

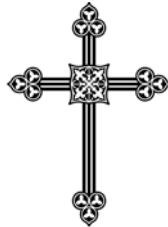
TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

October 26, 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 “Concerto”

George Frideric Handel

The people stand as the procession begins.

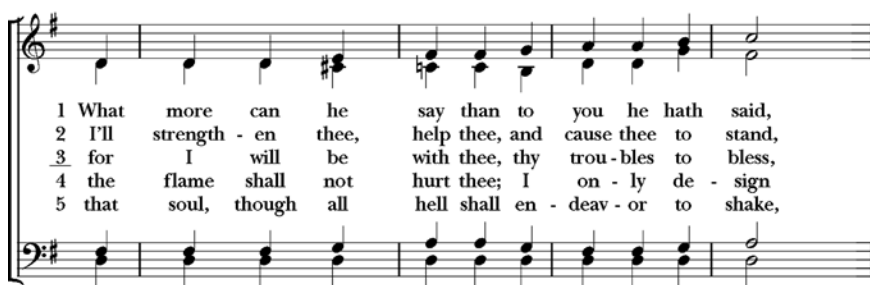
✱ HYMN 637 “How Firm a Foundation”



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 “When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 “When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 “The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt.; Music: *Lyons*, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806).

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. and 11:15 a.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, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONJeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O Lord, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.
O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?
Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!
Thus says the Lord concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the Lord does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.
Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace, but find no good;
 for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.
 We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord,
 the iniquity of our ancestors,
 for we have sinned against you.
 Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
 do not dishonor your glorious throne;
 remember and do not break your covenant with us.
 Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
 Or can the heavens give showers?
 Is it not you, O Lord our God?
 We set our hope on you,
 for it is you who do all this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

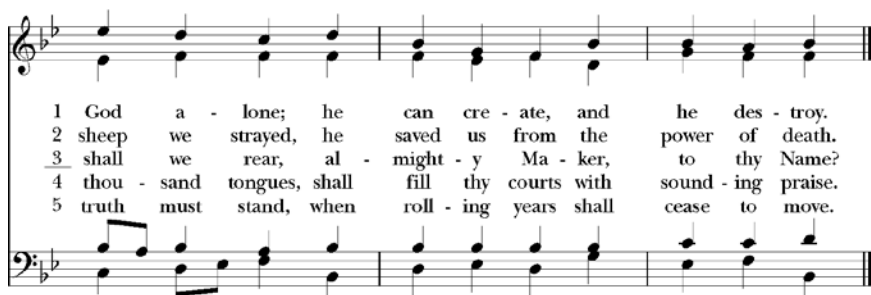
People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

*HYMN 391 (*vs. 1-3*)..... “Before the Lord’s Eternal Throne”

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
 2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
 3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
 4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
 5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
 2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering
 3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors
 4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten
 5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy



Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 100; Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

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

THE GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on page 23.

*HYMN 391 (*vs. 4-5*)..... “Before the Lord’s Eternal Throne”

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 2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
 3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
 4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
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 5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
 2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
 3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?
 4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.
 5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 100; Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

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 in Wales; 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.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION RECOGNITION

(9 a.m. only)

Celebrant: Children, please come forward and face the congregation.

Presenter: I present these children who have completed their Communion instruction classes and their family members.

Celebrant: Dear children of God: in Holy Communion we remember Christ's life, death, and resurrection, until his coming again; by it, we offer up to God our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we receive the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our union with Christ and one another, and the foretaste of the heavenly banquet which is our nourishment in eternal life. In Holy Communion, the outward and visible sign of bread and wine, and the inward and spiritual grace of the Body and Blood of Christ Jesus is given to us his people and received by faith, according to Christ's command.

Dear children, what do you seek?

Children: We seek Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven.

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, may these thy children who partake of this Holy Communion, worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, that together we all may be made one Body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. **Amen.**

People: We recognize you as communicants of St. Martin's Episcopal Church and the Lord's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. Together, therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communion Instruction Participants

Elliott Anderson, Joseph Armbruster, George Beeson, William Currie, Katherine Doggett, William Doyle, John Dunn, Clara Galle, Julia George, William Goetz, Pearson Gotcher, Beau Guerrini, Colin Helvenston, George Hibbert, Adelaide Hoffman, Lawson Hoffman, John Howell IV, Charlton Jackson, Kensington Jett, Thomas Kerr, William Kerr, Campbell Leggett, David Leonard III, Rebecca Mabry, Mary Madray, James McLean, Charles Meyer III, Carolyn Miller, Matthew Niestrawski, Morgan Oliver, Sidney Oliver, James O'Neil, Maddox Owen, Eleanor Presley, Isla Rice, Paige Ryan, Clara Samuelson, Frances Schilling, Harrison Schneider, Margaret Semlinger, Alice Seydler, Robert Stegall, Robert Thomson, Emma van Keppel, Sawyer Waterman, Elizabeth Williams, Jack Zorich

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM "Blessed are the Men who Fear Him"
Felix Mendelssohn

Blessed are the men who fear Him, they ever walk in the ways of peace; Through darkness riseth light, light to the upright, He is gracious, compassionate; He is righteous.

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AT THE PRESENTATION (*stand*)

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

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

DOXOLOGY..... *Old 100th*

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

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: Old 100th, melody from 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.

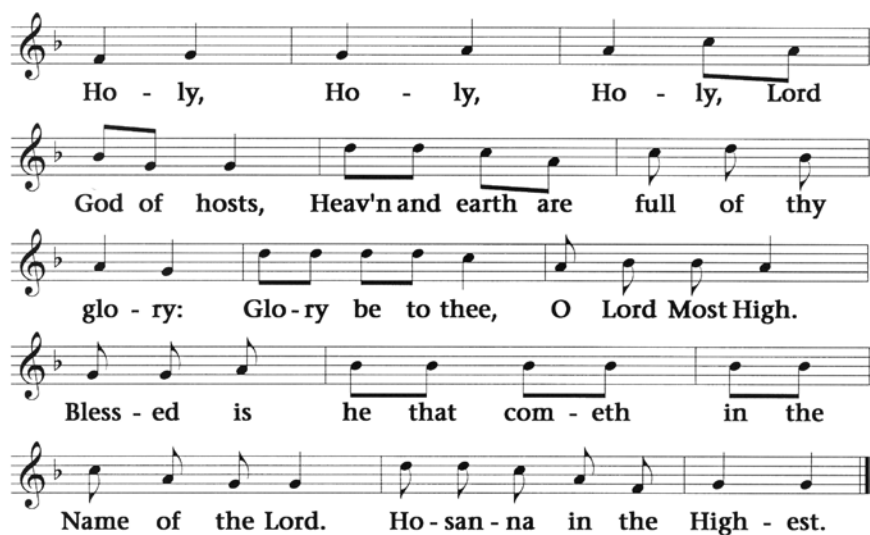
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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. and 11:15 a.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.

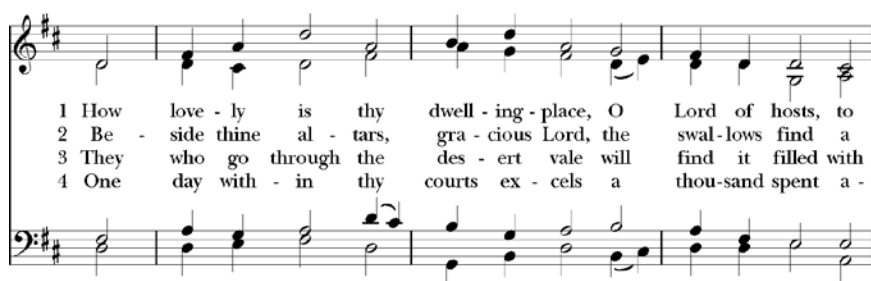
If you are unable to come to the Altar Rail, please alert an Usher and Communion will be brought to you.

ANTHEM "O Come, Everyone that Thirsteth"
Felix Mendelssohn

O come, everyone that thirsteth, O come to the waters, O come unto Him. O come, everyone that thirsteth, come ye unto Him, O hear, and your souls shall live forever; O come to the waters, O come everyone that thirsteth. O come to Him!

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HYMN 517 "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place"



1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou-sand spent a -



me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor



in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly



flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

Words: Para. of Psalm 84; sts. 1-2, *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, 1650, alt.; sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); Music: *Brother Jame's Air*, J. L. Mcbeth Bain (1840?-1925); Copyright: Words Sts 3-4 © 1982, Carl P. Daw, Jr. Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

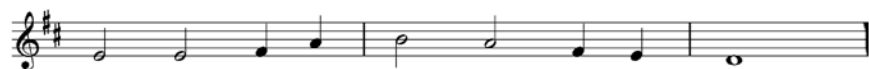
HYMN 686 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735–1790), alt.; Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813.

HYMN 656 “Blest are the Pure in Heart”

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792–1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793–1861), alt.; Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691–1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870).

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.

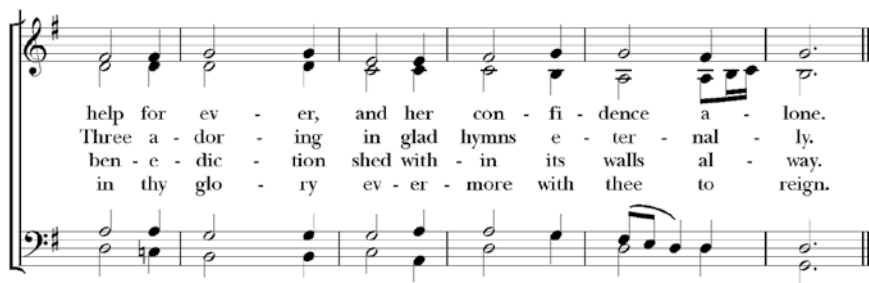
HYMN 518....."Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818–1856), alt.; Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659–1695).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Sonata 4: Allegro”
Felix Mendelssohn

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 Norma Kate Langdon and Brandon Paul Greer

In thanksgiving for those who have completed their Communion instruction

In memory of Mary Kathryn Jacobe

by Molly and Michael Furrow

In memory of Jon Lamkin

by Lynn Lamkin



WEDDINGS

Oct. 18 Casey Marie Padgett and Nicholas Bennett McAlister

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	
Susan Jones	Janis and James Stokes	

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 vriviera@smec.org.

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	

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 vriviera@smec.org.

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 84:1-6

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find
it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

THE EPISTLE2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 26-NOVEMBER 1, 2025

ALL ADULTS

Global Prayer Group *Monday, 1:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom*
Pray together for our troubled world and to support those who are spreading hope through the Gospel message.

Rector's Bible Study *Tuesday, Noon • Student Life Center*
Delve into the lectionary readings for the day with the Rev. Dane Boston.

Morning Prayer Group *Wednesday, 8 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall C*
Pray together for our Church, Clergy, Parishioners, city and country.

MEN

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

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**.*

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

RIVERWAY

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



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.



Van Tour with Elijah Rising

The Elijah Rising Van Tour takes participants through the Houston area to witness locations with a high probability of trafficking. During the tour, a video shares information from experts, survivors, law enforcement officers and more, explaining the harsh realities behind this often-hidden issue.

Tracee Tindol

ttindol@smec.org • 713-985-3811

Tuesday, Oct. 28
10:45 a.m.-1 p.m.
402 Teetshorn Dr.

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



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

Cost includes Confirmation class meals and the retreat at Camp Allen (including activities and transportation)

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



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

FALL BACK
Sunday, Nov. 2
at 2 a.m.

Set your clocks back one hour.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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.

Contact: Barbara Piana

bpiana@smec.org • 713-830-4116

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.

Holy Eucharist will be offered.

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

POLLING LOCATION AT ST. MARTIN'S



Tuesday, Nov. 4

7 a.m.–7 p.m. • Scout Center

The Scout Center will serve as an official polling place.
Eligible voters will be able to cast their ballots here on
Election Day.



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*
jbrowning@smec.org • 713-985-3845

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/stmartinsday

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

CHRISTMAS *Flowers*

**Remember a loved one with poinsettias to
decorate St. Martin's worship spaces and the
Gardens of the Holy Cross.**

All requests received by 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, will be included in the Christmas Flowers listing available in the worship booklets at all Christmas services. Any requests received after the deadline will be published in worship booklets in the weeks following Christmas.



*Make your flower dedication online at
smec.org/christmasflowers*

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

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

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