY

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THE PSALM..... Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

# THIS SUNDAY

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## ✦ ADULTS

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Discuss the lectionary readings of the day following the 8 a.m. service.

8:55 a.m. • *Chapel Reception Hall*

### THEOLOGY FOR LIFE

“Beautiful Savior: Encountering Christ through the Arts”

Discover how to hear the Gospel in music, read it in poetry, see it in visual arts and more.

10:15 a.m. • *Bagby Parish Hall*

### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER with the Rev. Sharron Cox

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

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

## ✦ STUDENT MINISTRIES

### SUNDAY GET-TOGETHERS

Students in grades 6–12 spend time in fellowship and discuss the Scriptures shared in worship.

10:15 a.m. • *Student Life Center*

## ✦ CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children through 5th grade are given a solid foundation of Biblical and theological knowledge in age-appropriate ways.

10:15 a.m. • *Children's Life Center*

### CHILDCARE

Available during all morning services for six-weeks through three-year-olds.

8 a.m. • *Children's Life Center*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



To view all our Christian education options,  
scan the QR code or visit **[smec.org/learn](https://smec.org/learn)**.

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

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JULY 13-19, 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](https://smec.org/events)**.*



Please support St. Martin's Flood Relief Fund today.  
Your gift will provide support to the areas affected across the  
Texas Hill Country. Thank you for your contribution.



To donate, scan the QR code or  
visit ***smec.org/flood-relief***.

Select **Hill Country Flood Relief** from the drop-down  
menu on the Abundant page.

# 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!*



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

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

# Sunday Funday!

**SUNDAY, JULY 20**

10:15–11 a.m. • Activity Center

Join us in the Activity Center after Family Table  
for games, breakfast and fellowship!



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## THEOLOGY LIVE!

*Re-reading the Stories You  
Grew Up With: Mortal Life After  
Happily Ever After*

**TUESDAY, JULY 22**

7–8:30 p.m. • Walking Stick Brewing Co.  
957 Wakefield Dr. || Dinner Available



**DR. KIRA PETTIT**

*St. John the Divine*

Why do we believe in God, and how do we find true love and purpose?  
Where is God in our suffering, and can faith and science coexist? How should  
the Bible guide our views on issues like immigration, end-of-life decisions  
and war? What does it mean to be saved — and if aliens exist, does salvation  
include them too?

*These are big questions and we invite you to join the  
conversation as we explore them together.*

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



ST. MARTIN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# 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](http://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 • [fritchier@smec.org](mailto:fritchier@smec.org) • 713-985-3843

ST. MARTIN'S  
**OUTREACH**  
MINISTRIES



## Be in the Know!

*Sign up to receive our monthly Outreach newsletter for updates on all the volunteer opportunities.*



*To join the list, scan the QR code or email [outreach@smec.org](mailto:outreach@smec.org).*

# 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](mailto:gkeyworth@smec.org) or 346-335-8660.

Training and support is provided.

*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.*



## 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.

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

## ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

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St. Martin's office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

For general questions, contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

For pastoral concerns during Reception Desk hours, contact 713-985-3817 or [pastoralcare@smec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@smec.org).

For pastoral emergencies when the Reception Desk is closed, call 713-621-3040 and follow the prompts to reach the priest on call.

For prayer requests, contact the prayer request line at 713-830-4124 or Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or [vriviera@smec.org](mailto:vriviera@smec.org).

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

# OUR STAFF AND VESTRY

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Mr. Dan Meyer, *Senior Council President*  
Mr. Bob Heston, Jr., *Parish Stewardship Chair*  
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### **Vestry Members**

Mr. Scott Anderson  
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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. Kathy Bennett**  
*Vestry Representative*  
*Morning*



**Mrs. Susan McConn**  
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*Evening*

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