

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*August 3, 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 85 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 ..... “Fanfare”

John Cook

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

## \*HYMN 594 ..... “God of Grace and God of Glory”



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -



hour, days, goal, dore, for the fac - ing of this hour. for the liv - ing of these days. we miss thy king - dom's goal. serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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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.*)

Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre -  
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for  
he is thy health and sal - va - tion;  
join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan and  
song, sound - ing in glad a - do - ra - tion.

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, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; 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 ..... Ecclesiastes 1:2-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever. The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirlleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again. All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us. There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.



I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

\*HYMN 474 (*vs. 1-2*) ..... “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

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 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,





Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748); Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731–1807).

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

THE GOSPEL.....Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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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count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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*Please be seated.*

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## THE SERMON

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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; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines; 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 ..... “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Dan Forrest

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee! Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see! All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided, great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest; sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

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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*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line, likely for a voice or a simple instrument. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with French lyrics above and English lyrics below. The English lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost." The French lyrics are: "Praise Dieu, d'où tous biens coulent; louez-le, vous tous, créatures, ici bas; louez-le, vous tous, créatures, là-haut; louez-le, vous tous, anges, saints, et Dieu le Père, le Fils, et le Saint-Esprit." The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm.

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.

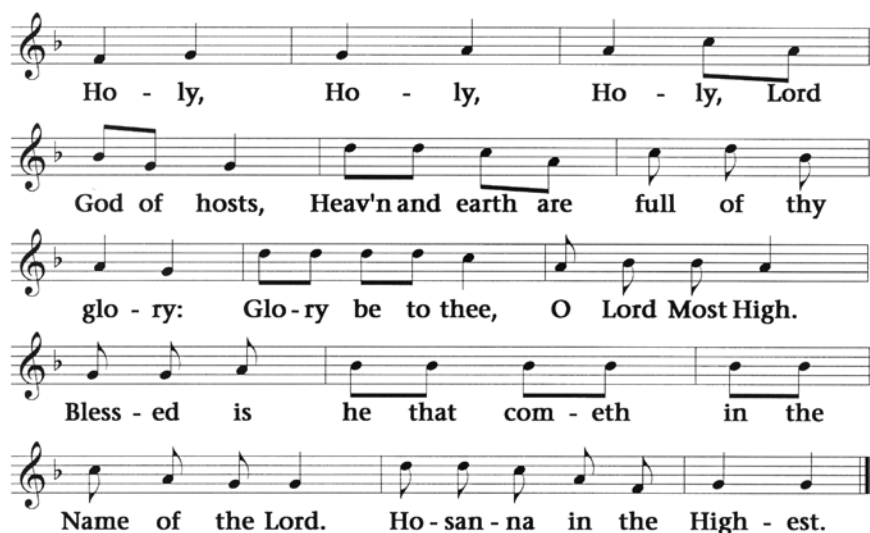
Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



# SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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



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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 ..... “God Be In My Head”

John Rutter

God be in my head, And in my understanding; God be in my eyes,  
And in my looking; God be in my mouth, And in my speaking; God  
be in my heart, And in my thinking; God be at my end, And in my  
departing.

Text: Old English Prayer. Music: John Rutter. © 1970 Oxford University Press. ARR.

# HYMN 693 ..... “Just As I Am”



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya  
\* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,  
4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,  
5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken



1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -  
3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise  
5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



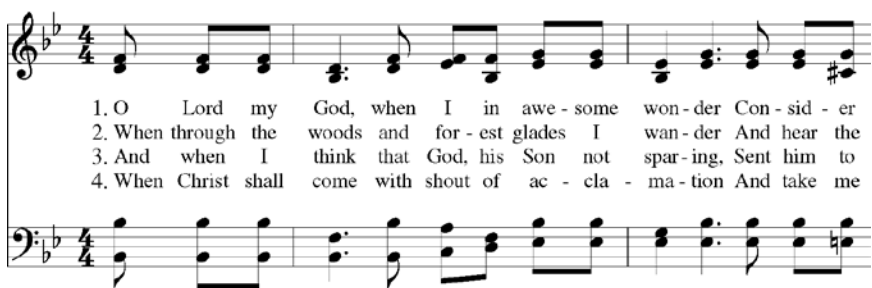
1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above:  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871); Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816–1868).



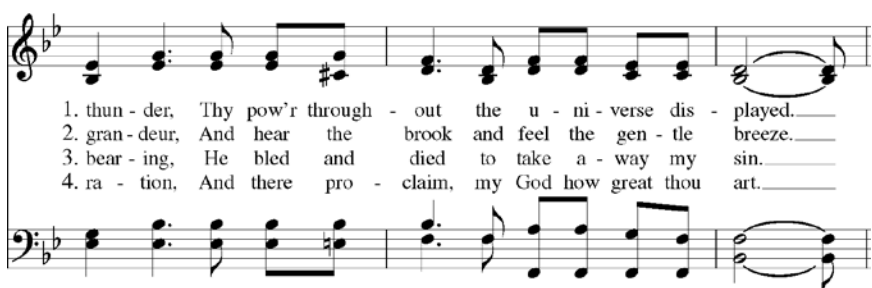
# HYMN.....“How Great Thou Art”



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds\* thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing\*  
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.  
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art.



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: How great Thou



art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to



Thee: ——— How great Thou art, ——— how great Thou art! ———

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## HYMN 178.....“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the  
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give  
Praise to his Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -  
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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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 690.....“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,



bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717–1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722–1796), alt.; Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873–1932).



# THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

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

VOLUNTARY ..... “Toccata”  
Theodore Dubois

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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 Rev. Dane Boston, 5th Rector of St. Martin's  
by St. Martin's Vestry  
In memory of Karen Wallace Johnson  
by her family



### BAPTISMS

July 26 Graham Williams Kieval  
Kyler Aaron Kieval



### SYMPATHY

June 20 Brewster Conrad Gurney Rogers  
July 15 Pinckney Franklin Steed, Jr.  
July 15 James Wilson Wooten

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	Barbara and Bob McClellan	Jim
Edith Avery	Janet McDaniel	Judy
Shelly Bain	Adams McHenry	Laura
William Barnett	Frank Melchor	Linda
Ken Beadell	Chuck Miller	Luke
Cory Blackman	Nadim Nasir	Lynne
Jimmy Broussard	Bob Paddock	Margaret
Gary Browning	Antone Peterson	Mark
The Rev. Jim Cunningham	Ophelia Pujol	Natalie
Gail Davis	Phyllis Reinhardt	Sally
Bobby de Sosa	John Roady	Sarah Jean
Linda de Sosa	Magdalene Robbins	Shane
Charlotte Dion	Maggie Rodriguez	Stephen
Ross Dunn	Angela Salinas	Susan
Stacey and John Elliott	Steve Salsman	
Jackie Eubank	Nancy Seal	
Catherine Gonzales	Caroline Searls	
Nancy Gore	Helen and Jim Shaffer	
Cynthia Graham	Caroline Shanahan	
The Rev. Alex Graham	Clif Shoemake	
Bette Haidusek	Marc Sony	
Cathy Haidusek	Michael Stern	
Nancy Hall	Jan and Jim Stokes	
Harriet Hart	Isabelle Sundara	
Nancy Haywood	Jerry Lee Tobar	
Aaron Holbrook	Scarlett and Luke Tyler	
Laurie Howard	Van Valentine	
Louise Huck	Caden Walker	
Wendy Hunt	Margaret Watson	
Sara Jabbari	Mary Watters	
Mary and Jim Jennings	Eric Zoerb	
Sarah Johnson	Angela	
Katie Jones	Atticus	
Chester and Susan Keeton	Ben	
Dick Kilday	Daniel	
Reid Kuhn	David	
Bruce Michael Lee	Ellen	
Mary Lehman	Henry	
Nancy Liles	J.R.	
Patrick Maehs	Jason and Blanca	

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# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Col. Julian Benton	Charles Lewis	CPO Evan Tomlin
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	1st Lt. S. Jeffers Shaper	

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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 ..... Psalm 49:1-11

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
they are like the beasts that perish.



## READINGS FOR THE DAY

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THE EPISTLE .....Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!



# 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** with Dr. Matthew Boyleston

“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*

## ✦ 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

### SNACK PACKING OUTREACH PROJECT

Help pack snack kits for Blessings in a Backpack.

*10 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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AUGUST 3-9, 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)**.*





ST. MARTIN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**SUNDAY SEPT. 7**

## *A Joyful New Chapter at St. Martin's*

*Join us for one of the great days in  
our Parish history as we welcome our  
5th Rector, the Rev. Dane Boston,  
and his family to St. Martin's!*

### **Morning Schedule ★ A Day of Worship and Celebration**

#### **8 a.m. — Traditional Spoken Service**

The Church | Holy Eucharist with Sermon by the Rev. Boston

#### **9:15 a.m. — Combined Traditional and Family Table Worship**

The Church | Holy Eucharist with Sermon by the Rev. Boston

#### **10:15 a.m. — Get to know the Rector**

The Church | A time of welcome with Dane and Debby Boston  
Children's Sunday School available in Bagby Parish Hall.

#### **11:15 a.m. — Combined Traditional and Riverway Worship**

The Church | Holy Eucharist with Sermon by the Rev. Boston  
Childcare for six week-old infants through age 3 available in Children's Life Center for all services.

### **Evening Celebration ★ Welcome to Texas!**

#### **4:30–6:30 p.m. — Student Life Center and Soccer Field**

Parish Dinner Honoring the Boston Family featuring BBQ, music and  
kids' activities. Country casual attire recommended!

Childcare for six week-old infants through age 3 available in Children's Life Center.  
The 6 p.m. service will not be offered.



Register at  
[smec.org/boston-welcome](https://smec.org/boston-welcome)



**Contact:** Brittney Pena • 713-985-3821 • [bpna@smec.org](mailto:bpna@smec.org)





BAYOU CITY

**BLESSINGS IN A  
BACKPACK**

## *Snack Packing*

**SUNDAY, AUG. 3**

**10 A.M. • CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER**

Children and families of all ages are welcome to come during the Sunday School hour and help pack snack kits for Blessings in a Backpack! Bayou City Blessings mobilizes our local community, individuals and resources to provide food on the weekends and during school breaks for Houston children who might otherwise go hungry.

The mission serves to raise awareness of childhood hunger by building community to improve the lives of Houston children. *Join us for this fun morning of service!*

**Contact:** Outreach Ministries • [outreach@smec.org](mailto:outreach@smec.org) • 713-985-3811

## THEOLOGY LIVE!

*How to be Happy*

**TUESDAY, AUG. 5**

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



**DR. PHIL TALLON**

*Houston Christian University*

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.*

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**ST. MARTIN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**





## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE THROUGH MUSIC!

**Sundays, starting Aug. 10**  
**Children's Life Center**

### **Young Singers | 8:30–9 a.m.**

Children entering 1st Grade and up are invited to be part of Young Singers — a joyful group where kids grow in faith, friendship and music.

### **Youth Choir | 10:15 a.m.**

Are you a middle or high school student who loves to sing or wants to try something new? Come be a part of St. Martin's Youth Choir this fall!

No experience needed — just a willing heart and a love for singing!

Come raise your voice and help lead others in praising God's holy name.

**Contact:** Carole Nelson  
cnelson@smec.org • 713-335-8677



## SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER MEETING

**SUNDAY, AUG. 10**

**10–11 a.m. • Children's Life Center**

If you plan to return as a Sunday School volunteer or have an interest in volunteering, please join the Children's Ministry Team for a brief overview of the fall and spring Sunday School curriculum.

**Contact:** Rozlyn Cline  
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**AUGUST 10**

**SUNDAY**

8 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

**AUGUST 11–13**

**MONDAY–WEDNESDAY**

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

*End of Summer*

**SIDEWALK**

**SALE!**



**Contact:** Barbara Shoemaker • [giftshoppe@smec.org](mailto:giftshoppe@smec.org)



**OPEN HOUSE**

**SUNDAY**

**AUG. 17 • 10 A.M.**

**Pre-K–Grade 5: Children's Life Center**  
**Grade 6–12: Student Life Center**

Come meet the Children and Student Ministries teams and find out what exciting things are in store for the upcoming year.

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## 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).



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



**Mrs. Kathy Bennett**  
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*Morning*



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