

# NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*August 10, 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 .....“Praeludium”

Dietrich Buxtehude

*The people stand as the procession begins.*

## \*HYMN 450 .....“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the  
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you  
5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

Words: Edward Perronet (1726–1792), alt.; Music: *Coronation*, Oliver Holden (1765–1844).

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 *Erneuerter 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*

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; 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 ..... Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

\*HYMN 510 (vs. 1-2) ..... “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heav - en - ly Dove, with all thy quick - ening powers;  
 2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;  
 3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise:  
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heav - en - ly Dove, with all thy quick - ening powers;

kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.  
 our souls, how heav - i - ly they go, to reach e - ter - nal joys.  
 ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.  
 come, shed a - broad a Sa - vior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; Music: *Saint Agnes*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

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

THE GOSPEL ..... Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

\*HYMN 510 (vs. 3-4) ..... “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;  
2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;  
3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise;  
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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 Anglican Church of Rwanda; 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 24 for upcoming events.*

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### THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee”

Johannes Brahms

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren, sei stille; Wie Gott es fügt so sei vergnügt, mein Wille! Was willst du heute sorgen Auf morgen? Der eine steht allem für, der gibt auch dir das Deine. Sei nur in allem Handel ohn’ Wandel, steh’ feste, was Gott beschleußt, das ist und heißt das Beste. Amen.

*Let nothing ever grieve you; be at peace. Whatever God ordains, accept it gladly, my soul! Why do you want to worry today about tomorrow? The One is lord of all; he also gives to you that which is yours. In all things be not inconstant; stand firmly. Whatever God ordains is and signifies the best. Amen.*

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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.**

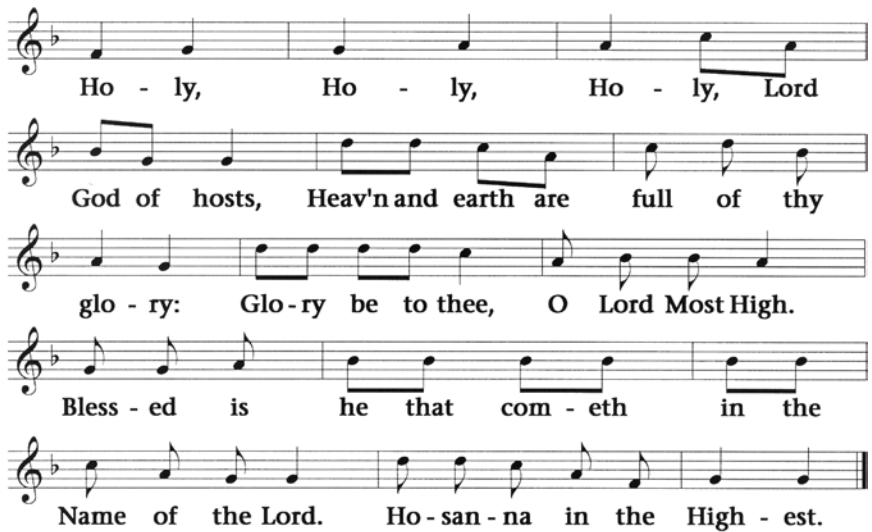
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.)



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord  
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy  
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the  
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## 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 ..... “Exultate Justi”

Ludovico da Viadana

Exsultate justi in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio. Confitemini Domino in cithara. In psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi. Cantate ei canticum novum. Bene psallite ei in vociferacione.

*Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones: it is fitting for the upright ones to give praise. Acknowledge the Lord with the harp. Sing to him with a psaltery of ten strings. Sing to him a new song. Sing praises to him well with a loud voice.*

Psalm 32:11; 33:1-4. Arrangement © 2000 Christopher Moore.

HYMN ..... “Glorify Thy Name”

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
 2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
 3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

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HYMN.....“Here I Am, Lord”



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



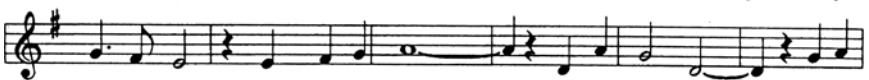
peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a -  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will



save,  
 way. I who made the stars of night,  
 save. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My  
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My  
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My



light to them? Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 word to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_ Here I am, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ Is it  
 life to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_



I, Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ I have heard You calling in the night. \_\_\_\_\_ I will go, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ if you lead me. \_\_\_\_\_ I will hold Your peo - ple in my



heart. \_\_\_\_\_

heart. \_\_\_\_\_

HYMN 508.....“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835–1889), alt.; Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885–1969).

*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 362....."Holy, Holy, Holy"

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

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

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

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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

## THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY ..... “Prelude in A Minor”  
 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 memory of my dear friends Pat Howard and Maryanne Tyler  
by Lorrie Block

In memory of Marshall Crawford  
by his family

In memory of Earle P. Martin III on the anniversary of his birthday  
by Deborah Martin

In memory of Mary Louise Presley  
by Dorothy Presley and James Presley



## BIRTHS

July 28    Rose Lucille Powell  
            Daughter of Mary and Thomas Powell  
            Granddaughter of Anya and Kevin McInnis



## SYMPATHY

July 6     Anne Thomas Lasater  
July 25    Floyd Ames Smith

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

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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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 *family table*

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.

 RIVERWAY

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](http://smec.org/osl)

# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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THE PSALM..... Psalm 33:12-22

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*  
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; \*  
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.

## READINGS FOR THE DAY

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THE EPISTLE ..... Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

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

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## ✦ ADULTS

8+

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

*8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*

**THEOLOGY FOR LIFE** with Keith Lathrom

“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

**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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AUGUST 10-16, 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)**.



**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 • [bpena@smec.org](mailto:bpena@smec.org)



**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)



## **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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## 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, Aug. 12**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Meet via Zoom**

ST. MARTIN'S  
**OUTREACH**  
MINISTRIES

# BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**SUNDAY, AUG. 17**  
**9:15 A.M.**  
**PARISH LIFE CENTER**

Children are invited to bring their backpacks to Family Table and receive a blessing for the new school year.

St. Martin's  
**CHILDREN'S**  
**MINISTRY**

**Contact:** Rozlyn Cline  
rmcline@smec.org  
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# 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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**Student Ministries:** Florence Ritchie • [fritchie@smec.org](mailto:fritchie@smec.org) • 713-985-3843

## SAVING LIVES *is Sweet!*

*Donate Blood.*

**MONDAY, AUG. 18**

**9 A.M.–1:30 P.M.**

**ACTIVITY CENTER, GAME ROOM**



**SIGN UP AT**  
**[smec.org/blood-drive](https://smec.org/blood-drive)**  
**Walk-ins Welcome!**



Receive a voucher for a pint of Blue Bell ice cream **and** a 50th anniversary t-shirt with your donation!

**Contact:** Victoria Wilson • [events@smec.org](mailto:events@smec.org) • 713-985-3838

# LIFEgroups

*Weekly Student Small Groups Returns!*

**Wednesdays, Beginning Aug. 20  
6–8 p.m. • Student Life Center**

Life Groups is a wonderful opportunity for students in Grades 6–12 to connect with peers and explore the Bible more deeply. They engage in discussions about faith and life, which helps them grow in their beliefs together. Fun activities and dinner are provided each week.

*Please bring \$5 to help cover food costs.*

**Contact:** Florence Ritchie  
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## ***St. Martin's Ministry Fair***

*Save the Date*

Sunday, Aug. 24  
10:15 a.m. • Activity Center

**Fun. Food.  
Fellowship.**

Learn how you can more fully participate with your Church family at St. Martin's.

### **Questions?**

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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 [vrivera@smec.org](mailto:vrivera@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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Mrs. Courtney Schilling, *Clerk*  
Mr. Dan Meyer, *Senior Council President*  
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Mr. Andy Harvin, *Chancellor\**

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Mr. Steffen van Keppel, *Senior Council Representative 2025-2026*  
Mrs. Moira Davis, *Altar Guild President 2025-2026*  
Mrs. Whitney Gormley, *ECW President 2025-2026*  
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*\*Denotes Associate Vestry filled at the discretion of the Rector*



**Mrs. Kathy Bennett**  
*Vestry Representative*  
*Morning*



**Mrs. Susan McConn**  
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## **Jesus, The Christ** *The Head of This Church*



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