

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

October 12, 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 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.*



** indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshippers.*

HOLY EUCHARIST

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

VOLUNTARY “*Sicilienne*”

Maurice Duruflé

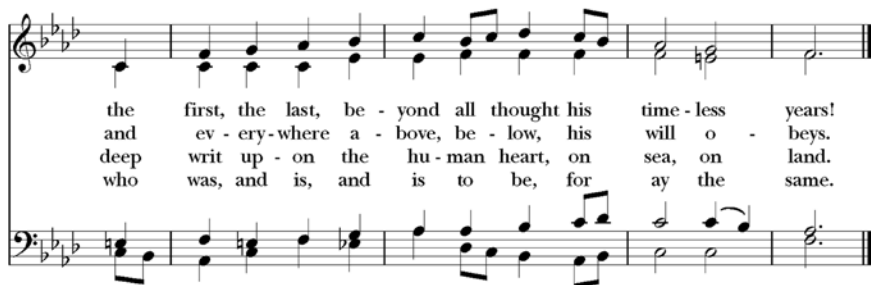
The people stand as the procession begins.

✱ HYMN 372 “Praise to the Living God”

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845–1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836–1926); Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, 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.*)



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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?"

He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

*HYMN 628 (vs. 1-2) “Help Us, O Lord”

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
 2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
 3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
 all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
 yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

Music: *St. Ethelwald*; William Watkins Reid, Jr. (b. 1923), alt.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELLuke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on page 22.

*HYMN 628 (vs. 3).....“Help Us, O Lord”

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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 Sarah, the Archbishop-elect 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 the Province of Uganda; 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 23 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Collegium Regale: Jubilate Deo”

Herbert Howells

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord, He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name. For the Lord is gracious; His mercy is everlasting: and His truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be 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.

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983). © Novello and Company Limited.

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.

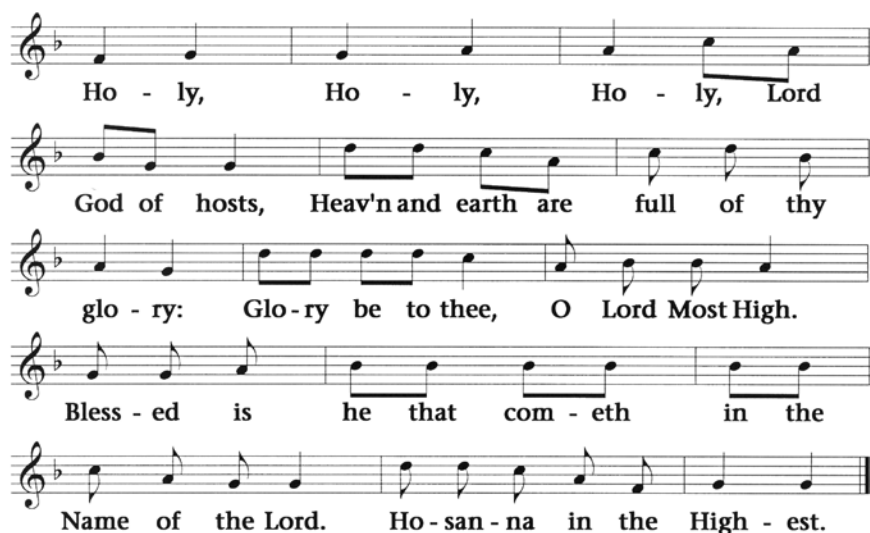
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.

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.

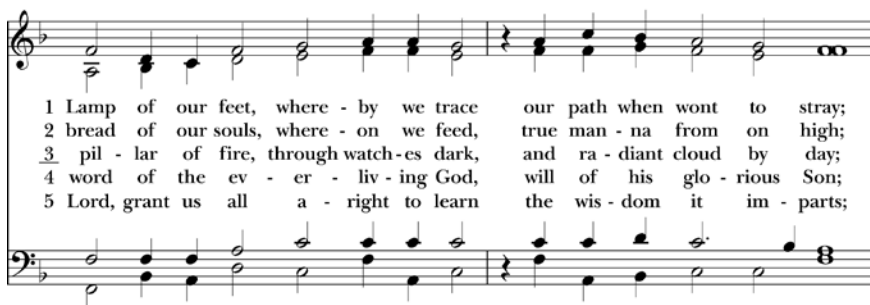
If you are unable to come to the Altar Rail, please alert an Usher and Communion will be brought to you.

ANTHEM "He That Shall Endure to the End"
Felix Mendelssohn

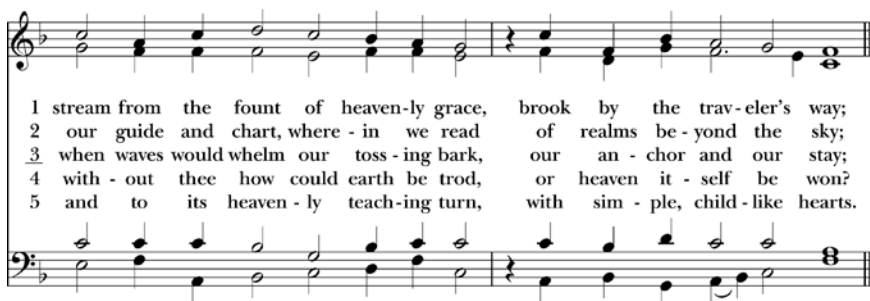
He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved.

Text: 2 Timothy 2:10.

HYMN 627.....“Lamp of Our Feet”



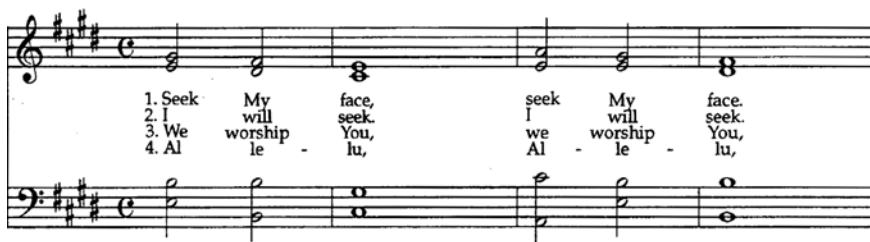
1 Lamp of our feet, where - by we trace our path when wont to stray;
 2 bread of our souls, where - on we feed, true man - na from on high;
 3 pil - lar of fire, through watch - es dark, and ra - diant cloud by day;
 4 word of the ev - er - liv - ing God, will of his glo - rious Son;
 5 Lord, grant us all a - right to learn the wis - dom it im - parts;



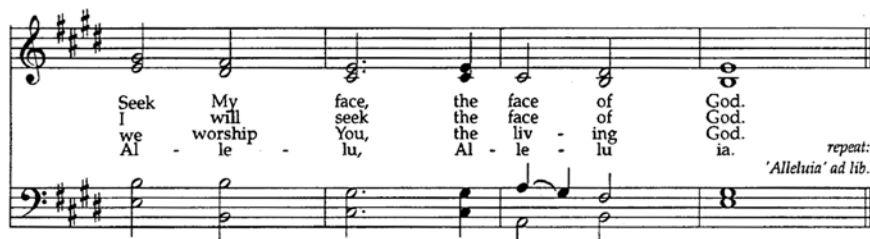
1 stream from the fount of heaven - ly grace, brook by the trav - eler's way;
 2 our guide and chart, where - in we read of realms be - yond the sky;
 3 when waves would whelm our toss - ing bark, our an - chor and our stay;
 4 with - out thee how could earth be trod, or heaven it - self be won?
 5 and to its heaven - ly teach - ing turn, with sim - ple, child - like hearts.

Music: *Nun danket all un bringet Her*; Bernard Barton (1784-1849); This selection is in the public domain.

HYMN.....“Seek My Face”



1. Seek My face, seek My face.
 2. I will seek.
 3. We will worship You.
 4. Al - le - lu, lu, lu.



Seek I we Al - le - lu, the the Al - le - lu, the face liv - ing of God. God. God. ia. repeat: 'Alleluia' ad lib.

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HYMN 685 “Rock of Ages”

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778), alt.; Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784–1872).

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.

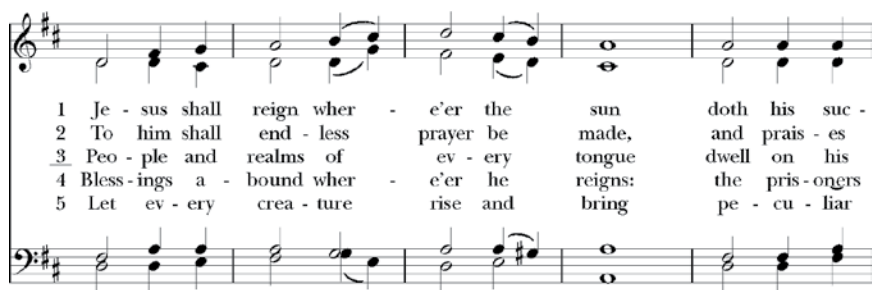
At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

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.**

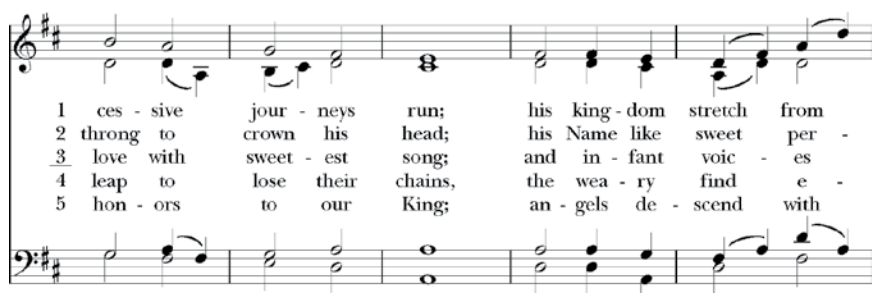
THE BLESSING

All stand.

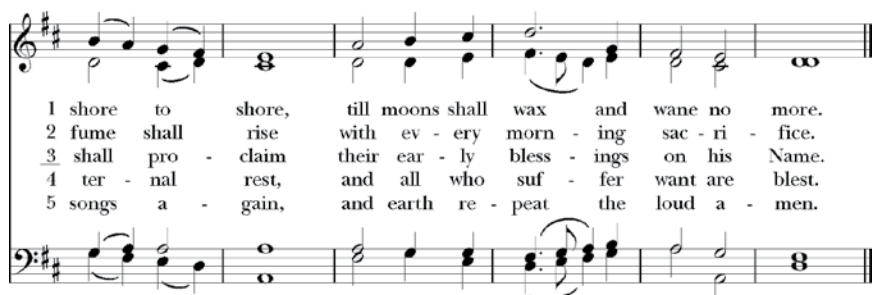
HYMN 544 “Jesus Shall Reign”



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



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



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

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

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Fanfare”

Charles S. Lang

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage

by Hannah Lingen Cen and Hayden Richard Fox

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Robert Alexander Blasio

by Katie and Andrew Blasio

In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Maddie and Morgan Brann

by Ann and Harrison Brann

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Annabelle Elliott Franz

by Elizabeth and Harry Franz

In memory of Christopher Clinton Fox on his 38th birthday

by his parents, Stephanie and Clinton Fox

In memory of Bill Slover

by Cindy Weatherly

In memory of Jim Weatherly

by Cindy Weatherly



WEDDINGS

Oct. 4 Alyssa Leigh Walters and Eric Richard Priest



SYMPATHY

Aug. 25 Sara Lehr White

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	Susan and Chester Keeton	Janis and James Stokes
Joe B. Allen	Dick Kilday	Norma Taylor
Edith Avery	Diane Knutzen	The Rev. James Thomas
David B.	Reid Kuhn	Jerry Lee Tobar
Shelly Bain	Rhea Latta	Betty Tutor
William Barrett	Bruce Michael Lee	Scarlett and Luke Tyler
Ken Beadell	Mary Lehman	Van Valentine
Cory Blackman	Nancy Liles	Margaret Watson
Jimmy Broussard	Patrick Maehs	Mary Watters
Gary Browning	Barbara and Bob McClellan	Bob Wright
Gene Cooley	Janet McDaniel	Eric Zoerb
Gail Cunningham	Adams McHenry	Angela
The Rev. Jim Cunningham	Frank Melchor	Atticus
Bobby de Sosa	Chuck Miller	Ben
Linda de Sosa	William "Bill" T. Moyer	Blanca and Jason
Charlotte Dion	Kae Nakisa	Daniel
Ross Dunn	Nadim Nasir	David
Stacey and John Elliott	Nancy Older	Ellen
Jackie Eubank	Bob Paddock	Evelyn
Judy Gerrish	Colin Peoples	Henry
Catherine Gonzales	Antone Peterson	J.R.
Nancy Gore	Ophelia Pujol	Jane
Cynthia Graham	Mary Sommers Pyne	Jim
The Rev. Alex Graham	Phyllis Reinhardt	Judy
Bette Haidusek	John Roady	Kay
Nancy Hall	Maggie Rodriguez	Laura
Wayne Hall	Hank Roper	Lesley
Amelia Harrington	Angela Salinas	Linda
Jean Hatton	Steve Salsman	Luke
Nancy Haywood	Lynne Sanyoto	Lynne
Denise Hunnell	Bill Schwaiger	Margaret
Aaron Holbrook	Nancy Seal	Mark
Leodamae Hopkins	Caroline Searls	Natalie
Laurie Howard	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 Sony	Steve
Katie Jones	Mitch Starkey	Susan

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CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Col. Julian Benton	Lt. Jonathan Lesieur	1st Lt. S. Jeffers Shaper
1LT. Tom Cadwallender	Charles Lewis	CPO Evan Tomlin
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender	Capt. Jack Mullen	
Capt. Casey Gainer	Capt. Alex Mullen	
LCDR Bradley Hoffman	PFC. Parris F. Owen	
LTC Wesley J. Hunnell	SrA James W. Peoples	
1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich	Lt. Paul Piana	
Major Blake J. Kidd	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant	
Cadet George N. Kinder	CPO Brian Powell	

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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 111

- 1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

THE EPISTLE2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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 season 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

OCTOBER 12-18, 2025

ALL ADULTS

Rector's Bible Study *Tuesday, Noon • Student Life Center*

Delve into the lectionary readings for the day with the Rev. Dane Boston.

OSL Study Group *Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom*

Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s *Wednesday, 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

Join a community of young adults who eat, pray and read Scripture together.

Parish Choir *Thursday, 7 p.m. • The Music Center, Rehearsal Hall*

Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation.

WOMEN

The Moms' Group *Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. • Student Life Center Living Room*

Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for fellowship and a book study of "Daniel" by Beth Moore.

STUDENTS

Youth Choir *Sunday, 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

Students in grades 6-12 spend time in fellowship and heart Christ's Word through the music they study and sing.

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**.*



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MARKET**

**PREMIER
SHOPPING PARTY**

TUESDAY, OCT. 14 • 4–8 p.m.

\$20 advanced ticket / \$25 at the door



VOLUNTEERS SELLING TICKETS UNTIL 12:15 P.M. TODAY!

TICKETS ON SALE ONLINE UNTIL 5 P.M. OCT. 13!



*Purchase tickets and learn more
at smec.org/jog*

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



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 • bpna@smec.org



Church in the Field

Parishioners and friends ages 18 and over minister to those who are homeless near downtown Houston through meals, prayer and music at the monthly worship service.

Find out about and sign up for Dessert Ministry at smec.org/church-in-the-field.

Tracee Tindol

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Tuesday, Oct. 14

6:30 p.m.

St. Martin's Parking Lot

ST. MARTIN'S
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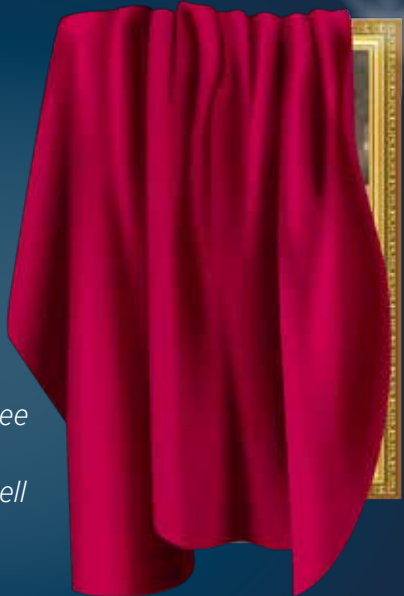
RECTOR PORTRAIT UNVEILING

Sunday, Oct. 19

12:30–1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

The Rector and Transition Committee invite you to a reception honoring our fourth Rector, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., as we unveil his Rector portrait.



Juli Browning, Evangelism Events Coordinator
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A poster for a Taizé Prayer Service. The background is a photograph of a vineyard with clusters of purple grapes in the foreground and rows of grapevines receding into the distance. A semi-transparent white circle is centered in the upper half of the image.

Taizé

PRAYER SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCT. 19
5 p.m. • Christ Chapel

Join us this fall to reflect and hear from the Lord through the contemplative sounds of Taizé Prayer. Through chant-like songs, Scripture and silent meditation, this quiet and prayerful time will nourish your soul!

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

A poster for a blood drive. The background is a solid bright yellow. On the right side, there is a photograph of a young boy with dark hair, smiling. He is wearing a red Spider-Man costume and holding a large Spider-Man plush toy. Behind him, a portion of a black Iron Man costume is visible.

BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, OCT. 20

9 A.M.–1:30 P.M.

ACTIVITY CENTER, GAME ROOM



*Make your
appointment at*
smec.org/blood-drive

*Giovanni,
blood recipient*

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



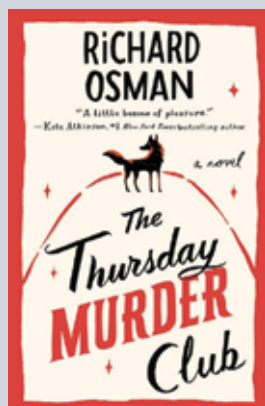
EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Oct. 21 | 7-8:30 p.m.
Children's Life Center, Room 109 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 "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman.

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



Good Books and Good Conversation

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

THURSDAY, OCT. 23 | 6:15–7:45 P.M.
STUDENT LIFE CENTER, LIVING ROOM

Join in the dialogue!

"Letters from Lake Como" ***by Romano Guardini***

What is lost now that we live in a technological age? In a world where we are immersed in the artificial, how can we renew our connection to God's creation, and to God? Join us to read this profound series of reflections by a renowned 20th century theologian.

Contact: The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden
jhylden@smec.org • 713-830-4106



MUSIC *at* ST. MARTIN'S

PRESENTS

Felix Mendelssohn's ELIJAH

Featuring members of the Houston Symphony Orchestra and the Gloria Dei Organ

Sunday, Oct. 26 • 6 p.m. • The Church

This masterwork of the choral repertoire tells the dramatic story of the prophet's unwavering faith in the face of opposition. The first part of the oratorio is filled with powerful imagery, from drought and despair to miraculous intervention and divine revelation.

All are welcome at this performance by the Parish Choir.

Keith Lathrom • klathrom@smec.org • 713-985-3815

717 STUDENTS

CONFIRMATION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Confirmation Cost: \$300
Registration Deadline: Oct. 31
at ***smec.org/students***

Confirmation is a chance for students in eighth grade or above to confirm their faith and the promises made over them at their baptism. Throughout the process, we encourage students to ask questions and participate in discussion that helps them claim their faith as their own.

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



The Rt. Rev. N.T. Wright



Learn more and register at
smec.org/wycliffe

Cost: \$175

Limited scholarships are
available.

WYCLIFFE HALL FORUM

Resurrection Then and Now

Friday, Nov. 7 • 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8 • 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Parish Life Center

This two-day intensive workshop will feature teaching from one of the world's leading biblical scholars, the Rt. Rev. N.T. Wright, along with other distinguished scholars from Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford.

Coffee and pastries will be served in the morning, and lunch will be provided.

Juli Browning, *Evangelism Events Coordinator*
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Icon Writing with Teresa Harrison

THE RETREAT IS FULL!

MONDAY–THURSDAY

March 23–26 • 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

The Scout Center

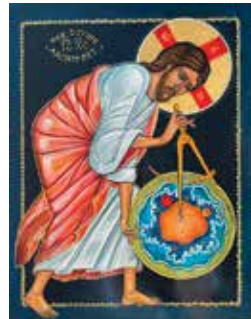
FRIDAY

March 27 • 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

The Scout Center and Christ Chapel

This year, retreatants will have the opportunity to select between two icons, the *Theotokos* and “Christ the Divine Architect.” No artistic or painting skills are required!

To be placed on the waitlist, contact Tracee Tindol at
ttindol@smec.org or 713-985-3811.



Christ the Divine Architect



Theotokos

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



Mr. Milton West
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Evening

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