

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY

January 25, 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

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.

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- *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.

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

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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 “Prelude and Fugue”
Dietrich Buxtehude

The people stand as the procession begins.

***HYMN 539** “O Zion, Haste”

1 O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
3 Send her alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

1 to tell to all the world that God is Light;
2 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love;
3 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
4 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

1 that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
2 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
3 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
4 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

1 one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 2 and died on earth that all might live a bove.
 3 till God shall bring his king-dom's joy ful day.
 4 through thy ne glect, un fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,
 ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1834–1923), alt.; Music: *Tidings*, James Walch (1837–1901).

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 hea - ven;
to his feet thy tri - bute bring; ran - somed,
healed, re - stored, for - gi - ven, e - ver - more his
prai - ses sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Praise the e - ver - las - ting 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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for her that was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Mid'ian.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chlo'e's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apol'los," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I am thankful that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Ga'ius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Steph'anas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM.....Psalm 27, Coverdale
(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I
| fear? *
 the Lord is the strength of my life; of | whom then • shall
 I | be a-| fraid?

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me | in his |
tabernacle; *
 yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,
 and set me up up-| on a | rock of | stone.

6 And now shall he | lift up • mine | head *
 above mine | ene-• mies | round a-| bout me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation | with great
| gladness: *
 I will sing, and speak | prais-• es | unto • the | Lord.

8 Harken unto my voice, O Lord, when I | cry • unto | thee; *
 have | mercy • up-| on me, • and | hear me.

9 My heart hath talked of thee, | Seek ye • my | face: *
 Thy | face, Lord, | will I | seek.

10 O hide not thou thy | face from | me, *
 nor cast thy | servant • a-| way in • dis-| pleasure.

11 Thou hast | been my | succour; *
 leave me not, neither forsake me, O | God of | my sal-|
 vation.

12 When my father and my | mother • for-| sake me, *
 the | Lörd | taketh • me | up.

13 Teach me thy | way, O | Lord, *
 and lead me in the right | way, be-| cause of • mine |
 enemies.

All stand.

*HYMN 304 “I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord”
(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel; verses 4-5 after the Gospel)

Unison or harmony

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff uses a treble clef, the middle staff a bass clef, and the bottom staff a bass clef. The music is in common time. The lyrics are as follows:

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Christ tians far and near to each
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

The middle staff continues with:

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

The bottom staff concludes with:

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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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 4:12-23

Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Caper'na-um by the sea, in the territory of Zeb'ulun and Naph'tali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zeb'edee and John his brother, in the boat with Zeb'edee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Conclusion of Sequence hymn

THE SERMON

*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 Chile; 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “How Lovely are the Messengers”
Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words; throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Text: Romans 10:15 (Paraphrased). Organ accompaniment by H. Clough-Leighter.

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.

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 “The Lord is My Light”
Peter Hallock

The Lord is my light, the refuge of my life and my salvation: of who then shall I be afraid? If I take the wings of the morning, or go up into heaven, your right hand will hold me. In the shadow of your wings I will rejoice and bless your holy Name; and I will sing of your Glory, O Lord my strength, as long as I live.

Text from Psalm 27, v. 1 Psalm 139, v. 8, Psalm 63 v. 4, 7. © 1984 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

HYMN 321 “My God, Thy Table Now is Spread”

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
3 Drawn by thy quick-en ing grace, O Lord, in coun - less
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1–3, Philip Doddridge (1702–1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalms in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731–1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740–1816).

HYMN 652.....“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

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 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a -
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 5 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 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
 4 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 5 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

1 pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 2 us, like them, with - out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
 3 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 4 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 5 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).

HYMN 516“Come Down, O Love Divine”

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,
 and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;
 O Com-fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place
 and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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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 371 “Thou, Whose Almighty Word”

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life-giv-ing, ho - ly Dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,
 and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might; bound-less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in
 Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780–1825), alt.; Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792–1872).

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY “Toccata”
 Eugene Gigout

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the installation of our Rector, the Rev. Dane E. Boston

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Cameron Michelle Evans

by Samantha and Cody Evans

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Margot Brooks Riddick

by Maddison and Hunter Riddick

In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Alex and Andrew Turner

by Christine and Josh Turner

In thanksgiving for the twelfth birthdays of Anneliese and Carsten

by Meredith and Dean Huffman



BAPTISMS

Jan. 17 Miller Marie Green

Luke Doggett Schramm

Blair Tyler Spinks



SYMPATHY

Jan. 9 David Wayne Payne

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	Wendy Hunt	Caroline Shanahan
Shelly Bain	Naomi Illeman	Clif Shoemaker
Ken Beadell	Sara Jabbari	Marc Sony
Lorrie Beasley	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	Britten
Cynthia Graham	Colin Peoples	David
The Rev. Alex Graham	Ophelia Pujol	Henry
Demetricka Wilson Green	Mary Sommers Pyne	Jane
Jeffrey "Shea" Guinn	Phyllis Reinhardt	Jim
Bette Haidusek	James Reiss	Kay
Nancy Hall	Blanca and Jason Rivera	Lynne
Wayne Hall	John Roady	Mark
John W. "Dub" Hardy	J.R. Rodriguez	Nancy
Nancy Haywood	Maggie Rodriguez	Pam
Muffi Henschel	Hank Roper	Sally
Aaron Holbrook	Consuelo Saldana	Stephen
Judy Holcomb	Angela Salinas	Susan
Janet Hoover	Margaret Salinas	Wayne
Leota Mae Hopkins	Lynne Sanyoto	
Laurie Howard	Sherie Sardis	
Brett Hudson	Bill Schwaiger	
Denise Hunnell	Helen and Jim Shaffer	

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 vrivera@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.

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

ADULTS

SUNDAY

► **8+** *Jan. 25, Feb. 1 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*

MONDAY

► **The Gathering** *Jan. 26 • 10 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

► **Global Prayer Group** *Jan. 26, Feb. 2 • 1:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

► **Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group** *Feb. 2 • 3 p.m. • Hope and Healing Center Room 103*

TUESDAY

► **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *Jan. 27, Feb. 3 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*

► **Rector's Bible Study** *Jan. 27, Feb. 3 • Noon • Student Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

► **Morning Prayer Group** *Jan. 28, Feb. 4 • 8 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall C*

► **Blanket Ladies** *Jan. 28, Feb. 4 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*

► **St. Clare's Guild** *Jan. 28, Feb. 4 • Noon • Activity Center Upper Hall East*

► **OSL Study Group** *Jan. 28 • 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

► **Family Nights** *Jan. 28 • 5 p.m. • Activity Center • smec.org/family-nights*

► **St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *Jan. 28, Feb. 4 • 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

► **Parish Choir** *Jan. 29, Feb. 5 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center Rehearsal Hall*

► **Deep Roots Book Study** *Jan. 29 • 6:15 p.m. • Student Life Center Living Room*

MEN

TUESDAY

► **Kids' Meals** *Jan. 27 • 5 p.m. • Parish Life Center Kitchen*

THURSDAY

► **Men of St. Martin's** *Jan. 29, Feb. 5 • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

► **Dads' Bible Study** *Jan. 29, Feb. 5 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

WOMEN

TUESDAY

► **CLS Evening Group** *Jan. 27, Feb. 3 • 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

► **CLS Day Group** *Jan. 29, Feb. 5 • 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center*

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

► **Sunday Get-Togethers** *Jan. 25, Feb. 1 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*

► **Youth Choir** *Jan. 25, Feb. 1 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

► **Life Groups** *Jan. 28, Feb. 4 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

► **Childcare** *Jan. 25, Feb. 1 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

► **Young Singers** *Jan. 25, Feb. 1 • 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

► **Sunday School** *Jan. 25, Feb. 1 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

► **Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)** *Jan. 28, Feb. 4 • 6 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

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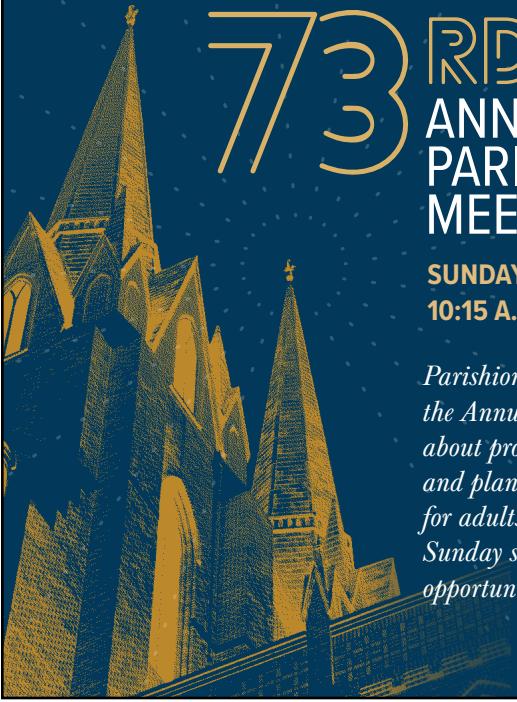
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Upcoming Events



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Outreach Opportunities



73RD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25
10:15 A.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL

Parishioners are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to learn about progress in the preceding year and plans for 2026. Sunday School for adults will not be offered on this Sunday so that all will have the opportunity to attend. Please join us!

STEWARDSHIP 2026



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

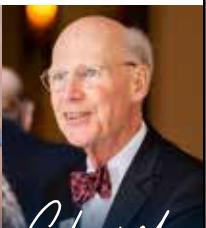


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MEMBERSHIP 101



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
smec.org/membership*

PART 2 • SUNDAY, FEB. 2

9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

*Hope and Healing Center
& Institute*

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

AWARENESS SESSION

What We Can Do About Human Trafficking and
How to Protect Our Children

Monday, Jan. 26

8:30–10 a.m. • Student Life Center

Childcare will be provided for children 4 and under.



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CHILI COOK-OFF

RIVERWAY 717 STUDENTS

SUNDAY, FEB. 1
12:30-2:30 p.m. • Student Life Center
We are excited to host the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off!
This year the cook-off supports Student Ministries.
Please plan to join us after worship services on this
special Sunday for chili and fun!

LEARN  Learn more and enter the
contest at
smec.org/chili-cookoff

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 EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. MARTIN'S PRESENTS

SPRING LUNCHEON
The Making of an Artist
From Inspiration to Creation
FEATURING BRENDA BOGART

TUESDAY, FEB. 10
11 A.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL

\$40/person | Registration closes Feb. 2
Chairs: Alicia Kimmel and Kate Walters


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 To register and learn more about
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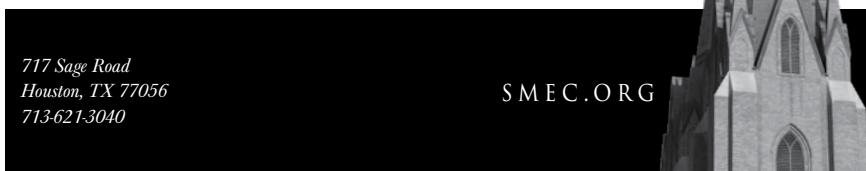
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