

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 8, 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.

NOTICES

- *St. Martin's is a gun-free Campus.*
- *To use a hearing assisted device, see one of our Ushers.*
- *St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.*
- *Please silence all cell phones when entering The Church and also refrain from texting.*
Thank you for being respectful of God and others as we spend time together in worship.



* indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshipers.

CONNECTING WITH ST. MARTIN'S

If you are visiting today, please fill out a Welcome Card from the pew rack to place in the offering plate, or complete it online by scanning the QR code or visiting smec.org/visitor-card. Please introduce yourself to one of our Clergy and we will be in touch to let you know more about our Parish Family.



Seeking membership in a parish is a very important step and it is our goal to support your understanding of our Parish, its ministries and your place in the life of St. Martin's. Our membership process begins by attending one of our quarterly Membership 101 classes.

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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 in G”
Felix Mendelssohn

The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 423 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, common time. The top staff is soprano, the middle staff is alto, and the bottom staff is bass. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the musical notes. The music features a steady eighth-note pattern throughout.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.; Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniauau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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 and 11:15 a.m.*)

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

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 58:1-12

Read at 9 a.m. by James Villa, Star Scout, The Kinkaid School

“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ‘Why have we fasted, and thou seest it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and thou takest no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a man to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a rush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, Here I am. If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, Then

you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, Here I am. If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. And the Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your desire with good things, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling; and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him,” God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what person knows a man’s thoughts except the spirit of the man which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit. The unspiritual man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to

understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM.....Psalm 112, Coverdale
(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 and 11:15 a.m.)



- 1 Blessed is the man that | feareth • the | Lord; *
he hath great de-| light in | his com-| mandments.
- 2 His seed shall be mighty | upon | earth; *
the generation of the | faithful | shall be | blessed.
- 3 Riches and plenteousness shall be | in his | house; *
and his | righteousness • en-| dureth • for | ever.
- 4 Unto the godly there ariseth up light | in the | darkness; *
he is | merci- • ful, | loving, • and | righteous.
- 5 A good man is | merciful, • and | lendeth; *
and will | guide his | words with • dis-| cretion.
- 6 For he shall | never • be | moved: *
and the righteous shall be had in | ever-| lasting • re-| membrance.
- 7 He will not be afraid of any | evil | tidings; *
for his heart standeth fast, and be-| lieveth | in the | Lord.
- 8 His heart is established, and | will not | shrink, *
until he see his de-| sire up-| on his | enemies.
- 9 He hath dispersed abroad, and | given • to the | poor, *
and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his | horn shall
• be ex-| alted • with | honour.
- 10 The ungodly shall see it, and | it shall | grieve him; *
he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the |
desire of • the un-| godly • shall | perish.

All stand.

*HYMN 683 “O for a Closer Walk with God”
(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel; verses 4-5 after the Gospel)

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heaven-ly frame,
2 Where is the bless - ed - ness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
3 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes-sen - ger of rest;
4 The dear-est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,
5 So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

1 a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
2 Where is the soul - re - fresh-ing view of Je - sus and his word?
3 I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
4 help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
5 so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper (1731–1800), alt.; Music: *Beatitude*, 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 5:13-20

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and

teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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 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 Hong
Kong Anglican Church (Episcopal); 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

SCOUTING EXPERIENCE (9 a.m.)

Graham Erwin, Life Scout, The Kinkaid School

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “The Call of Wisdom”
Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy; Walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, Entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger. I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me? Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value, Jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting. Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love, those who seek me find their answer. God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal. Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.

Words: Michael Hampel (based on Proverbs 8) Music: Will Todd. ©Oxford University Press 2012

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 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 and 11:15 a.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 “God Be in My Head”

John Rutter

God be in my head, And in my understanding; God be in my eyes, And in my looking; God be in my mouth, And in my speaking; God be in my heart, And in my thinking; God be at my end, And in my departing.

Text: Old English Prayer. Music: John Rutter. © 1970 Oxford University Press. ARR.

HYMN 497 “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,
 from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.
 O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great
 Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es;
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

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

HYMN 126 “The People who in Darkness Walked”

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;
 2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,
 3 To us the prom-ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,
 5 His power in - creas-ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
 2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.
 3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
 4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.
 5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

Music: *Dundee*, John Morison (1749–1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7; This selection is in the public domain.

HYMN 671.....“Amazing Grace”

Words: John Newton (1725–1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus; Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851–1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919).

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 135 “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro - phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1–3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807–1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984); Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622–1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750).

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Festival Trumpet Tune”
David German

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage

by Leah Michele Stivala and Joseph Robert Sitzman

In thanksgiving for the baptism William Daniel Hughes IV

by Analise and William Hughes

In thanksgiving for the baptism Charles Matthew Melody

by Emma and John Melody

In thanksgiving for the baptism Elliott Holmes Sachs

by Isabel and Dave Sachs

In thanksgiving for the birthday of Lee Evans

by the Sanders and Sharman families

In thanksgiving for all our Scouts and those who work with them



BAPTISMS

Jan. 31 Goldie Vivienne Grichor

Henry Hallam Wooldridge

Mary Elizabeth Wright



WEDDINGS

Jan. 31 Erika Caroline Wilcox and James David Petri



SYMPATHY

Jan. 25 Robert Wirt Paddock

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:

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

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	LCDR Paul Piana	
Major Blake J. Kidd	PFC Alex Pickett	
Cadet George N. Kinder	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant	

Please be advised that each year the week after Veterans Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Military Service Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.

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+** *Feb. 8, 15 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- **Contemplative Prayer** *Feb. 8 • 10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center Bride's Parlor*
- **Theology for Life** *Feb. 15 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

MONDAY

- **Saintly Stitchers** *Feb. 9, 16 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- **Global Prayer Group** *Feb. 9, 16 • 1:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- **Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group** *Feb. 16 • 3 p.m. • Hope and Healing Center Room 103*

TUESDAY

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *Feb. 10, 17 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- **Rector's Bible Study** *Feb. 10, 17 • Noon • Student Life Center*
- **Church in the Field** *Feb. 10 • 6:30 p.m. • St. Martin's Parking Lot Carpool*
- **Faith in Literature Evening Group** *Feb. 17 • 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

- **Morning Prayer Group** *Feb. 11, 18 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- **Blanket Ladies** *Feb. 11, 18 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- **Docent Tour** *Feb. 11 • 11 a.m. • The Church Narthex*
- **St. Clare's Guild** *Feb. 11, 18 • Noon • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- **Faith in Literature Day Group** *Feb. 11 • 1 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- **OSL Study Group** *Feb. 11 • 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- **Family Nights** *Feb. 11 • 5 p.m. • Activity Center • smec.org/family-nights*
- **St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *Feb. 11 • 7 p.m. • Activity Center*

THURSDAY

- **Parish Choir** *Feb. 12, 19 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center Rehearsal Hall*

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

MEN

THURSDAY

► **Men of St. Martin's** *Feb. 12, 19 • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

► **Dads' Bible Study** *Feb. 12, 19 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*

WOMEN

TUESDAY

► **ECW Spring Luncheon** *Feb. 10 • 11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

► **CLS Evening Group** *Feb. 10, 17 • 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

► **CLS Day Group** *Feb. 12, 19 • 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center*

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

► **Youth Choir** *Feb. 8, 15 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

► **Life Groups** *Feb. 11 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

► **Childcare** *Feb. 8, 15 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

► **Young Singers** *Feb. 8, 15 • 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

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

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Outreach Opportunities



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!

CONTACT

Tracee Tindol • outreach@sme.org • 713-985-3811



SATURDAY

Feb. 14 • 6–9 p.m.

Children's Life Center

*Infants through 5th graders
are welcome.*

We have the kids! Enjoy a night out while your children enjoy time at St. Martin's with their Church friends. Kids will play games, watch a movie and work on a Valentine's craft while parents enjoy a night out on the town!



Register now at
sme.org/children

\$5/child, \$20 max/family

Contact: Rozlyn Cline
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Taizé

PRAYER SERVICE

SUNDAY, FEB. 15
5 p.m. • Christ Chapel

Taizé Prayer is a quiet and meditative time of sung prayer, listening and quiet reflection based upon the style of worship of the Taizé Community in France which has drawn hundreds of thousands of visitors for over half a century.

All are welcome – whether you are seeking God in silence, in need of stillness or longing for a shared time of prayer with others.

Contact: Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam
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SHROVE TUESDAY

TUESDAY, FEB. 17
5:30–7 P.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL

All Parishioners are invited to attend this family gathering, which includes a traditional pancake dinner and bacon, red beans and rice, games, second line and just pure fun!

Purchase tickets at the door

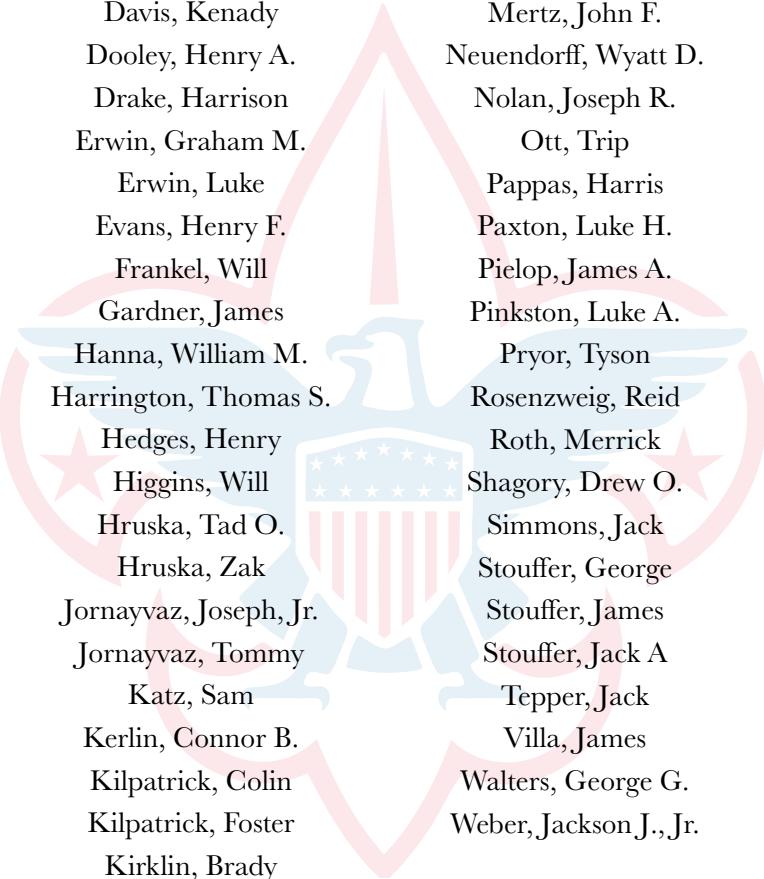
\$10/adult • \$5/child • Max Family Price: \$30



*Early Discounted Tickets can be purchased
at smec.org/shrovetuesday
Deadline: Monday, Feb. 16*

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Frankel, Will
Gardner, James
Hanna, William M.
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Hruska, Zak
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Jornayvaz, Tommy
Katz, Sam
Kerlin, Connor B.
Kilpatrick, Colin
Kilpatrick, Foster
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Kirklin, Charlie
Lanier, Charlie
Massey, Albert
Mertz, John F.
Neuendorff, Wyatt D.
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Pinkston, Luke A.
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Roth, Merrick
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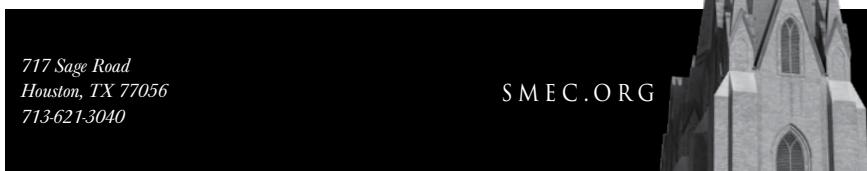
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