

NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

October 19, 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 “Prelude and Fugue in G” Johann Sebastian Bach

The people stand as the procession begins.

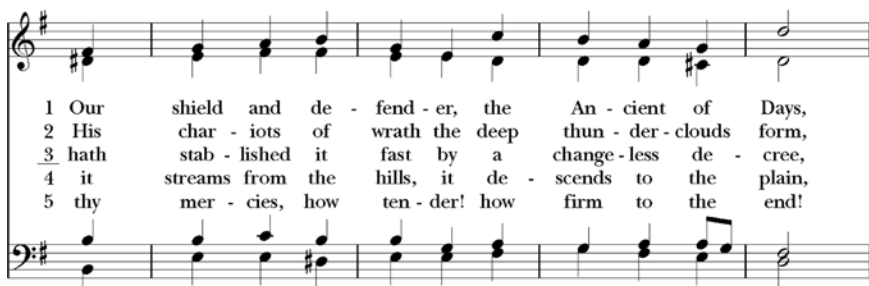
✠ HYMN 388 “O Worship the King”



1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;



1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!



1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779–1838); Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678–1727).

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Genesis 32:22-31

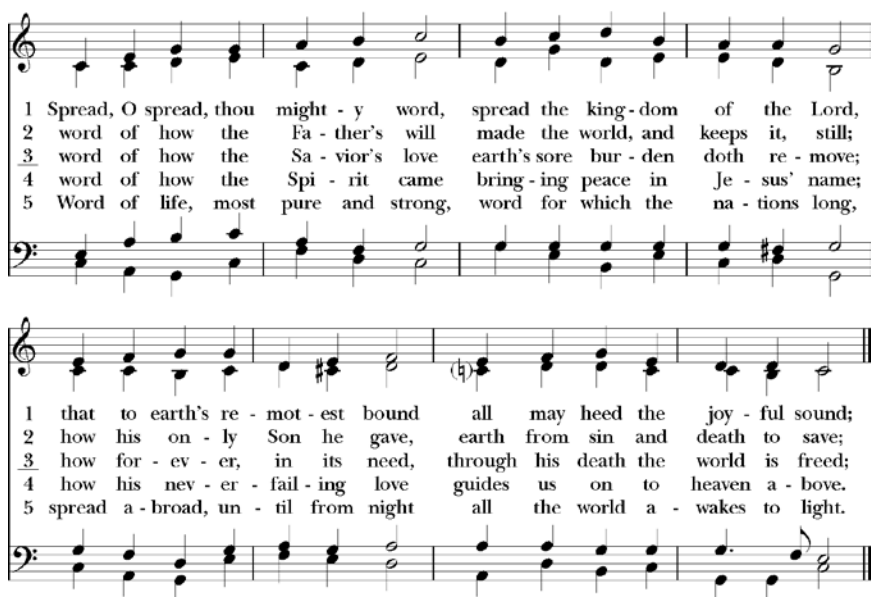
The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 530 (vs. 1-3) “Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word”



1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
 2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
 3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
 4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
 5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
 2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
 3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
 4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
 5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

Words: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774–1841); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898–1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944), alt. St. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984); Music: *Gott sei Dank*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergel (1793–1870).

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on page 22.

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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 Episcopal Church; 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 “And Then Shall Your Light Break Forth”

Felix Mendelssohn

And then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh
And your health shall speedily spring forth then; And the glory of the
Lord ever shall reward you. Lord, our Creator, how excellent Thy
Name is in all the nations! Thou fillest heaven with glory. Amen.

Text: Isaiah 58:8, Psalm 8:1.

AT THE PRESENTATION (*stand*)

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante
trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

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

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.)

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

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

The Celebrant continues (kneel)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

Celebrant: 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 (11:15 a.m. only)..... “Be Thou My Vision”

Robert Nelson

St. Martin’s Youth Choir

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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ANTHEM “Lift Thine Eyes”

Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.

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HYMN 552.....“Fight the Good Fight”



1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine
 *3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less
 *4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth



strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and
 eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -
 mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing
 not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
 soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
 thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811–1875); Music: *Pentecost*, William Boyd (1847–1928).

HYMN 529..... “In Christ There is no East or West”

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham (1852–1941), alt.; Music: *McKee*, Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866–1949);
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HYMN 526.....“Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing”

1 Let saints on earth in con - cert sing with those whose work is done;
 2 One fam - i - ly we dwell in him, one Church, a - bove, be - neath,
 3 One ar - my of the liv - ing God, to his com - mand we bow;
 4 E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went be - fore,
 5 Je - sus, be thou our con - stant Guide; then, when the word is given,

1 for all the ser - vants of our King in heaven and earth are one.
 2 though now di - vid - ed by the stream, the nar - row stream of death.
 3 part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are cross - ing now.
 4 and greet the ev - er - liv - ing bands on the e - ter - nal shore.
 5 bid Jor - dan's nar - row stream di - vide, and bring us safe to heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.; Music: Dundee, melody from *The CL Psalms of David*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592–1635)?, alt.

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 535.....“Ye Servants of God”

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,



Music: *Paderborn*; Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. This selection is in the public domain.

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY“Toccata”

Dietrich Buxtehude

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 Casey Marie Padgett and Nicholas Bennett McAlister

In thanksgiving for Sadie Gwin on her 101st birthday

by her loving family

In memory of William C. Miller

by his family

In memory of her brother, David and her parents, Dorothy and Newell Starks

by Mary Ann Starks



BIRTHS

Oct. 1 Henry Hallam Wooldridge

Son of Meredith and John Wooldridge, Jr.

Grandson of Ann and John Wooldridge

Great Grandson of Marjorie Johnson

Oct. 2 Charles Harvin Martins

Son of Emily and Ben Martins

Granson of Lyl and Andy Harvin

Granson of Michele Martins



BAPTISMS

Oct. 11 Robert Alexander Blasio

Madeline Carlyle Brann

Morgan Lee Brann

Annabelle Elliott Franz

James Earl Tilson



WEDDINGS

Oct. 11 Hannah Lingen Cen and Hayden Richard Fox



SYMPATHY

Oct. 13 Nancy Liles

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

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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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Please circle the name of any loved one that you would like to remain on our Continuing Prayer list, tear out this sheet of your bulletin and place it in the Prayer List box in the Narthex. You may also email Valerie Rivera at vriviera@smec.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

 **family table**

9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Family Table service with Holy Eucharist combines contemporary worship music with traditional liturgy and is designed for families with young children.

 **RIVERWAY**

11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Riverway Contemporary Service is both Anglican and modern, offering the Holy Eucharist in a relaxed service with contemporary music.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist Services
7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. • Christ Chapel

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM..... Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

THE EPISTLE2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER with the Rev. Sharron Cox

Spend a morning in silent prayer and sharing as we grow to learn to love as God loves.

10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center, Bride’s Parlor

✦ 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 19-25, 2025

ALL ADULTS

Saintly Stitchers *Monday, 10 a.m. • Activity Center, Upper Hall East*
Stitch pew kneelers and other gifts for St. Martin's worship spaces.

Docent Tour *Wednesday, 11 a.m. • The Church*
Take 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.

St. Clare's Guild *Wednesday, Noon • Activity Center, Upper Hall East*
Undertake a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs.

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, 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.

EVENTS



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

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
jbrowning@smec.org • 713-985-3845

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

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



Ronald McDonald Holcombe House

Join St. Martin's members for the JoyFULL Eats Meal Program by helping serve a hot meal to a family that is away from home.

Dress comfortably.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 21
11:30 a.m.
1907 Holcombe Blvd.

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



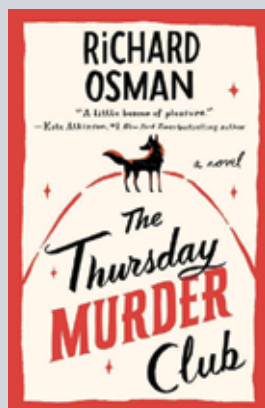
EVENING GROUP

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





Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate October Birthdays and Anniversaries
with Riverway.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

717 STUDENTS

FALL SOCIAL

Night



IT'S A HALLOWEEN BASH!



SUNDAY, OCT. 26

5-7 P.M. • STUDENT LIFE CENTER

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a festive evening that will include food, fellowship and fun!



*Learn more and
RSVP!*

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



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



THE GATHERING

For church members and others in the community who experience memory loss, along with their caregivers

October 27

10 a.m – 1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

WEAVE A WEB OF FUN!

Spider web paper plate



Oct. 27

Bill Parish

For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen
at 713-301-4786 or kattellepsen@me.com.



CHRIST CHAPEL

Guided Tour

Wednesday, Oct. 29 • 10–10:50 a.m.

Visit our beautiful English Gothic country-style chapel to see how the original 1959 church gave life to the new worship space. Learn about the magnificent marble altar, cornerstones containing time capsules, the 15 brilliant stained-glass windows with scenes from Christ's life, the old marble wall and many more of the glorious treasures of Christ Chapel guided by our knowledgeable docents.

For more information, contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117.

Thin Places

by Joy Hilley

Artist Talk + Reception

Wednesday, Oct. 29

6:30 p.m.

Parish Life Center Narthex



Thin Places

Enjoy an evening of conversation, inspiration, and community — with charcuterie and punch served!

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

 RIVERWAY

717 STUDENTS

CONFIRMATION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Confirmation Cost: \$300

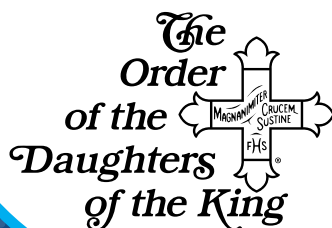
The cost includes class lunches and round-trip transportation to and retreat at Camp Allen.

Registration Deadline: Oct. 31

Sign up 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



SATURDAY, NOV. 1 • 10 A.M.
CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

THE CHURCH TOUR

We will tour The Church with a Docent Guild member, giving special attention to larger stained-glass windows. Visitors are welcome.

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



ALL SAINTS' *Sunday*

SUNDAY, NOV. 2

8, 9, 11:15 a.m.* and 6 p.m. *The Church*

9:15 a.m. Family Table *Parish Life Center*

11:15 a.m. Riverway** *Parish Life Center*

**Public Baptism – Livestreamed*

***Public Baptism*

All Saints' Sunday celebrates the presence of God in the lives of all His saints, known and unknown. It is a principal feast of the church year and is recommended for the administration of baptism.

ALL SOULS' DAY

Sunday, Nov. 2

4 p.m. • Parish Life Center

All Souls' Day is set aside for the church to remember all the faithful departed. Whether you've lost a loved one recently or long ago, this service is a way to remember them and give thanks for their lives as we read their names aloud.

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



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MEMBERSHIP101



PART 1 • MONDAY, NOV. 3

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, NOV. 9

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

*Hope and Healing Center
& Institute*

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



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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ST. MARTIN'S ANNUAL **COOKIE CONTEST!**



Sunday, Nov. 9
10:30 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall
(after the Parish Picture)



*Show off your sweetest skills! Sign up
for the cookie contest now.*

Contact: Ursella Rylander • urylander@smec.org • 713-830-4123

St. Martin's Day

We will reflect this day on our Patron Saint—Martin of Tours

Sunday, Nov. 9

Traditional Services • 8, 9 and 11:15 a.m. • The Church

Family Table Service • 9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

Riverway Contemporary Service • 11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

Family Parish Picture

10:15 a.m. • The Church Plaza

Cookie Contest

10:30a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

To learn more about St. Martin's Day, visit smec.org/smartinsday

Veterans Day

Sunday, Nov. 9 • 6 p.m. • The Church

*Join Your Parish Family in Honoring the Brave Men and Women
of Our Armed Forces.*

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

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

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Vestry Representative
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Mrs. Hunter Bell
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Evening

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