

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 1, 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 worshippers.*

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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ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

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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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 “Sicilienne” Maurice Duruflé

The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 414 “God, My King, Thy Might Confessing”



1 God, my King, thy might con - fess - ing, ev - er will I
 2 Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; who his ma - jes -
 3 They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and
 4 Nor shall fail from mem - ory's trea - sure works by love and
 5 Full of kind - ness and com - pas - sion, slow to an - ger,

1 bless thy Name; day by day thy throne ad - dress - ing,
 2 ty can reach? Age to age his works trans - mit - teth,
 3 great - ness dwell, speak of thy dread acts the sto - ry,
 4 mer - cy wrought, works of love sur - pass - ing mea - sure,
 5 vast in love, God is good to all cre - a - tion;

1 still will I thy praise pro - claim.
 2 age to age his power shall teach.
 3 and thy deeds of won - der tell.
 4 works of mer - cy pass - ing thought.
 5 all his works his good - ness prove.

Words: Richard Mant (1776–1848); para. of Psalm 145; Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Anächte und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.; desc. John Wilson (1905–1992); Copyright: Used by permission.
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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*GLORIA (*said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 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

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of bondage; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Be’or answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart.” here is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards,

not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption; therefore, as it is written, “Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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



- 1 Lord, who shall | dwell in • thy | tabernacle? *
or who shall | rest up- • on thy | holy | hill?
- 2 Even he that leadeth an | uncor- • rupt | life, *
and doeth the thing which is right, and | speaketh • the |
truth from • his | heart.
- 3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil | to
his | neighbour, *
and | hath not | slandered • his | neighbour.
- 4 He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly | in his • own |
eyes, *
and maketh much of | them that | fear the | Lord.
- 5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth |
him | not, *
though | it were | to his • own | hindrance.
- 6 He that hath not given his money | upon | usury, *
nor taken re- | ward a- | gainst the | innocent.
- 7 Whoso | doeth • these | things, *
- | shall | never | fall.

All stand.

*HYMN 707 “Take My Life”

(Verse 1 before the Gospel; verse 2 after the Gospel)




1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Francis Ridley Havargal (1836–1879), alt.; Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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 Church of England; 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.**

CONFESSION 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 “Thee We Adore”

T. Frederick Candlyn

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be; both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail. Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail. O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to men doth here afford! O may our souls forever feed on Thee, and Thou, O Christ, forever precious be. Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing flood; increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from Thy presence flow. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be, to gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face, the vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

Based on the plainsong *Adore te devote*; Text: Translated from St. Thomas Aquinas; Copyright: © 1937 Carl Fischer.

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 bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea- tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly 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.**

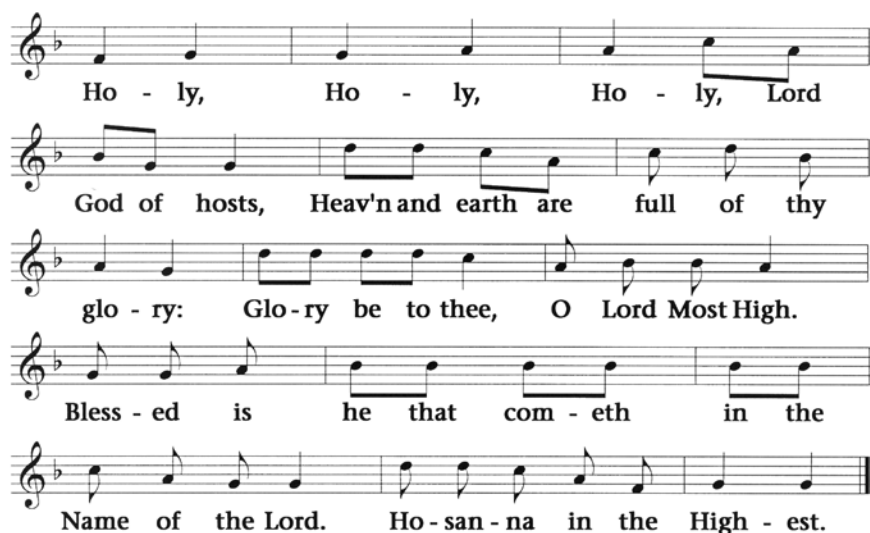
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.)



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 “Nunc Dimittis in G”

Charles Stanford

Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel. Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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HYMN 324 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”



1 Let all mortal flesh keep si-lence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma-ry, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of hea-ven spreads its van-guard
4 At his feet the six-winged ser-aph; cher-u-bim with

trem-bling stand; pon-der noth-ing earth-ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu-man -
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
sleep-less eye veil their fac-es to the

mind-ed, for with bless-ing in his hand
ves-ture, in the Bo-dy and the Blood
scend-eth from the realms of end-less day,
Pres-ence, as with cease-less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de-scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith - ful
that the powers of hell may va-nish
“Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!”

our full hom-age to de-mand.
his own self for heaven-ly food.
as the dark-ness clears a-way.
Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!”

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829–1885); Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

HYMN 652 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”



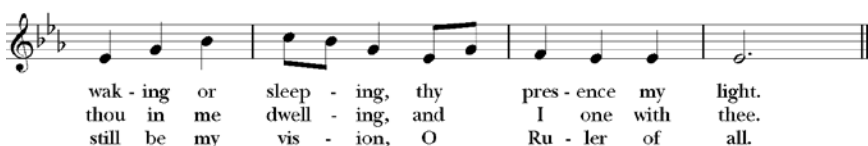
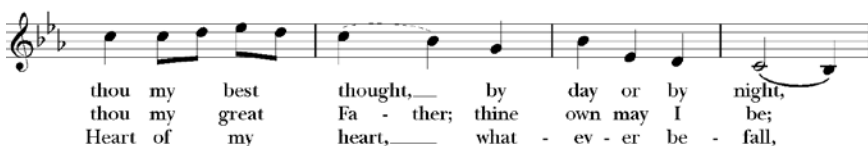
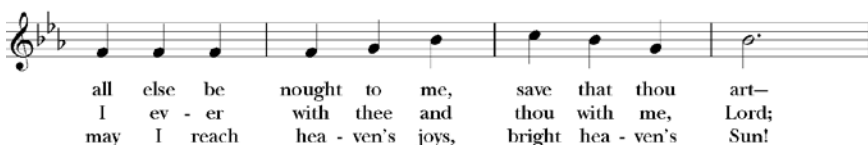
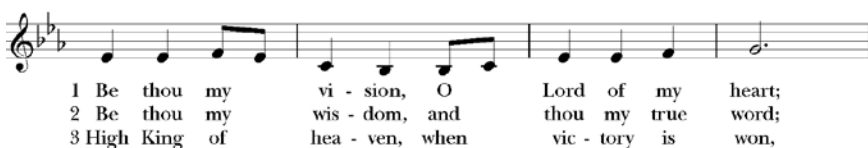
1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a -
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - 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 488..... “Be Thou My Vision”



Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880–1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860–1935), alt.; Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874–1948); Copyright: Words: This hymn appears courtesy of the Estate of Eleanor Hull and Chatto & Windus Ltd. Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

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 718 "God of Our Fathers"

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

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

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

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

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

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Piec pour Grand Orgue”
 Joseph Jongen

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of the Installation of the Rev. Dane E. Boston
by the Transition Committee and the Vestry of St. Martin's Church

On the occasion of their wedding
by Erika Caroline Wilcox and James David Petri

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 baptism Henry Hallam "Hal" Wooldridge
by Meredith and John Wooldridge

In thanksgiving for the baptism Mary Elizabeth Wright
by Jenna and Michael Wright

In thanksgiving for the twelfth birthdays of Anneliese and Carsten
by Meredith and Dean Huffman



BIRTHS

Dec. 5 Campbell Davis Mayfield
 Son of Claire and Michael Mayfield
 Grandson of Sheila and Tad Mayfield and
 Carolyn and Orion Campbell



BAPTISMS

Jan. 17 Miller Marie Green
 Luke Doggett Schramm
 Blair Tyler Spinks

Jan. 24 Cameron Michelle Evans
 Margot Brooks Riddick
 Alexander James Turner
 Andrew Louis Turner



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

Please be advised that the weeks after Easter and All Saints' Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Col. Julian Benton	Lt. Jonathan Lesieur	CPO Brian Powell
1LT. Tom Cadwallender	Charles Lewis	1st Lt. S. Jeffers Shaper
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender	Capt. Jack Mullen	CPO Evan Tomlin
Capt. Casey Gainer	Capt. Alex Mullen	
CDR Bradley Hoffman	PFC Parris F. Owen	
LTC Wesley J. Hunnell	SrA James W. Peoples	
1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich	Lt. Paul Piana	
Major Blake J. Kidd	PFC Alex Pickett	
Cadet George N. Kinder	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant	

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OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

 *family table*

 RIVERWAY

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+ Feb. 1, 8 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall**
- ▶ **Annual Parish Meeting Feb. 1 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall**

MONDAY

- ▶ **Blood Drive Feb. 2 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room**
- ▶ **Saintly Stitchers Feb. 2, 9 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Upper Hall East**
- ▶ **Global Prayer Group Feb. 2, 9 • 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 Feb. 3, 10 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room**
- ▶ **Rector's Bible Study Feb. 3, 10 • Noon • Student Life Center**
- ▶ **Kids' Meals Feb. 3 • 4 p.m. • Parish Life Center Kitchen**

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group Feb. 4 • 8 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall C**
- ▶ **Blanket Ladies Feb. 4, 11 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room**
- ▶ **Docent Tour Feb. 4, 11 • 11 a.m. • The Church Narthex**
- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild Feb. 4, 11 • Noon • Activity Center Upper Hall East**
- ▶ **Faith in Literature Day Group Feb. 11 • 1 p.m. • Children's Life Center**
- ▶ **OSL Healing Prayer Service Feb. 4 • 5 p.m. • Parish Life Center**
- ▶ **Family Nights Feb. 4 • 5 p.m. • Activity Center • smec.org/family-nights**
- ▶ **St. Martin's 20s & 30s Feb. 4, 11 • 7 p.m. • Activity Center**

SATURDAY

- ▶ **Parents' Night Out Feb. 14 • 6 p.m. • Children's Life Center
smec.org/children**

THURSDAY

- ▶ **Parish Choir Feb. 5, 12 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center Rehearsal Hall**

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

MEN

THURSDAY

- ▶ **Men of St. Martin's** *Feb. 5, 12 • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- ▶ **Dads' Bible Study** *Feb. 5, 12 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*

WOMEN

TUESDAY

- ▶ **CLS Evening Group** *Feb. 3, 10 • 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

- ▶ **CLS Day Group** *Feb. 5, 12 • 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center*

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

- ▶ **Sunday Get-Togethers** *Feb. 1 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*
- ▶ **Youth Choir** *Feb. 1, 8 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Life Groups** *Feb. 4, 11 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

- ▶ **Childcare** *Feb. 1, 8 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Young Singers** *Feb. 1, 8 • 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Sunday School** *Feb. 1 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)** *Feb. 4, 11 • 6 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

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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!

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

St. Martin's Children's Ministry Presents

GALAXY

Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love

JUNE 8–11

9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Ready to commence countdown on the best days
of summer? At Galaxy VBS, you'll send kids on a
cosmic journey through faith, fun and unforgettable
Bible adventures.



Registration Now Open!
Learn more at **smec.org/vbs**

Contact: Rozlyn Cline
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Bogart



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



To register and learn more about
Brenda Bogart, visit
smec.org/ecw-events



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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EASTER FLOWERS

Remember a loved one by ordering lilies to decorate The Church at Easter. All requests received will be included in the worship booklet available at all Easter services. Names submitted after the deadline will be printed in worship booklets in weeks following Easter.



Make your flower dedication online at
smec.org/easterflowers

Due to limited space, please do not include additional dedication language.

Donations Open: 8 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2

Donations Close: 5 p.m. Monday, March 2

Contact: Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam • relhakam@smec.org • 713-830-4146



CELEBRATE SCOUT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEB. 8
9 A.M. • THE CHURCH

St. Martin's recognizes Scouts and leaders from Church-sponsored Scout Troup 354 and Cub Scout Pack 354 during this special worship service, in which Scouts will also participate. Former and current Scouts and Scout leaders are encouraged to wear their uniforms for this service.

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OUTREACH SUNDAY

AT ST. MARTIN'S

SUNDAY, FEB. 8

10:15–11 a.m.

**Children's Life Center and
Activity Center**

Join us for the 16th annual Serve Day for St. Martin's Parishioners. Our faith in Christ is expressed by helping others in our community. Activities are planned on Campus to serve the many agencies we support.

There is no need to sign up to serve — just show up!

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