

SERVICE OF HONOR FOR OUR UNITED STATES VETERANS

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.*

SERVICE OF HONOR FOR OUR UNITED STATES VETERANS

VOLUNTARY “America”

Jari Villanueva

*HYMN 579 “Almighty Father, Strong to Save”

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
 3 O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, our peo - ple shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -
 firm - a - ment; O Wind of hea - ven, by thy might save
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed li - mits keep: O hear us when we
 ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.
 watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.
 rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

Words: Sts. 1 and 4, William Whiting (1825–1878), alt.; sts. 2–3, Robert Nelson Spencer (1877–1961), alt.; Music: *Medita*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

*offered by Henry Hedges
First Class, Troop 354*

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*offered by Jack Stouffer
Second Class, Troop 354*

HYMN 720 The National Anthem

The musical score for 'The National Anthem' is presented in a single system with ten staves. Each staff contains a melody line in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some lines having two parts (1 and 2) for different voices. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests. The lyrics are as follows:

1 O say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light,
2 O thus be it ev - er, when free - men shall stand
what so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing,
be - tween their loved homes and the war's des - o - la - tion!
whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per - il - ous fight,
Blest with vic - tory and peace, may the heaven-re-scued land
o'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?
praise the Power that hath made and pre - served us a na - tion!
And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst - ing in air,
Then— con - quer we must, when our cause it is just,
gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
and this be our mot - to, "In God is our trust."
O say does that star-span-gled ban - ner yet wave
And the star-span-gled ban - ner in tri - umph shall wave
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Words: Francis Scott Key (1779–1843); Music: *National Anthem*, source unknown, ca. 18th cent.

A PRAYER FOR HEROIC SERVICE

offered by Mr. Paul Stouffer
Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy

ISAIAH 40:28-31: GOD RENEWS THE STRENGTH OF THE WEARY

offered by the Rev. Gregory W. Cross

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

A PRAYER FOR THE ARMY

offered by Mr. Lovell Aldrich
Captain, U.S. Army

PSALM 23: GOD IS WITH US

led responsively by the Rev. Victor Thomas
Rector, St. James' Episcopal Church
U.S. Army Reserves

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul; *
**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
Name's sake.**
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
**for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

ANTHEM..... “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”
Mack Wilberg

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE
COAST GUARD *led by the Rev. Gregory W. Cross*

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SERVE AT SEA
offered by Mr. Yianis Selinidis
U.S. Navy

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE AIR
offered by Mr. Onyx Anderson
U.S. Air Force

A PRAYER FOR THE MARINES
offered by Mr. James Bell
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps

THE OFFERTORY
Please see page 8 for more details about tonight’s offering.

ANTHEM “Battle Hymn of the Republic”
William Steffe, arr. Peter Wilhousky
The Congregation is invited to join in the final refrain.



Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on!

Text: Julia Ward Howe. Music: William Steffe, arranged by Peter J. Wilhousky. © 1944 by Carl Fischer, Inc. All Rights Reserved.
Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-705539.

A PRAYER FOR DOCTORS AND NURSES
offered by Mrs. Pamela Smith
1st Lieutenant, Nurse Corps, U.S. Army

A PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF
THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE ARMED SERVICES
offered by Mr. Clint Eubanks
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

offered by the Rev. John R. Bentley, Jr.

Private, U.S. Marine Corps

HYMN 718.....“God of Our Fathers”

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Words: Daniel Crane Roberts (1841–1907); Music: *National Hymn*, George William Warren (1828–1902).

THE HOMILY

HYMN 719 “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
 and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859–1929), alt.; Music: *Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848–1903).

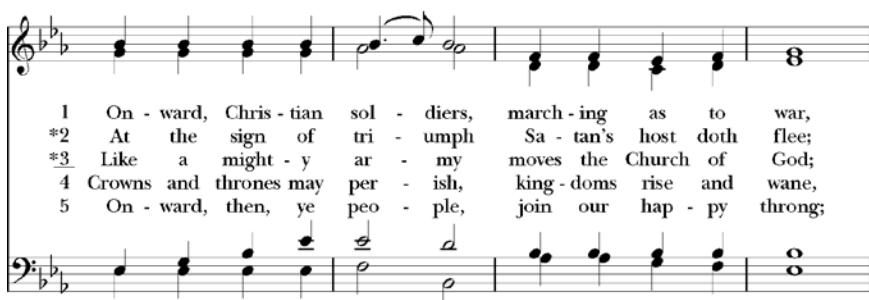
A PRAYER FOR PEACE

offered by the Rev. Martin J. Bastian

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND BLESSING

offered by the Rev. Dane E. Boston

HYMN 562..... “Onward, Christian Soldiers”



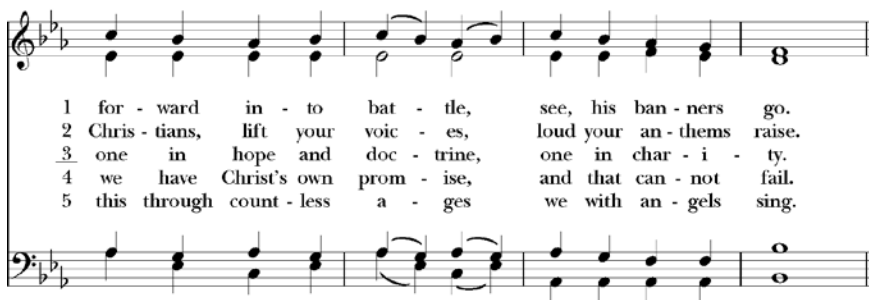
1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
 *2 At the sign of tri - umph Sa - tan's host doth flee;
 *3 Like a might - y ar - my moves the Church of God;
 4 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane;
 5 On - ward, then, ye peo - ple, join our hap - py throng;



1 with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore!
 2 on, then, Chris - tian sol - diers, on to vic - to - ry!
 3 Chris - tians, we are tread - ing where the saints have trod;
 4 but the Church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;
 5 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song;



1 Christ, the roy - al Mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
 2 Hell's foun - da - tions quiv - er at the shout of praise;
 3 we are not di - vid - ed, all one bo - dy we,
 4 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that Church pre - vail;
 5 glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, un - to Christ the King;



1 for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go.
 2 Chris - tians, lift your voic - es, loud your an - thems raise.
 3 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
 4 we have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
 5 this through count - less a - ges we with an - gels sing.

Refrain

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,

with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore!

The image shows a musical score for the refrain of the hymn 'Onward, Christian Soldiers'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system contains the lyrics 'On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,'. The second system contains the lyrics 'with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore!'. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines. The word 'Refrain' is written above the first staff.

Words: Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924), alt.; Music: *St. Gertrude*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842–1900).

VOLUNTARY “Rigaudon”
Andre Campra

TONIGHT’S OFFERING

The undesignated plate offering during today’s Veteran’s Day service will be given to the Bishop of the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries the Rt. Rev. Ann Ritonia’s (Retired Marine Corps Major) discretionary fund for the Bishop’s use in carrying out her mission. In addition, if you wish to make a designated contribution to this fund, please be sure to note “Bishop Ritonia’s Discretionary Fund” in the memo portion of your check.

A Brief History of **VETERANS DAY**

At the end of the first World War, which was, at the time, the worst war the world had ever been witness to, the Allied and Central Powers signed an armistice that finally put a stop to the conflict. In honor of this day, one year later in 1919, the Congress of the United States enacted a resolution. This resolution stated that the United States flag would be prominently displayed on all of the government buildings on Nov. 11 and that all citizens should observe this special day by holding peaceful ceremonies that would further celebrate the sanctity of peace.

Then, in May 1938, an official act was approved in which the 11th day of every November of every year would be proclaimed as Armistice Day. This day was meant to celebrate the virtues of peace and further pursue world peace, as well as honor the veterans of World War I. Finally, it had become an official holiday.

In 1954, however, after the United States had battled in two more wars, World War II and the Korean War, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill that amended the resolution and changed the name to Veterans Day. Now, Nov. 11 honors not only the veterans of World War I and celebrates the end of that war, but also honors all of the veterans from all of the wars that have taken place.

However, in 1968, a bill was passed that changed the observation of four national holidays to Monday. This change would give people longer holiday weekends which could revitalize commerce. Veterans Day was to be celebrated on the fourth Monday of October. The first Veterans Day, after the bill was put into effect, was celebrated on Oct. 25, 1971, but, only some of the states agreed with this change, and therefore, only some went along with this change.

This stayed this way for the next four years until, in 1975, President Gerald Ford signed a new law that changed Veterans Day back to its original date.

Today, Veterans Day is held on Nov. 11 as it was originally intended. It honors all veterans of all of the armed forces of the United States who fought in any one of the wars. It once honored only enlisted men, but it now includes women who have done their part in helping to maintain peace, liberty and the freedom that all Americans enjoy.

Today, parades are held and flags are displayed, especially at the graves of soldiers and a national ceremony is held at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which is located in the Arlington National Cemetery. This tomb is a monument to honor all unidentified soldiers who were killed in action. A moment of silence is observed, taps played and the President of the United States ceremoniously lays a wreath at the base of the tomb.

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.

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.

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

OUR STAFF AND VESTRY

SUNDAY PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. David Henning

Director of Music and Parish Organist
dhenning@smec.org

Mr. Keith Lathrom

Choral Director of the Adult Choir
klathrom@smec.org

Ms. Hannah Cen

Associate Organist
hcen@smec.org

Ms. Carole Nelson

Coordinator of Children's Music Ministries
cnelson@smec.org

Mrs. Rozlyn Cline

Director of Children's Ministry
rmcline@smec.org

Mrs. Kathy Johnson

Director of Membership
kjohnson@smec.org

Mrs. Barbara Piana

Verger and Worship Coordinator
bpiana@smec.org

ST. MARTIN'S VESTRY

Vestry Executive Committee

Ms. Sherrie Perkins, *Senior Warden*
Mr. Logan Walters, *Junior Warden*
Mrs. Susan McConn, *Missions Chair*
Mr. David Leonard, *Treasurer*
Mrs. Courtney Schilling, *Clerk*
Mr. Dan Meyer, *Senior Council President*
Mr. Bob Heston, Jr., *Parish Stewardship Chair*
Mr. Andy Harvin, *Chancellor**

Vestry Members

Mr. Scott Anderson
Mrs. Hunter Bell
Mrs. Kathy Bennett
Mrs. Summer Craig
Mr. Mike Fuqua
Mr. Will Hedges
The Hon. Edith Jones
Mr. John Maclay, Jr.
Mrs. Debbie Robinson
Mr. Milton West

Associate Members

The Hon. James A. Baker, III, *Special Counsel to the Vestry**
Mr. Charles Kraft, *Senior Council Representative 2025-2026*
Mr. Steffen van Keppel, *Senior Council Representative 2025-2026*
Mrs. Moira Davis, *Altar Guild President 2025-2026*
Mrs. Whitney Gormley, *ECW President 2025-2026*
Mr. Jim Drew, *Men of St. Martin's President 2025-2026*
Mr. John Sutherland, *Usher Representative 2024-2026*

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



Mrs. Hunter Bell
Vestry Representative

OUR CLERGY

Jesus, The Christ *The Head of This Church*



The Rev. Dane E. Boston
Rector
lthough@smec.org



The Rev. Dr. Jordan L. Hylden
Associate for Christian Education
jhylden@smec.org



The Rev. Martin J. Bastian
Vice-Rector
mbastian@smec.org



The Rev. Sharron L. Cox
*Associate for Spiritual Formation and
Pastoral Ministries*
scox@smec.org



The Rev. Lisa R. Neilson
Vicar for Pastoral Care
lneilson@smec.org



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Miller
Pastoral Assistant
emiller@smec.org



The Rev. Alex D. Graham III
*Associate for Children and
Family Ministries*
agraham@smec.org



The Rev. Gregory W. Cross
Curate
gcross@smec.org



The Rev. R. Wesley Arning
*Associate for Riverway and
Discipleship Ministries*
rwarning@smec.org



The Rev. John R. Bentley, Jr.
Pastoral Associate
jbentley@smec.org



The Rev. Gill B. Keyworth
Deacon
gkeyworth@smec.org

WE INVITE YOU TO
KEEP THIS BOOKLET
FOR REFERENCE.

*717 Sage Road
Houston, TX 77056
713-621-3040*

SMEC.ORG

