

FEAST OF ST. MARTIN

November 9, 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 “Fanfare”

John Cook

The people stand as the procession begins.

INTROIT (9 a.m.) “Song for Beginnings”

Kevin Riehle

Performed by Young Singers of St. Martin’s

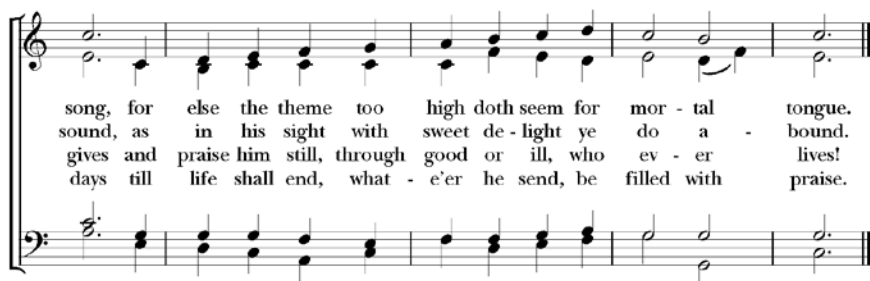
Come my children I will teach you of the goodness of the Lord. God your guardian, never sleeping, never slumbering gives the Word: I will keep you as the apple of my eye. From your birth you were protected by the watermark of grace. God is here from life’s beginning speaking love into this place. “I will hide you in the shadow of my wings.”

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*HYMN 625 “Ye Holy Angels Bright”

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy



song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
 gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

Words: Richard Baxter (1615–1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802–1862); Music: *Darwall's 148th*, melody and bass John Darwall (1731–1789); harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889), 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 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

Lord God of hosts, you clothed your servant Martin the soldier with the spirit of sacrifice and set him as a bishop in your Church to be a defender of the catholic faith: Give us grace to follow in his holy steps, that, at the last, we may be found clothed with righteousness in the dwellings of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONHosea 2:18-23

I will make for you a covenant on that day with the wild animals, the birds of the air, and the creeping things of the ground; and I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land; and I will make you lie down in safety. And I will take you for my wife for ever; I will take you for my wife in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy. I will take you for my wife in faithfulness; and you shall know the Lord.

On that day I will answer, says the Lord,

I will answer the heavens

and they shall answer the earth;

and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil,

and they shall answer Jezreel;

and I will sow him for myself in the land.

And I will have pity on Lo-ruhamah,

and I will say to Lo-ammi, "You are my people";

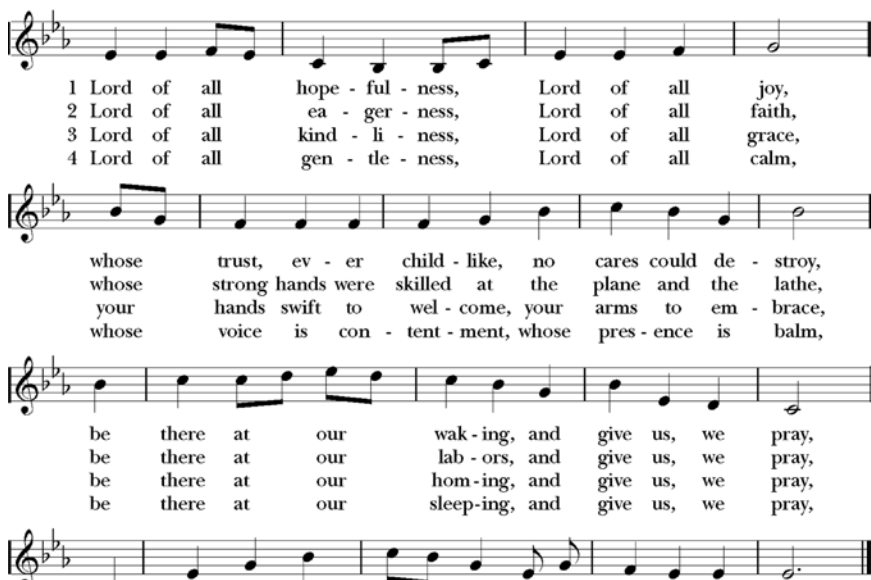
and he shall say, "You are my God."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 482 (*vs. 1-2*)..... “Lord of All Hopefulness”



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on page 24.

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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 in the Province of the West Indies; 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 25 for upcoming events.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS (11:15 a.m.)

The Celebrant

Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of St. Martin's Episcopal Church. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

Presenter

I present these Christians to be welcomed as members of St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

Celebrant: Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church?

New Members: We do.

Celebrant: Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

New Members: We will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought these new members to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”
Charles H.H. Parry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe us in our rightful mind, In purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee. Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace. Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892); Music: Repton, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918); Arr. H. A. Chambers.

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*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost." The melody is a simple, hymn-like tune. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

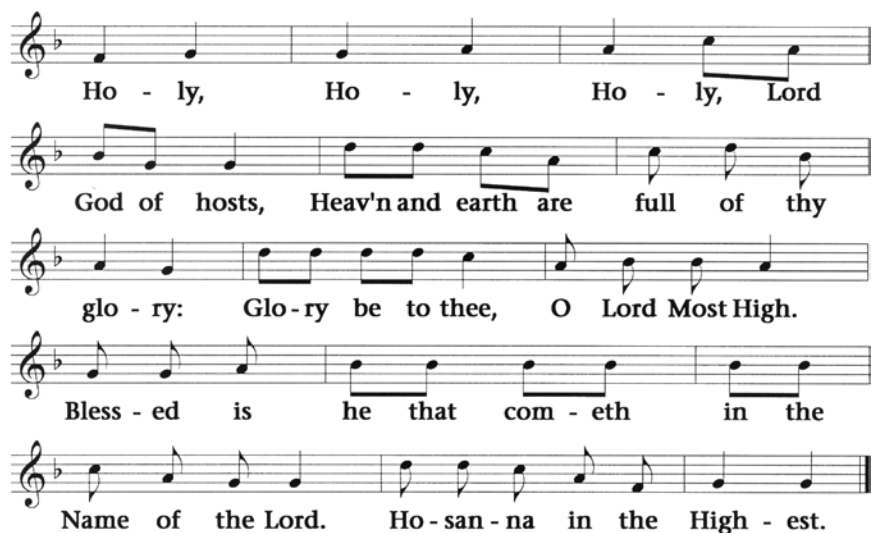
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the chosen vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

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 and 11:15 a.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.

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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 “I Sat Down Under His Shadow”
Edward C. Bairstow

I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

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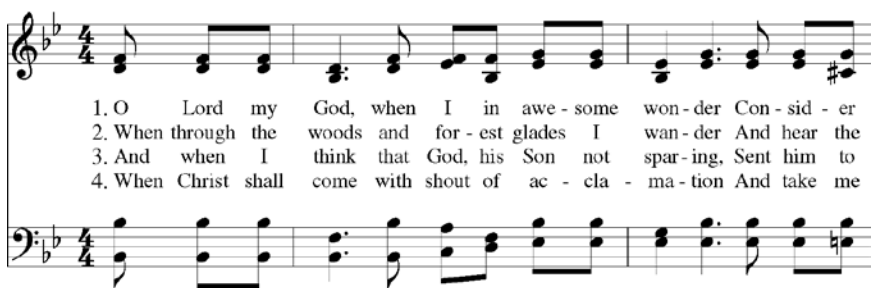
HYMN 526..... “Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing”

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.

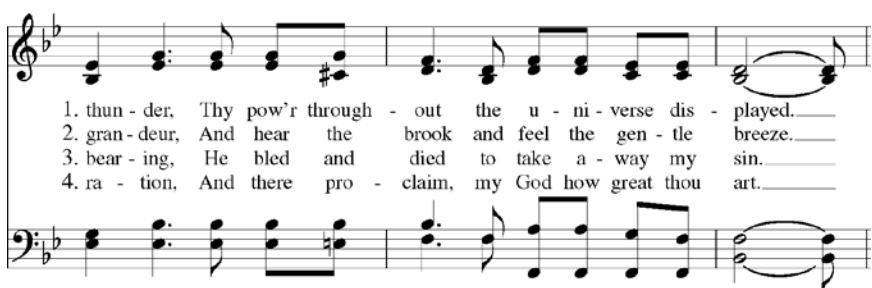
HYMN "How Great Thou Art"



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art.



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: How great Thou

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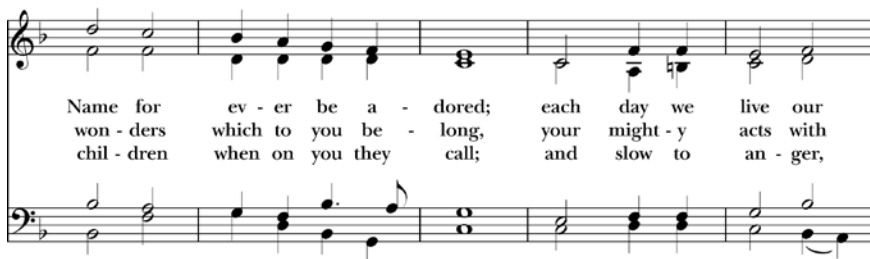
Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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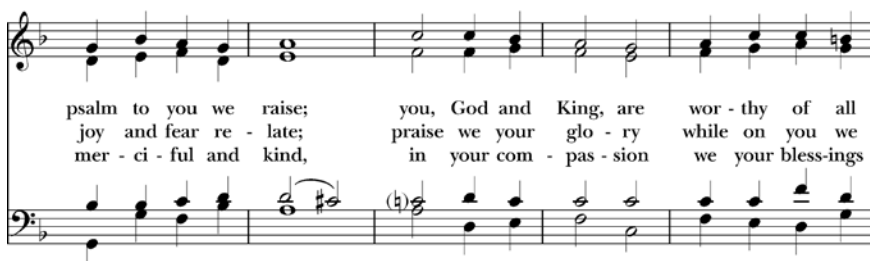
HYMN 404.....“We Will Extol You”



1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly
 2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the
 3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your



Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our
 won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with
 chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,



psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all
 joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we
 mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings



praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.
 wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.
 find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

J. Nichol Grieve, alt.; para. of Psalm 145; Music: *Old 124th*.

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 632 “O Christ, the Word Incarnate”



1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
 O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823–1897), alt.; Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vernehrtes und zu 7bung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807–1847).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Toccata”
Theodore Dubois

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for veterans and those who have given their lives in service to our country

In thanksgiving for the 75th birthday of Chief Tunde Afolabi

by the Afolabi family

In memory of Earl Lester, Jr.

by Linda and John Griffin, Laura and Jack Schuhmacher, and

Allison and Philip Lorenzo



BIRTHS

Oct. 4 Price William Robinson

Son of Meagan and Duncan Robinson

Grandson of Debbie Brown Robinson



BAPTISMS

Nov. 2 Mya Samantha Allen

Natalia Nicole Ayala

Brimmer Antoinette Bradley

Catherine Clara Cole

Henry Coskey Cole

Rosemary Shepard Noe

Charlotte Mae Stacey

Evelyn Jolene Stacey

Cullen Taggart Waterman

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	Janet McDaniel	Atticus
Shelly Bain	Adams McHenry	Henry
Cory Blackman	Frank Melchor	Jane
Gary Browning	Kae Nakisa	Lynne
Julia Butler	Bob Paddock	
Karen Tomfohrde Carey	Kim Parshall	
Gene Cooley	Colin Peoples	
Gail Cunningham	Ophelia Pujol	
Bobby de Sosa	Mary Sommers Pyne	
Linda de Sosa	Phyllis Reinhardt	
Stacey and John Elliott	Blanca and Jason Rivera	
Susan Garrett	John Roady	
Nancy Gore	J.R. Rodriguez	
Susan and Aart Gosma	Maggie Rodriguez	
Cynthia Graham	Hank Roper	
The Rev. Alex Graham	Angela Salinas	
Bette Haidusek	Margaret Salinas	
Nancy Hall	Lynne Sanyoto	
Wayne Hall	Sherie Sardis	
Nancy Haywood	Bill Schwaiger	
Muffi Henschel	Helen and Jim Shaffer	
Aaron Holbrook	Caroline Shanahan	
Leodamae Hopkins	Clif Shoemake	
Laurie Howard	Marc Sony	
Denise Hunnell	Mitch Starkey	
Wendy Hunt	Dolly Steinman	
Naomi Illeman	Michael Stern	
Mary and Jim Jennings	Janis and James Stokes	
Susan and Chester Keeton	Norma Taylor	
Dick Kilday	Jerry Lee Tobar	
Diane Knutzen	Betty Tutor	
Alex and Trip Larzelere	Scarlett and Luke Tyler	
Rhea Latta	Rose Vaile	
Bruce Michael Lee	Van Valentine	
Mary Lehman	Patel Vinod C.	
Julie Long	Mary Watters	
John Love	Cei Anne Whitlock	
Patrick Maehs	Bob Wright	
James Masten	Eric Zoerb	
Barbara and Bob McClellan	Angela	

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	CPO Brian Powell
1LT. Tom Cadwallender	Charles Lewis	1st Lt. S. Jeffers Shaper
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender	Capt. Jack Mullen	CPO Evan Tomlin
Capt. Casey Gainer	Capt. Alex Mullen	
CDR 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	PFC Alex Pickett	
Cadet George N. Kinder	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant	

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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 11

- 1 In the LORD have I taken refuge; *
how then can you say to me,
“Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;
- 2 For see how the wicked bend the bow
and fit their arrows to the string, *
to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.
- 3 When the foundations are being destroyed, *
what can the righteous do?”
- 4 The LORD is in his holy temple; *
the LORD’S throne is in heaven.
- 5 His eyes behold the inhabited world; *
his piercing eye weighs our worth.
- 6 The LORD weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, *
but those who delight in violence he abhors.
- 7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and burning sulphur; *
- 8 For the LORD is righteous;
he delights in righteous deeds; *
and the just shall see his face.

THE EPISTLE Galatians 6:1-2

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.

THIS SUNDAY

✦ ADULTS

8+

Discuss the lectionary readings of the day following the 8 a.m. service.

8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

Sunday School classes at 10:15 a.m. will not be offered so all may participate in the Parish Photo on the Church Plaza and Cookie Contest in Bagby Parish Hall.

✦ CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

NOVEMBER 9-15, 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.

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

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**.*

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



kids' meals

Join fellow St. Martin's members for a tour of the new headquarters to see how this expanded space will help host more volunteers, store more food and take a big step to serving more hungry children in Houston. There will be tacos! Visit kidsmealshouston.org to learn more.

Tracee Tindol

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Tuesday, Nov. 11

9:30-11 a.m.

8790 Hammerly Blvd.

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Nov. 12
Children's Life Center, Room 132 and
Via Zoom | smec.org/faith-in-literature

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

This month, we discuss "Daughters of Shandong"
by Eve J. Ching.

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

THE RETURN OF THE KING

From the Exodus to the Incarnation

Sundays, Nov. 16*, Nov. 30–Dec. 21
10:15–11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

As the year progresses, we will continue exploring the entire narrative of Scripture during the Rev. Boston's first year as St. Martin's Fifth Rector. In the five Sundays leading up to Christmas, we will focus on what follows Genesis, culminating in the momentous event of God's entrance into the biblical story: the birth of Christ.



**The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew B. McGowan, Dean of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, will kick off this series and discuss "The Exodus and the Law."*



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DONATE BLOOD

and save lives!

MONDAY, NOV. 17

9 A.M.–1:30 P.M.

ACTIVITY CENTER, GAME ROOM

*Sawyer,
blood recipient*



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



Contact: Victoria Wilson
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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



LITERATURE

EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Nov. 18 | 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 "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee.

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Good Books and Good Conversation

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

THURSDAY, DEC. 4 | 6:15–7:45 P.M.
STUDENT LIFE CENTER, LIVING ROOM

Join in the dialogue!

"For the Time Being: A Christmas Oratorio"
by W.H. Auden

For the holiday season, we'll read a remarkable extended poem written not long after the author's recommitment to Christian faith. It is a fresh and profound reflection on the Incarnation. In Auden's words: "We who must die demand a miracle. How could the Eternal do a temporal act, The Infinite become a finite fact? Nothing can save us that is possible: We who must die demand a miracle."

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CONNECTING WITH ST. MARTIN'S

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.

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