SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 28, 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.



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 100 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.





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"English Dances" Malcolm Arnold, arr. Hannah Cen

The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 522...." "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"





Words: John Newton (1725–1807), alt.; Music: Austria, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1807)...

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

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

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



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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (kneel)

The Celebrant says the Collect

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 603 (vs. 1-2)....."When Christ was Lifted"



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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELLuke 16:19-31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on page 23.

*HYMN 603 (vs. 3-4)...."When Christ was Lifted"



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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 Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 24 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM""Praise the Lord, O My Soul"

John Rutter

Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord: yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God. O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man: for there is no help in them. For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth: and then all his thoughts perish. Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: and whose hope is in the Lord his God; Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that there-in is: who keepeth his promise for ever. Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong: who feedeth the hungry. The Lord looseth men out of prison: the Lord giveth sight to the blind. The Lord helpeth them that are fallen: the Lord careth for the righteous. The Lord careth for the stranger; he defendeth the fatherless and widow: as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down. The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore: and throughout all generations. Glory e to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. 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.



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.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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.



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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.

If you are unable to come to the Altar Rail, please alert an Usher and Communion will be brought to you.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look up our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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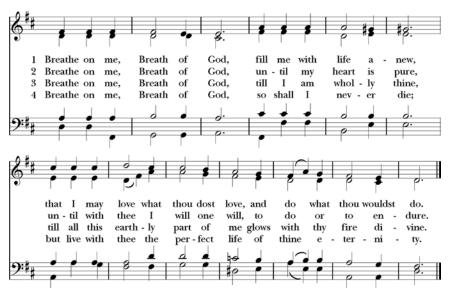


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HYMN 508"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"



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

After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)
Let us pray.

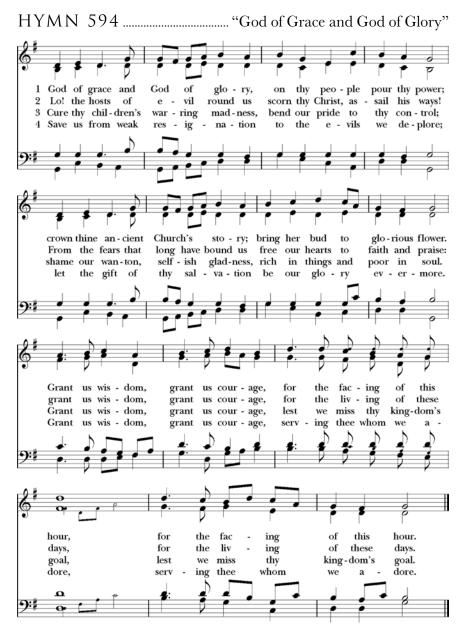
Celebrant and People

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.



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THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY"Symphony 4: Final"

Charles-Marie Widor

Personal prayers available at west Side Chapel near Baptismal font after service

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for Wendy Wall's birthday by Sid and Davis Wall



BIRTHS

Sept. 4 Peter Warden Stephens Son of Amy and Ben Stephens



BAPTISMS

Sept. 21 Olivia Claire Hallenbeck



SYMPATHY

Aug. 24 Martha Jane Arnold Touchstone

Sept. 2 Mark Thomas Gholson

Sept. 16 Frank Xavier Gruen

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

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Crocket Abraham Susan Jones Michael Stern

Carolyn Alban Chester and Susan Keeton James and Janis Stokes
Joe B. Allen Dick Kilday Isabelle Sundara
Edith Avery Diane Knutzen Norma Taylor

David B. Reid Kuhn The Rev. James Thomas

Shelly Bain Rhea Latta Jerry Lee Tobar William Barrett Bruce Michael Lee Betty Tutor

Ken Beadell Mary Lehman Scarlett and Luke Tyler

Cory Blackman Nancy Liles Van Valentine Jimmy Broussard Patrick Maehs Caden Walker Gary Browning Barbara and Bob McClellan Margaret Watson Gene Cooley Janet McDaniel Mary Watters The Rev. Jim Cunningham Adams McHenry **Bob Wright** Gail Davis Frank Melchor Eric Zoerb Bobby de Sosa Chuck Miller Angela Linda de Sosa William "Bill" T. Moyer Atticus Charlotte Dion Kae Nakisa Ben Nadim Nasir Daniel

Ross Dunn Stacey and John Elliott Nancy Older David Jackie Eubank Bob Paddock Ellen **Judy Gerrish** Colin Peoples Evelyn Catherine Gonzales Antone Peterson Henry Nancy Gore Ophelia Pujol J.R. Cynthia Graham Mary Sommers Pyne Iane

The Rev. Alex Graham Phyllis Reinhardt Jason and Blanca

Bette Haidusek John Roady Jim Maggie Rodriguez Nancy Hall Judy Amelia Harrington Hank Roper Laura Angela Salinas Linda Jean Hatton Nancy Haywood Steve Salsman Luke Denise Hinnell Lynne Sanyoto Lynne Aaron Holbrook Bill Schwaiger Margaret Leodamae Hopkins Nancy Seal Mark Laurie Howard Caroline Searls Natalie Louise Huck Helen and Jim Shaffer Sally Wendy Hunt Caroline Shanahan Sarah Jean Sara Jabbari Susan Rae Shannon Shane Mary and Jim Jennings Clif Shoemake Stephen Sarah Johnson Marc Sonv Steve Katie Jones Mitch Starkey Susan

Please be advised that the weeks after Easter and All Saints' Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Col. Julian Benton 1LT. Tom Cadwallender 1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender Capt. Casev Gainer LCDR Bradley Hoffman LTC Wesley J. Hunnell 1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich Lt. Paul Piana

Major Blake J. Kidd Cadet George N. Kinder Lt. Jonathan Lesieur Charles Lewis Capt. Jack Mullen Capt. Alex Mullen PFC. Parris F. Owen SrA James W. Peoples

Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant CPO Brian Powell

1st Lt. S. Jeffers Shaper CPO Evan Tomlin

Please be advised that each year the week after Veterans Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Military Service Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.

OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES





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 OLD TESTAMENT......Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

THE PSALM......Psalm 146

- Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! *
 I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
 I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, * for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, * and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; *
 he sustains the orphan and widow,
 but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

THIS SUNDAY

▶ 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 the Rev. Dane Boston

"Genesis: The First Word"

What better way to start a new seasons with our new Rector than starting together with the first page of Scripture!

10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

ANGLICANISM 101 with the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

Discuss the Book of Common Prayer, the Sacraments and the Church's history and polity to explore the Episcopal faith.

10:15 a.m. • Chapel Reception 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 6-week-olds through 3-year-olds. 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 4, 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.

Family Nights Wednesday, 5 p.m. • Crosswalk Garden

Enjoy dinner with the entire family before Christian Formation opportunities for everyone. Sign up at smec.org/family-nights.

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.

MEN

Men of St. Martin's *Thursday* • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall
This mens' group meets for fellowship, mutual support and Bible study.

WOMEN

Christian Life Study

Join this women's Bible study and strengthen your relationship with God through the study of His word.

Evening Group Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center

Day Group Thursday, 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center and via Zoom

STUDENTS

Life Groups *Wednesday*, 5:30 p.m. • Student Life Center Students in grades 6–12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life.

CHILDREN

Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) *Wednesday, 6 p.m.* • *Children's Life Center* Children in grades 1-5 learn more about developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

EVENTS



To view all our upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit **smec.org/events**.



Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate September Birthdays and Anniversaries with Riverway.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 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. Everyone is welcome!

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



JOY*of* PANTRY GIVING MARKET PRE-SALES!

OPENS Sept. 29 CLOSES Oct. 10

Make holiday planning simple — or just make weeknights easier! Pre-order your ECW Pantry favorites now through Oct. 10 to guarantee you get what you love.

Fan Favorites

- Bacon-Wrapped Tamales
- Pimento Cheese Grits
- Cheddar Chesse Biscuits
- Tasty Trash

Exciting new items

- Caramelized Onion & Bacon Dip
- Beef & Cheese Enchiladas
- Cake Balls
- And More!

Pick Up: Monday, Oct. 13 • 1–4 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall Refectory



For more information and to view the full menu, visit **smec.org/jog**





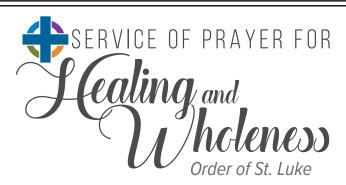
Serve at The Landing

Volunteers are needed to help serve a fall lunch to survivors of human trafficking at The Landing. Wednesday, Oct. 1 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 9894 Bissonnet St. #678, 77036

Contact: Tracee Tindol

outreach@smec.org • 713-985-3811





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, Oct. 1 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center or via Zoom
smec.org/osl

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



SATURDAY, OCT. 4 • 10 A.M. ST. MARTIN'S EAST PARKING LOT

CASA DE ESPERANZA OUTREACH PROJECT

We will carpool to our outreach partner, Casa de Esperanza. We will bring snacks and help the children with a fall craft. Visitors are welcome.

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



Tours of The Church

Explore the history of St. Martin's with guided free tours. Discover the beautiful stained-glass windows, intricate wood carvings and numerous architectural features, all hosted by our knowledgeable docents.

Wednesdays • 11 a.m. – noon

With an organ concert the fourth Wednesday of the month

First Sunday of the Month

Following the 11:15 a.m. service

Special Tours of the Church and of Christ Chapel, and the Campus Gardens are also available upon request.



For reservations or more information, call 713-830-4117 or scan the QR code.

BLESSING of the ANIMALS



Sunday, Oct. 5 • 5 p.m. • The Wayside Chapel

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of animals, all are invited to bring their pets for a special service dedicated to blessing all creatures great and small.

Please bring pet food donations for local animal shelters.

Contact: Barbara Piana bpiana@smec.org • 713-830-4116

THE MOMS' GROUP

Outreach Project

for Children's Transplant Initiative

Wednesday, Oct. 8 9:15-10:30 a.m. Student Life Center Living Room

Help pack welcome kits for families awaiting organ transplants in a fun morning of service and fellowship.

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



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





Oct. 10-12 · Lake Livingston Cost is \$250

For students in grades 9-12

A weekend getaway for high schoolers to spend time with God and one another as we talk about faith. Join us for fun, fellowship and a fancy dinner out.





Sign up at smec.org/students
Deadline to register:

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



VESTRY NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Current members of St. Martin's may nominate any confirmed member of the Parish for consideration to serve on the Vestry for the upcoming three-year term. At our Annual Parish Meeting in January, we will vote as a Parish to elect five new members to serve on the Vestry.

Completed nomination forms for the upcoming term must be received by Wednesday, Oct. 15.



Vestry Nomination Form available online at **smec.org/vestrynom**

Nominations are to be kept strictly confidential – please do not inform the nominee or his/her family that you have nominated him/her.

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

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 vrivera@smec.org.

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

OUR STAFF AND VESTRY

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ST. MARTIN'S VESTRY

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Mr. Logan Walters, Junior Warden

Mrs. Susan McConn, Missions Chair

Mr. David Leonard, Treasurer

Mrs. Courtney Schilling, Clerk

Mr. Dan Meyer, Senior Council President

Mr. Bob Heston, Jr., Parish Stewardship Chair

Mr. Andy Harvin, Chancellor*

Vestry Members

Mr. Scott Anderson

Mrs. Hunter Bell

Mrs. Kathy Bennett

Mrs. Summer Craig

Mr. Mike Fuqua

Mr. Will Hedges

The Hon. Edith Jones

Mr. John Maclay, Jr.

Mrs. Debbie Robinson

Mr. Milton West

Associate Members

The Hon. James A. Baker, III, Special Counsel to the Vestry*

Mr. Charles Kraft, Senior Council Representative 2025-2026

Mr. Steffen van Keppel, Senior Council Representative 2025-2026

Mrs. Moira Davis, Altar Guild President 2025-2026

Mrs. Whitney Gormley, ECW President 2025-2026

Mr. Jim Drew, Men of St. Martin's President 2025-2026

Mr. John Sutherland, *Usher Representative* 2024-2026

*Denotes Associate Vestry filled at the discretion of the Rector



Mrs. Summer Craig Vestry Representative Morning



Mr. Scott Anderson Vestry Representative Evening

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Jesus, The Christ The Head of This Church



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