

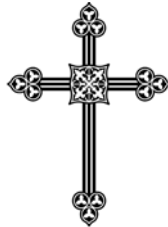
TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

August 31, 2025



OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST,
WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me ..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 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 “Concerto in G: First Movement” Johann Sebastian Bach

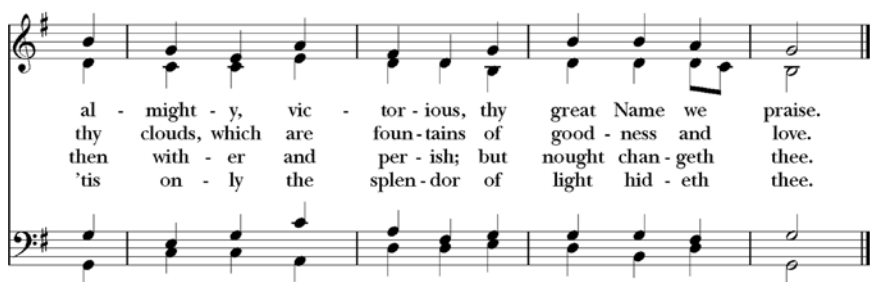
The people stand as the procession begins.

✠ HYMN 423 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.; Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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



Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Sirach 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.

Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.

The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.

The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.

The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.

He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.

Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 321 (*vs. 1-2*)..... “My God, Thy Table Now is Spread”

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

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 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1–3, Philip Doddridge (1702–1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731–1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740–1816).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELLuke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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

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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; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Church of South 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; 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 24 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Lord of all Hopefulness”

Barry Rose

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy, Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day. Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: “Lord Of All Hopefulness” by Jan Struther (1901-1953) from “Enlarged Songs of Praise” (1931). Music: Traditional Irish Tune, SLANE. Arrangement by Dr. Barry Rose © 2006 Novello and Co.

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.

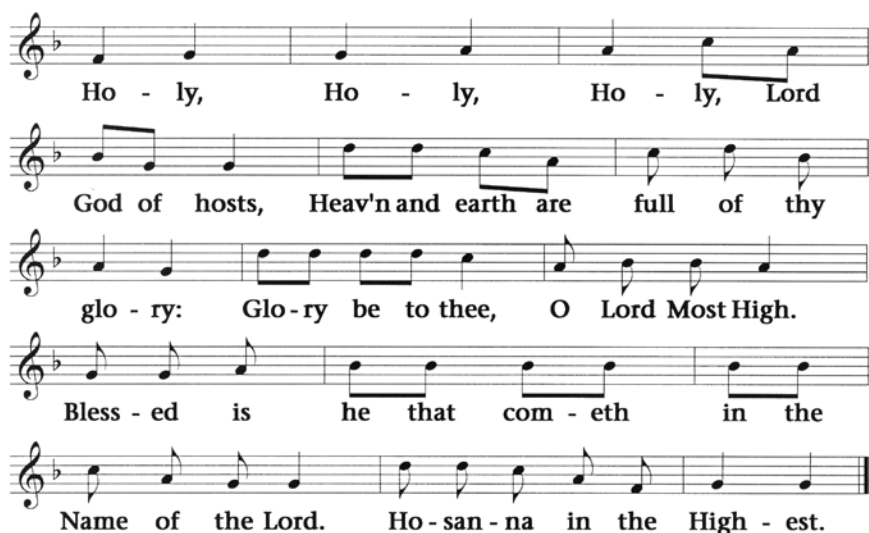
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.)



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

The Celebrant continues (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Celtic Alleluia*



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Then may be said together

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Invitation.

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

ANTHEM “Exsultate Deo”

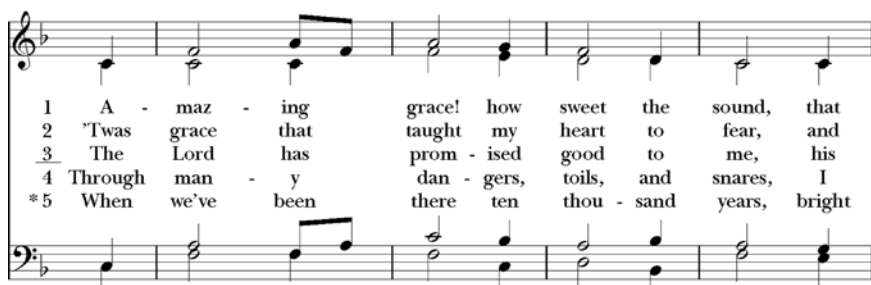
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Exsultate Deo, adjutori nostro. jubilate Deo Jacob. Sumite psalmum, et date tympanum; psalterium jucundum cum cithara. Buccinate in neomenia tuba, insigni die solemnitatis vestrae.

Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

Text: Psalm 81: 1-4 (KJV). Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina. Edition © 2000 Andrew S. Collins. www.cpdll.org

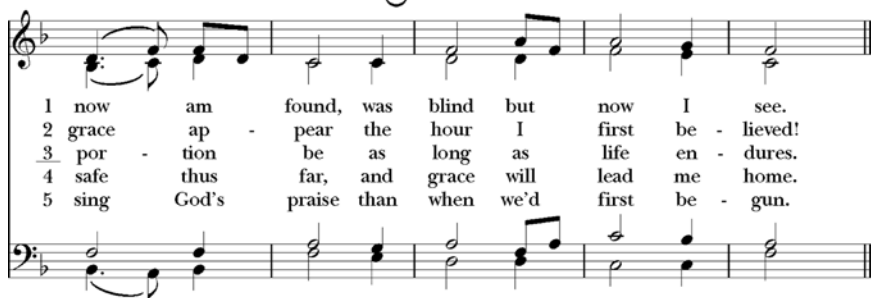
HYMN 671 “Amazing Grace”



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 *5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me to
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Words: John Newton (1725–1807); Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831.

HYMN 490 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we



star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

rit.

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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HYMN “Father, We Adore Thee”

1. Fa - ther,
2. Je - sus, we a - dore thee, lay our lives be
3. Spir - it,

fore thee, how we love thee.

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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 598.....“Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam’st to Earth”



1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam’st to earth, up - on a cross they
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -



bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
 nief thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,



by thorns with which they crowned thee; and still our wrongs
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -



may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions’
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
 pride, o’er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882–1969), alt.; Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958); after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.); Copyright: Words: By permission of the family of Walter Russell Bowie.

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY“Concerto in G: Last Movement” Johann Sebastian Bach

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

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Individuals are included on the Continuing Prayers list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

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

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CONTINUING PRAYERS

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	Capt. 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



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

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM..... Psalm 112

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

READINGS FOR THE DAY

“The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

RECOGNITIONS



SYMPATHY

July 29 William Chase Leyrer III

Aug. 10 Ann Sexton Thurmond

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit smec.org/altar-flowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at relhakam@smec.org.

THIS SUNDAY

Sunday School classes will not be offered due to the Labor Day holiday.

Please join us next Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in The Church for a get-to-know-you event with the Rev. Dane and Debby Boston.

✦ CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDCARE

Available during all morning services for six-week-old infants through children age 3.

8 a.m. • Children's Life Center

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

ALL ADULTS

Prayer Shawl Ministry *Tuesday, 9 a.m. • Activity Center, Family Room*
Knit and crochet shawls to be released for those in need of prayer.

Blanket Ladies *Wednesday, 10 a.m. • Activity Center, Family Room*
Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals.

Docent Tour *Wednesday, 11 a.m. • The Church*
The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church. To schedule a group tour or tours of other Campus locations, contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117.

MEN

Dads' Bible Study *Thursday, 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*
Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study.

STUDENTS

Life Groups *Wednesday, 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*
Students in grades 6–12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of the meal.

CHILDREN

Young Singers *Sunday, 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
Children in grades 1-5 learn Christ's Word through music, where they learn techniques of singing and of following a musical score.

EVENTS



*To view all our upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit **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 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 children age 3 available in Children's Life Center.
The 6 p.m. service will not be offered.



Register **by Sept. 3** at
smec.org/boston-welcome



Contact: Brittney Pena • 713-985-3821 • bpna@smec.org

RIVERWAY

Celebration Sunday Riverway Turns 4!

SUNDAY, AUG. 31

Parish Life Center Narthex

Following the 11:15 a.m. services

We invite everyone who has had a recent birthday or anniversary to join us in acknowledgement of your special day, and share a dessert or breakfast item with us. And let us celebrate Riverway's fourth anniversary! Everyone is welcome.

Contact: Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam • 713-830-4146 • relhakam@smec.org

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR *Healing and Wholeness* *Order of St. Luke*

St. Martin's International Order of St. Luke (OSL) Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

Next Service

Wednesday, Sept. 3 | 5 p.m.

Parish Life Center or via Zoom

smec.org/osl

Contact: Valerie Rivera • vrivera@smec.org • 713-985-3817

Family Nights

WEDNESDAYS

Sept. 17–Oct. 8 • 5–7 p.m.

Dinner is available from 5–6 p.m. in the Crosswalk Garden.

\$7/person | \$25/family



Register at
smec.org/family-nights

Haley Lynch

hlynch@smec.org • 713-830-4110



Bring the whole family to join your Church family for food, fun and Christian formation!

Just For September Small Groups
Bible study on Genesis
6–7 p.m. • Multiple locations

Life Groups for Grades 6–12
5:30–7 p.m. • Student Life Center

Kids J.A.M. for Grades K–5
6–7 p.m. • Children's Life Center

Childcare
For six-week-old infants–age 3
6–7 p.m. • Children's Life Center

20s & 30s

DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays • 7–8:30 p.m.

Children's Life Center

Program begins Sept. 10

Kick-off Dinner: Sept. 3
Sylvia's Enchilada Kitchen (Woodway)

Fellowship opportunities for young professionals.

Join our young adults' small group that is focused on building deep and meaningful relationships through the regular study of Scripture and fellowship opportunities.

Contact: The Rev. Wesley Arning
rwarning@smec.org • 346-335-8680



PARISH CHOIR

Kick-Off Rehearsal



THURSDAY, SEPT. 4

6:15 p.m. Food and Fellowship | **7-9 p.m.** Rehearsal

The Music Center, Choir Rehearsal Room



Sign up at
smec.org/parishchoir


Keith Lathrom

Choral Director of the Adult Choir
klathrom@smec.org • 713-985-3815

This kick-off rehearsal is a fantastic opportunity to:

Reconnect and Fellowship
Rehearse ♦ Prepare

The
Order
of the
Daughters
of the King



SATURDAY, SEPT. 6 • 10 A.M.
CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

OUR SEASON BEGINS

We will kick off the new year with a discussion of outreach projects, the installation of new officers and induction of new members. Visitors are welcome.

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



CCSC Food Drive

DROP OFF BAGS SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

Volunteers will unload your bags as you drive through. Food donations most needed are canned chicken and tuna, hearty soups, canned fruit and vegetables, dry beans, boxed dry cereal, peanut butter, dry pasta and/or pasta sauce and can openers.

Tracee Tindol

ttindol@smec.org • 713-985-3811

Pick Up Bags:
Sunday, Sept. 7
8 a.m.-noon

The Church Narthex

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



Walking the Mourner's Path

Small Group Workshops

Walking the Mourner's Path is a ministry of prayer and presence based on eight-week workshops where participants learn they are not alone in their grief. They have Christ's love and healing with them always.

The workshops meet for an hour and half on consecutive weeks with two trained facilitators and a member of the Clergy.

At St. Martin's we are planning for another series of workshops to begin on Wednesday, Oct. 1. This program is not for those recently bereaved but is for all people who are more than nine months from the death of a loved one. There is a limit of eight participants.

Contact to Participate: The Rev. Gill Keyworth • gkeyworth@smec.org

MEMBERSHIP101



Discover your Membership at St. Martin's

PART 1 • MONDAY, SEPT. 8

6–8:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall and Online

Dinner will be served



*Join us in our
mission at
smec.org/membership*

PART 2 • SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Hope and Healing Center

& Institute/Christ Chapel

Kathy Johnson, *Director of Membership*
membership@smec.org • 713-985-3834



RECTOR'S

Bible Study

with the Rev. Dane Boston

Tuesdays

Beginning Sept. 9

Noon–1 p.m.

Student Life Center



Join us for the Rector's noon Bible Study Class.

A refreshing mid-day opportunity to dive into God's Word together! We encourage you to grab lunch at the Café and settle in by 11:45 a.m. as the class will begin promptly at noon.

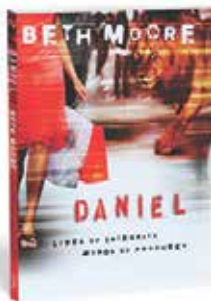
Rector's Bible Study will not meet on Oct. 21.



Contact: Lesley Hough • lhough@smec.org • 346-335-8654



THE MOMS' GROUP



Fall Kick-Off

Wednesdays, Sept. 10 – Nov. 19

9:15–10:30 a.m. • Student Life Center

Connect with other moms in every stage of motherhood as we build community, support one another and grow in our faith. Join us as we'll explore practical topics for home and family life — all while deepening our walk with Christ.

This fall, we are studying “Daniel” by Beth Moore.

Childcare is provided for six-week-old infants through age 3.



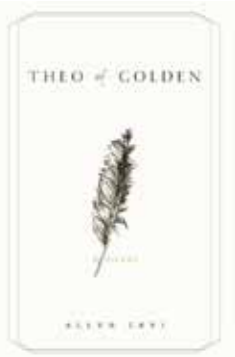
Register at

smec.org/momsgroup

Contact: Rozlyne Cline, *Director of Children's Ministry*
rmcline@smec.org • 713-985-3816



DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Sept. 10
Children's Life Center, Room 132 and
Via Zoom | smec.org/faith-in-literature

While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

*This month, we discuss “Theo of Golden”
by Allen Levi.*

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

MEN of ST. MARTIN'S



Social at Molina's *Westheimer Location*

| Sept. 11 • 5–7 p.m.

Sponsored by the Men of St. Martin's

Annual social for all men of the Parish and guests.

Weekly meetings begin Sept. 18 at 7 a.m. in Bagby Parish Hall. We will be studying the Book of Genesis.



Register at
smec.org/mosm

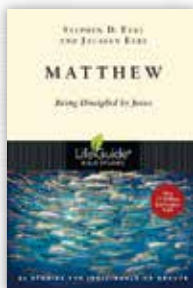
Cost: \$25 • Deadline: Sept. 9

Contact: Juli Browning
jbrowning@smec.org • 713-985-3845



CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDY

A Bible Study for Any Woman Seeking God's Truth



MORNING CLASS – BEGINS SEPT. 11

9:30–11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center and via Zoom

Childcare is available for six-week-old infants through age 5.

EVENING CLASS – BEGINS SEPT. 16

6:30–8 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom

CLS will study **“Matthew: Being Discipled by Jesus”** by Stephen D. Eyre and Jacalyn Eyre.



All denominations are welcome; bring a friend! Register at ***smec.org/cls***

Contact: Liz Gallien • lgallien@smec.org • 713-830-4139



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. MARTIN'S PRESENTS



FALL LUNCHEON **ANCHORED IN HOPE** FEATURING PAM THOMPSON

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23
11 A.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL



*For registration and to learn more
about Pam Thompson, visit
smec.org/ecw-events
*Registration now open!**



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Contact: Valerie Rivera
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JOY of GIVING MARKET

PREMIER SHOPPING PARTY

TUESDAY, OCT. 14 • 4–8 p.m.
\$20 advanced ticket / \$25 at the door



TICKETS GO ON SALE:

Gift Shoppe: Sept. 22–Oct. 2 / **Online:** Sept. 29– Oct. 13



*Join us for early festivities
at **smec.org/jog***

Contact: Tracee Tindol • joyofgiving@smec.org • 713-985-3811

MEMBERSHIP

If you are visiting today, please fill out a Welcome Card from the pew rack to place in the offering plate or complete it online by scanning the QR code or visiting **smec.org/visitor-card**. Please introduce yourself to one of our Clergy and we will be in touch to let you know more about our Parish Family.



Seeking membership in a parish is a very important step and it is our goal to support your understanding of our Parish, its ministries and your place in the life of St. Martin's. Our membership process begins by attending one of our quarterly Membership 101 classes.

Contact: Kathy Johnson • 713-985-3834 • kjohnson@smec.org

ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

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

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

For pastoral concerns during Reception Desk hours, contact 713-985-3817 or pastoralcare@smec.org.

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

For prayer requests, contact the prayer request line at 713-830-4124 or Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@smec.org.

For death notifications and funerals, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@smec.org.

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