

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER  
THE EPIPHANY

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*January 18, 2026*



## 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

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## 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

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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](http://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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## ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

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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](mailto:pastoralcare@smec.org).

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# HOLY EUCHARIST

*As found beginning on page 323 in the Book of Common Prayer*

*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 F. Handel

*The people stand as the procession begins.*

\***HYMN 124** ..... “What Star Is This”

*Unison or harmony*



1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous  
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the  
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them  
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us  
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald  
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges  
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with  
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful  
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.  
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.  
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.  
4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.  
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807–1876), alt.; Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571–1621); harm. *Cowley Carol Book*, 1902.

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.**

\***G L O R I A** (*said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.*)



Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed,  
healed, restored, forgiven, ever more his  
praises sing: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the ever-lasting King.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847); Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800–1880).

## 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 God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit. Either the Old Testament or the Epistle is read.*

## THE OLD TESTAMENT ..... Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, and hearken, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE ..... 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sos'thenes, To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge — even as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ; who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM.....Psalm 40, Coverdale  
(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



- 1 I waited patiently | for the | Lord, \*  
and he inclined unto | me, and | heard my | calling.
- 2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the | mire  
and | clay, \*  
and set my feet upon the | rock, and | ordered • my |  
goings.
- 3 And he hath put a new song | in my | mouth, \*  
even a | thanks- • giving | unto • our | God.
- 4 Many shall | see it, • and | fear, \*  
and shall | put their | trust in • the | Lord.
- 5 Blessed is the man that hath set his | hope in • the | Lord, \*  
and turned not unto the proud, and to such as | go a-| bout  
with | lies.
- 6 O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou  
hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which | are to |  
us-ward; \*  
and yet there is no man that | ordereth • them | unto |  
thee.
- 7 If I should declare them, and | speak of | them, \*  
they should be more than I am | able | to ex-| press.
- 8 Sacrifice and meat-offering thou | wouldest | not, \*  
but mine | ēars | hast thou | opened.
- 9 Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin, hast thou | not re-|  
quired: \*  
then | said I, | Lo, I | come,

10 In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy | will, • O my | God: \*

I am content to do it; yea, thy | law is • with-| in my | heart.

11 I have declared thy righteousness in the | great • congre-| gation; \*

lo, I will not refrain my lips, O | Lord, and | that thou | knowest.

12 I have not hid thy righteousness with-| in my | heart; \*  
my talk hath been of thy truth | and of | thy sal-| vation.

*All stand.*

\*HYMN 652 ..... “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”  
(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel; verses 3-4 after the Gospel)

1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish  
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian  
3 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings  
4 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

1 ways! Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in  
2 sea, the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let  
3 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and  
4 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

1 pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rever - ence, praise.  
2 us, like them, with - out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.  
3 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.  
4 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892), alt.; Music: *Rest*, Frederick Charles Maker (1844–1927).

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

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

THE GOSPEL .....John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness, “I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, “What do you seek?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, “So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Conclusion of Sequence hymn*

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THE SERMON

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## \*THE NICENE CREED

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

*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 Anglican Church of the Congo; 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*

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION

*A Minister says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**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.**

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

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

*Please be seated.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”  
T. Frederick Candlyn

Christ, Whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night: Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; Joyless is the day's return, till Thy mercy's beams I see; Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart. Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.

Words: Charles Wesley. Music: T. Frederick H. Candlyn. © 1943 by Carl Fischer Inc., New York. ARR.

### AT THE PRESENTATION

*(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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*stand*)

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.

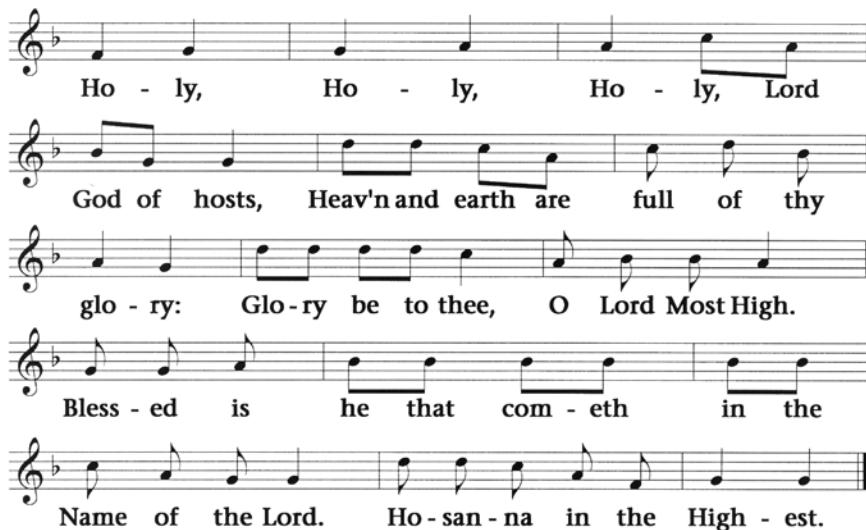
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



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

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

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

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

**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



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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.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*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.***

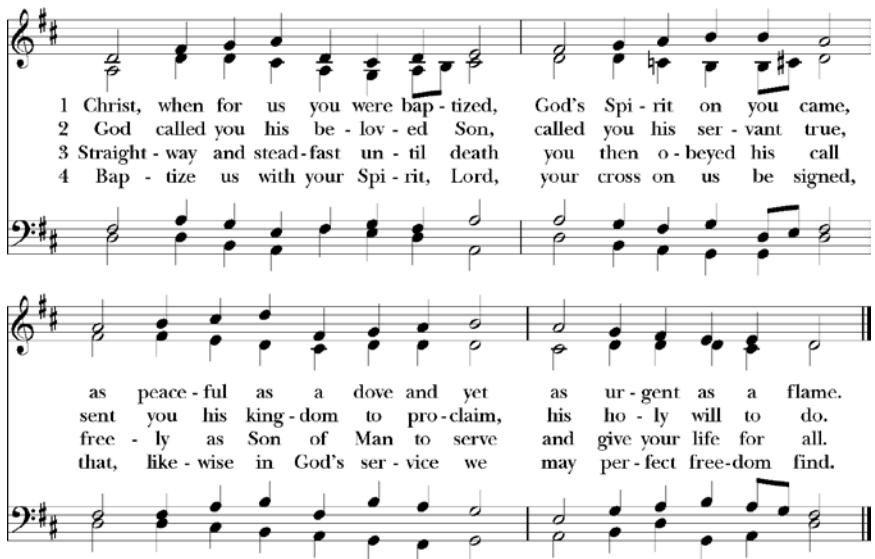
# ANTHEM ..... “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; for when humbly, in Thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now Thy garment’s hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit Thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve Thee faithfully.

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## HYMN 121 ..... “Christ, When for us You were Baptized”



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,  
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,  
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - obeyed his call  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.  
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.  
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984), rev.; Music: *Caithness*, melody from *The Psalms of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

HYMN 542 ..... “Christ is the World’s True Light”

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of salvation,  
 2 In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forget - ting,  
 3 One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee;

the Day-star clear and bright of every race and nation;  
 the whole round world complete, from sun-rise to its setting;  
 cast out our pride and shame that hinder to en-throne thee;

new life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway;  
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for-sake their fear,  
 the world has waited long, has tra-vailed long in pain;

free-dom her bond-age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun-ing - hook the spear.  
 to heal its an- cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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HYMN 440 ..... “Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619–1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829–1878); alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625–1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846–1926).

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*All kneel.*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying*  
In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*All stand.*

HYMN 535 ..... “Ye Servants of God”

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

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

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

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

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

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY ..... “Fanfare”  
William Mathias

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

## RECOGNITIONS

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### FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rt. Rev. Jared Osborn

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Miller Marie Green

by Caroline and Harris Green

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Luke Doggett Schramm

by Amy and Payton Schramm

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Blair Tyler Spinks

by her parents, Chandler and Trey Spinks



### BIRTHS

Dec. 2 Isla Austen Ward

Daughter of Anabelle and Ryan Ward

Granddaughter of Sheri and Wayne Gross,  
Michael Reade and Claire Ward



### WEDDINGS

Jan. 10 Kelli Denise Llewellyn and Tanner Aubrey KinCannon



### SYMPATHY

Dec. 17 Betty Jean Randal Shindler

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit [smec.org/altar-flowers](http://smec.org/altar-flowers) or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at [relhakam@smec.org](mailto:relhakam@smec.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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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	Naomi Illeman	Clif Shoemake
Shelly Bain	Sara Jabbari	Marc Sony
Ken Beadell	Mary and Jim Jennings	Mitch Starkey
Cory Blackman	Susan and Chester Keeton	Dolly Steinman
Gary Browning	Mark Kennedy	Michael Stern
Gene Cooley	Dick Kilday	Janis and James Stokes
Lynne Couste	Diane Knutzen	Joe and Trish Tannian
Linda Craig	Alex and Trip Larzelere	Norma Taylor
Angelina Crooks	Rhea Latta	Betty Tutor
Gail Cunningham	Bruce Michael Lee	Scarlett and Luke Tyler
Bobby de Sosa	Mary Lehman	Rose Vaile
Linda de Sosa	Julie Long	Van Valentine
Charlotte Dion	John Love	Patel Vinod C.
Sydney Eickenroht	Patrick Maehs	Mary Watters
Stacey and John Elliott	James Masten	Lisa Weaver
Nancy Ellison	Jane McAfee	Cei Anne Whitlock
Carole Embley	Barbara and Bob McClellan	Grant Wilborn
Famose Garner	Janet McDaniel	Eric Zoerb
Susan Garrett	Adams McHenry	Angela
Judy Gerrish	Kae Nakisa	Atticus
Nancy Gore	Bob Paddock	Blair
Susan and Aart Gosma	Kim Parshall	David
Cynthia Graham	Colin Peoples	Henry
The Rev. Alex Graham	Ophelia Pujol	Jane
Demetricka Wilson Green	Mary Sommers Pyne	Jim
Jeffrey "Shea" Guinn	Phyllis Reinhardt	Kay
Bette Haidusek	James Reiss	Lynne
Nancy Hall	Blanca and Jason Rivera	Mark
Wayne Hall	John Roady	Nancy
John W. "Dub" Hardy	J.R. Rodriguez	Pam
Nancy Haywood	Maggie Rodriguez	Sally
Muffi Henschel	Hank Roper	Stephen
Aaron Holbrook	Consuelo Saldana	Susan
Judy Holcomb	Angela Salinas	Wayne
Janet Hoover	Margaret Salinas	
Leota Mae Hopkins	Lynne Sanyoto	
Laurie Howard	Sherie Sardis	
Brett Hudson	Bill Schwaiger	
Denise Hunnell	Helen and Jim Shaffer	
Wendy Hunt	Caroline Shanahan	

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# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Prayers for those on Active Military Duty in the Armed Forces:

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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

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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.

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning Prayer • 8:30 a.m.  
Evening Prayer • 4:30 p.m.  
Christ Chapel

## WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist • 7 a.m. and noon  
Christ Chapel

# NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

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St. Martin's Campus is closed Monday, Jan. 19, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## ADULTS

### SUNDAY

- **8+** *Jan. 18 and 25 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- **Theology for Life** *Jan. 18 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- **Mission Trip Information Session** *Jan. 18 • 10:15 a.m. • Activity Center*
- **Annual Parish Meeting** *Jan. 25 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

### MONDAY

- **What We Can Do About Human Trafficking and How to Protect Our Children** *Jan. 26 • 8:30 a.m. • Student Life Center*
- **The Gathering** *Jan. 26 • 10 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

### TUESDAY

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *Jan. 20 and 27 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- **Rector's Bible Study** *Jan. 20 and 27 • Noon • Student Life Center*
- **Faith in Literature Evening Group** *Jan. 20 • 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

### WEDNESDAY

- **Morning Prayer Group** *Jan. 21 and 28 • 8 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall C*
- **Blanket Ladies** *Jan. 21 and 28 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- **Docent Tour** *Jan. 21 and 28 • 11 a.m. • The Church Narthex*
- **St. Clare's Guild** *Jan. 21 and 28 • Noon • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- **OSL Study Group** *Jan. 28 • 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- **St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *Jan. 28 • 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

### THURSDAY

- **Parish Choir** *Jan. 29 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center Rehearsal Hall*
- **Deep Roots Book Study** *Jan. 29 • 6:15 p.m. • Student Life Center Living Room*

# NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

## MEN

### THURSDAY

- **Men of St. Martin's** *Jan. 29 • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- **Dads' Bible Study** *Jan. 22 and 29 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*

## WOMEN

### TUESDAY

- **CLS Evening Group** *Jan. 20 and 27 • 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

### THURSDAY

- **CLS Day Group** *Jan. 22 and 29 • 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center*

## STUDENTS

### SUNDAY

- **Sunday Get-Togethers** *Jan. 18 and 25 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*
- **Youth Choir** *Jan. 18 and 25 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

### WEDNESDAY

- **Life Groups** *Jan. 28 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

## CHILDREN

### SUNDAY

- **Childcare** *Jan. 18 and 25 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- **Young Singers** *Jan. 18 and 25 • 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- **Sunday School** *Jan. 18 and 25 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BY THE GRACE OF GOD  
THE PEOPLE, VESTRY AND WARDENS OF  
ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
INVITE YOU TO

THE INSTALLATION  
OF OUR NEW RECTOR

*The Rev. Dane Ethan Boston*

The Right Reverend C. Andrew Doyle  
Bishop of Texas, Presiding



Wednesday, the 21st of January  
Two Thousand Twenty-Six  
Six O'clock in the Evening  
St. Martin's Episcopal Church

*The service will be livestreamed on YouTube.*

717 SAGE RD., HOUSTON, TX 77056  
Reception to follow in Bagby Parish Hall  
Clergy: Green Stoles | *Childcare Available*

Your presence and participation will be a blessing to our entire  
Church family as we embark on this new chapter.

*"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*  
*Jeremiah 29:11*

## STEWARDSHIP 2026



Commit to Christ as your cornerstone and support St. Martin's annual ministries, programs and worship by making your 2026 pledge today!



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**JUST  
FOR  
EPIPHANY**



**BOOK OF GALATIANS**  
STARTING JAN. 18

St. Martin's small group ministry meets weekly at various times and locations — either at Church or in homes — for a four-week small group study of Galatians.



*Join us at  
[sme.org/just-for](http://sme.org/just-for)*

*Deadline: Jan. 18*

**Contact:** Haley Lynch  
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**Family Nights is back!** For our Wednesday evening groups beginning Jan. 28, we have nursery care, Kids J.A.M. for children and Life Groups for youth as well, so you can bring the whole family! Family dinner is available 5-6 p.m. in the Crosswalk Garden.

If you plan to attend dinner, please RSVP at [sme.org/family-nights](http://sme.org/family-nights).

*There's a place for everyone — come grow with us!*



**Friday, Jan. 23 • 7 p.m. • The Church**

*Free admission*

In his 20th season as Music Director and Conductor of the Houston Civic Symphony, Brian Runnels brings decades of experience. He first conducted the Symphony in 1979 as Apprentice Conductor and has since led orchestras, musical theatre, oratorio, and opera across several states. He retired from teaching in 2023 after 36 years, including service as Professor of Music at Houston Christian University.

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## MEMBERSHIP 101



*Find your place in the life of the Church*

### **PART 1 • MONDAY, JAN. 26**

6–8:30 p.m.

*Bagby Parish Hall and Online*  
Dinner will be served



*Join us in our  
mission at  
[sme.org/membership](http://sme.org/membership)*

### **PART 2 • SUNDAY, FEB. 2**

9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

*Hope and Healing Center  
& Institute*

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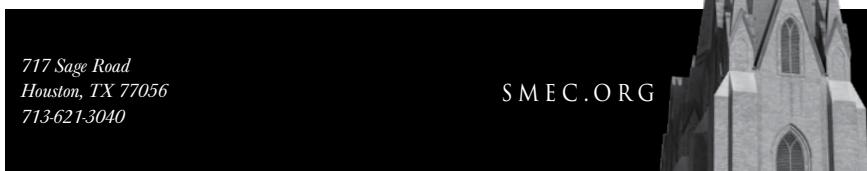
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