CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 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.



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 worshipers.

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.

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The Church is open for viewing Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

For general questions, contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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PRELUDE"VIII Noel 'Etranger'"
Louis-Claude Daquin

INTROIT"Ding Dong! Merrily on High" Charles Wood

The people stand as the procession begins.

HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful"



Words: John Francis Wade (1711–1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802–1880) and others; Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711–1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

BIDDING PRAYER

Officiant: Dear People of God: in this Christmas Season, let it be

our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem, and see the Son of God lying

in the manger.

Leaders: Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's

loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy child Jesus; and let us make this place glad with our carols

of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church

in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

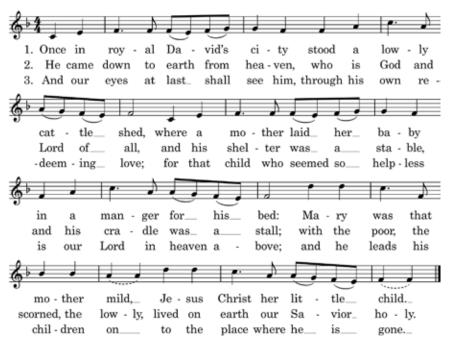
Officiant: And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Officiant: The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

HYMN "Once in Royal David's City"



Words: Sts. 1–2, 4–6, Cecil Francis Alexander (1818–1895), alt.; st. 3, James Waring McCrady (b. 1938); Music: Irby , melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805–1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850–1929); Copyright: Words: St. 3 © 1982, James Waring McCrady. Music: Copyright © 1957, Novello and Company Limited. Used by permission.

Please be seated.

THE PROPHECY OF ISAIAHIsaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



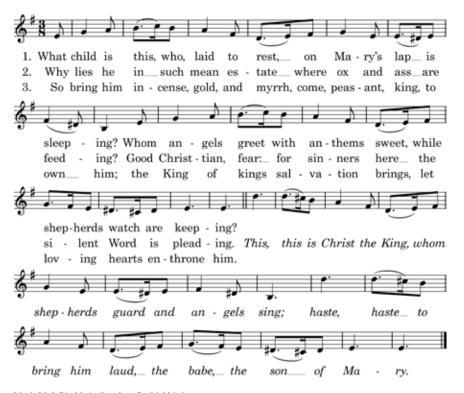
 $Words: Latin, ca.\ 9th\ cent.; ver.\ \textit{Hymnal\ 1940}, alt.; \ Music: \textit{Veni, veni, Emmanuel}, plainsong, Mode\ 1, Processionale,\ 15th\ cent.; adapt. Thomas\ Helmore\ (1811-1890); acc.\ Richard\ Proulx\ (b.\ 1937); Public\ Domain.$

ANGEL GABRIEL'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO MARYLuke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will

come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy — the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

HYMN "What Child is This"



Words: W. C. Dix; Music: Greensleeves, English Melody.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM AND BIRTH OF JESUSLuke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

HYMN "Away in a Manger"



Text: Anon. (v. 1-2 Kirkpatrick, 1885; vs. 3 Charles H. Gabriel, 1892); Music: Mueller; arr. John Weaver.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

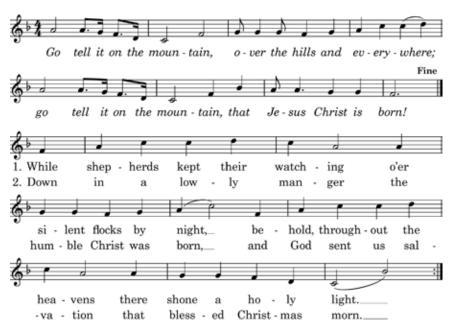
HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High"



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When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

HYMN "Go Tell it on the Mountain"



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CHRIST THE SON OF GODColossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Please kneel and light your candles.

HYMN "Silent Night"



Words: Joseph Mohr (1792–1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820–1885); Music: Stille Nacht, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787–1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824–1910).

THE SERMON

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

THE OFFERTORY

Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem, Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies; Bring you gifts, come and worship at his cradle, Hurry to "Bethlehem and see the son of Mary! See his star shining bright In the sky this Christmas Night! Follow me joyfully; Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary! Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory, Bear the news with message of good cheer: "Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us, Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!" See his star shining bright In the sky this Christmas Night! Follow me joyfully; Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary! See, he lies in his mother's tender keeping; Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep. Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him, Offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary. See his star shining bright In the sky this Christmas Night! Follow me joyfully; Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary! Let us all pay our homage at the manger, Sing his praise on this joyful Christmas Night; Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation; hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary! See his star shining bright In the sky this Christmas Night! Follow me joyfully; Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

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Please kneel

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand.

HYMN "Joy to the World"



Words: Isaac Watts; Music: Antioch, G.F. Händel.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE....."Toccata on Joy to the World" Craig Phillip

Please return candles to one of the baskets found in the Narthex as you leave.

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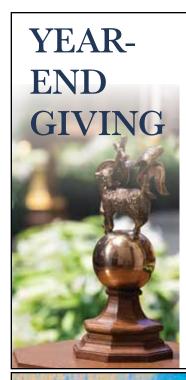
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