

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22, 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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ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

The Church is open for viewing Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-2 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 148 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 "O Mensch, been swim Sünde groß"
Johann Sebastian Bach

The people stand as the procession begins.

THE GREAT LITANY

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

Cantor  People 
 O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Cantor  People 
 O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Cantor  People 
 O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Cantor  People 
 O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People

preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Cantor

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of
the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart,
and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from
plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle,
and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and
submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by
thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and
Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour
of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may
please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the
right way,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of St. Martin and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff is for the Cantor, the second for the People, and the third for both. The lyrics are as follows:

Cantor Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Cantor O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.
People O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

Cantor O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

Cantor O Christ, hear us. *People* O Christ, hear us.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and 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 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE Romans 5:12-19

Therefore as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned — sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the effect of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Then as

one man's trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one man's act of righteousness leads to acquittal and life for all men. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM.....Psalm 32, Coverdale
(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



- 1 Blessed is he whose unrighteousness | is for-| given *
and | whöse | sin is | covered.
- 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord im-| puteth • no | sin *
and in whose | spirit • there | is no | guile.
- 3 For while I | held my | tongue *
my bones consumed a-| way through • my | daily • com-
| plaining.
- 4 For thy hand is heavy upon me | day and | night *
and my moisture is | like the | drought in | summer.
- 5 I will acknowledge my | sin • unto | thee *
and mine un-| righteousness • have | I not | hid.
- 6 I said, I will confess my sins | unto • the | Lord *
and so thou forgavest the | wicked-• ness | of my | sin.
- 7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto
thee, in a time when thou | mayest • be | found *
but in the great water-floods | they shall | not come |
nigh him.
- 8 Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt pre-| serve me •
from | trouble *
thou shalt compass me a-| bout with | songs of •
de-| liverance.
- 9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein | thou
shalt | go *
and I will | guide thee | with mine | eye.

10 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have | no • under- |
standing *

whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, | lest they
| fall upon | thee.

11 Great plagues remain | for the • un- | godly *
but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy em- | braceth
him • on | every | side.

12 Be glad O ye righteous, and re- | joice in • the | Lord *
and be joyful, all | ye that • are | true of | heart.

All stand.

HYMN 441 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”
(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel; verses 3-4 after the Gospel)

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
4 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of
2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
3 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that
4 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
2 cross for - sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
4 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Words: John Bowring (1792–1872); Music: Rathbun, Ithamar Conkey (1815–1867).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will give his angels charge of you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Begone, Satan! for it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.

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 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“For He Shall Give His Angels Charge”
Felix Mendelssohn

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, that they shall protect thee in all the ways thou goest. For he shall give his angels charge over thee; that their hands shall uphold and guide thee, Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone, they shall uphold thee.

Text: From *Elijah*: Psalms 91:11-12. Music: Felix Mendelssohn. Public Domain.

AT THE PRESENTATION

(8 a.m. in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

DOXOLOGY

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to
offer thee; And hence with grateful hearts to -
day Thine own be - fore thy feet we lay.

Text, John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; Music, *Gardiner*, William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815; By permission of Houghton Mifflin Company.

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.

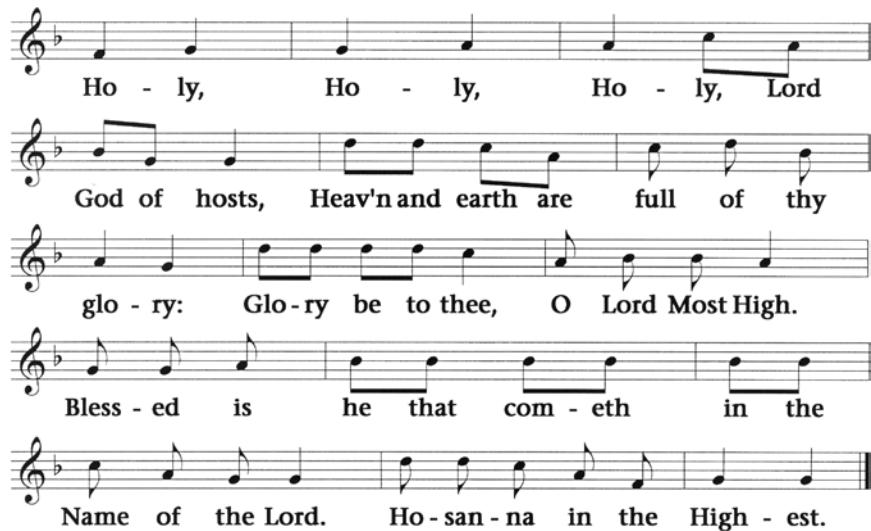
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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



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

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

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with 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. in place of Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Grant us thy peace.

FRACTION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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 “O Salutaris Hostia”
Edward Elgar

O Salutaris Hostia, quae coeli pandis ostium, bella premunt hostilia,
da robur, fer auxilium. Uni trinoque Domino sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino nobis donet in patria.

O Redeeming Sacrifice, which opens the gate of heaven: enemies threaten wars; give us strength, send aid. To Thy great name be endless praise Immortal Godhead, One in Three; Oh, grant us endless length of days, In our true native land with Thee.

Words: Attributed to Thomas Aquinas. Music: Edward Elgar, 1880. © 2011 by the Choral Domain Public Library.

HYMN 142 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, and didst the vic-tory win,
 3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,
 5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
 4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
 5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838–1898); Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt, and harm. Richard Redhead (1820–1901).

HYMN 147 “Now Let Us All with One Accord”

1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in
 2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to
 3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has
 4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in
 5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so

1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - vil with our
 2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -
 3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,
 4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -
 5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for

1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
 2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
 3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
 4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.
 5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

Music: *Bourbon*; Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. *Praise the Lord*, 1972, alt. To reproduce these words for one-time, not-for-profit use, you may contact info@churchpublishing.org. To reproduce these words for any other purpose, you must contact claire.weatherhead@bloomsbury.com.

HYMN 445 “Praise to the Holiest in the Height”

1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the
 2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was
 3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in
 4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and
 5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

1 depth be praise; in all his words most
 2 sin and shame, a sec-ond Ad - am
 3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh
 4 blood re - fine: God's pres-ence and am
 5 depth be praise; in all his words his most

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!
 2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.
 3 against the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;
 4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.
 5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

Music: *Gerontius*; John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt. This selection is in the public domain.

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 662 "Abide with Me"

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - other help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793–1847); Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Fugue in D”
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

RECOGNITIONS



BAPTISMS

Feb. 14 Thomas Walker Burke IV



BIRTHS

Nov. 15 Mary Grace Summers Pipkin

Daughter of Lila and Thomas Pipkin

Dec. 2 Virginia Storey Roff

Daughter of Haley and Thomas Roff

Granddaughter of Mary Katharine and John Roff

Jan. 18 William “Liam” Jefferson Campbell III

Son of Nicole and William Campbell, Jr.

Grandson of Diane and Bill Campbell

Great-grandson of Lynne Bonham and

Barbara and John Boysen



WEDDINGS

Feb. 14 Karen Elaine Blake and Jon Kevin Sellars



SYMPATHY

Feb. 2 Charles Eugene Baker, M.D.

Altar flower dedications are not accepted during the season of Lent.

For questions, 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	Laurie Howard	Bill Schwaiger
Shelly Bain	Brett Hudson	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Ken Beadell	Wendy Hunt	Caroline Shanahan
Lorrie Beasley	Naomi Illeman	Clif Shoemake
Cory Blackman	Sara Jabbari	Betsy Smith
Jodie and Patrick Browne	Mary and Jim Jennings	Marc Sony
Gary Browning	Susan and Chester Keeton	Mitch Starkey
Dan Burns	Mark Kennedy	Lynn and Ray Stauffacher
Oran Chappell	Dick Kilday	Dolly Steinman
Gene Cooley	Diane Knutzen	Michael Stern
Lynne Couste	Alex and Trip Larzelere	Janis and James Stokes
Linda Craig	Rhea Latta	Trish and Joe Tannian
Angelina Crooks	Bruce Michael Lee	Norma Taylor
Gail Cunningham	Mary Lehman	Betty Tutor
Bobby de Sosa	Nicole Lockney	Scarlett and Luke Tyler
Linda de Sosa	Julie Long	Rose Vaile
Charlotte Dion	John Love	Van Valentine
Abby Aldrich Elliott	Patrick Maehs	Patel Vinod C.
Nancy Ellison	James Masten	Mary Watters
Carole Embley	Jane McAfee	Lisa Weaver
Famose Garner	Barbara and Bob McClellan	Cei Anne Whitlock
Susan Garrett	Janet McDaniel	Grant Wilborn
Judy Gerrish	Adams McHenry	Eric Zoerb
Gloria Goldini	Frank Melchor	Angela
Nancy Gore	Kae Nakisa	Atticus
Susan and Aart Gosma	Kim Parshall	Blair
Cynthia Graham	Colin Peoples	Carolina
The Rev. Alex Graham	Ophelia Pujol	David
Demetricka Wilson Green	Mary Sommers Pyne	Henry
Jeffrey "Shea" Guinn	Phyllis Reinhardt	Jane
Bette Haidusek	James Reiss	Jim
Nancy Hall	Blanca and Jason Rivera	Kay
Wayne Hall	John Roady	Lynne
John W. "Dub" Hardy	J.R. Rodriguez	Mark
Nancy Haywood	Maggie Rodriguez	Nancy
Muffi Henschel	Hank Roper	Pam
Aaron Holbrook	Consuelo Saldana	Sally
Judy Holcomb	Angela Salinas	Stephen
Alicia Holder	Margaret Salinas	Susan
Janet Hoover	Lynne Sanyoto	Wayne
Leota Mae Hopkins	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
Holy Eucharist • 5:30 p.m. • The Church

THEOLOGY FOR LIFE

THE FOOLISHNESS OF THE CROSS

Sundays, Feb. 22–March 22

10:15–11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

On Good Friday, we pray the centuries-old St. Francis prayer: “We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.” This Lent, join us as we focus on the events leading to Jesus’ crucifixion and reflect on the saving mystery of His cross, paired with our Wednesday Lenten Series.

Feb. 22 The Rev. Dane Boston

March 1 The Rev. Dr. Wesley Hill

March 8 The Rt. Rev. Dr. George Sumner

March 15 The Very Rev. Timothy Jones

March 22 Dr. Kristen Deede Johnson

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

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES

The Foolishness of the Cross

Wednesdays, Feb. 25–March 25

Join us for this series paired together with our Sunday morning Theology for Life as we reflect on the central saving mystery of our faith.

Evening Prayer 4:30–4:50 p.m. Christ Chapel

Stations of the Cross 5–5:30 p.m. The Church

Holy Eucharist 5:30–6 p.m. The Church

Dinner 5–6:15 p.m. Bagby Parish Hall

Adult Program 6:15–7 p.m. Bagby Parish Hall

Youth Program 6–8 p.m. Student Life Center

Children’s Program 6–7 p.m. Children’s Life Center

Feb. 25 The Rev. Dane Boston

March 4 The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

March 11 The Rt. Rev. Dr. George Sumner

March 18 The Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

March 25 The Rev. Dr. Dave Peterson



Register at
smecc.org/lent-series

\$10/adults | \$5/children | \$25/family max

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

ADULTS

SUNDAY

- **8+** *Feb. 22, March 1 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- **Theology for Life** *Feb. 22, March 1 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- **Anglicanism 101** *Feb. 22, March 1 • 10:15 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*

MONDAY

- **The Gathering** *Feb. 23 • 10 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- **Saintly Stitchers** *Feb. 23, March 2 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- **Global Prayer Group** *Feb. 23, March 2 • 1:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- **Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group** *March 2 • 3 p.m. • Hope and Healing Center Room 103*

TUESDAY

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *Feb. 24, March 3 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- **Rector's Bible Study** *Feb. 24, March 3 • Noon • Student Life Center*
- **Kids' Meals** *March 3 • 4 p.m. • Parish Life Center Kitchen*

WEDNESDAY

- **Morning Prayer Group** *Feb. 25, March 4 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- **Blanket Ladies** *Feb. 25, March 4 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- **Docent Tour** *Feb. 25, March 4 • 11 a.m. • The Church Narthex*
- **St. Clare's Guild** *Feb. 25, March 4 • Noon • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- **OSL Study Group** *Feb. 25 • 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- **OSL Healing Prayer Service** *March 4 • 5 p.m. • Parish Life Center*
- **Lenten Series** *Feb. 25 • 6:15 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall • smec.org/lent-series*
- **St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *Feb. 25, March 4 • 6:15 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

THURSDAY

- **Parish Choir** *Feb. 26, March 5 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center Rehearsal Hall*

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

MEN

TUESDAY

- **Kids' Meals** *Feb. 24 • 5 p.m. • Parish Life Center Kitchen*

THURSDAY

- **Men of St. Martin's** *Feb. 26, March 5 • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- **Dads' Bible Study** *Feb. 26, March 5 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*

WOMEN

TUESDAY

- **CLS Evening Group** *Feb. 24, March 2 • 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

- **CLS Day Group** *Feb. 26, March 5 • 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center*

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

- **Sunday Get-Togethers** *Feb. 22, March 1 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

- **Life Groups** *Feb. 25, March 4 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

- **Childcare** *Feb. 22, March 1 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

- **Sunday School** *Feb. 22, March 1 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

- **Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)** *Feb. 25, March 4 • 6 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

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Upcoming Events



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Outreach Opportunities



CCSC Work Day

Organize and distribute food and clothing at the Emergency Services location for the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). Please come and go as needed. Children 10+ are encouraged to join.

Tracee Tindol
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Saturday, Feb. 28
9 a.m.–noon
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ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES

CHORAL EVENSONG

AT ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, March 1 • 5 p.m.
345 Piney Point Rd.
Houston, TX 77024

The St. Martin's Parish Choir will join the Choir of St. Francis Episcopal Church in a service of Choral Evensong. Choral Evensong traces its roots to ancient monastic worship, where communities sang all 150 psalms and read Scripture throughout the day and night, seeking to "pray without ceasing." Evensong centers on psalms, Scripture readings, and prayers for the Church and world, framed by the canticles *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis*. This structure was formalized in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer and has remained largely unchanged, preserving a centuries-old pattern of sung prayer within the Anglican tradition. Join us for this longstanding and deeply moving tradition.

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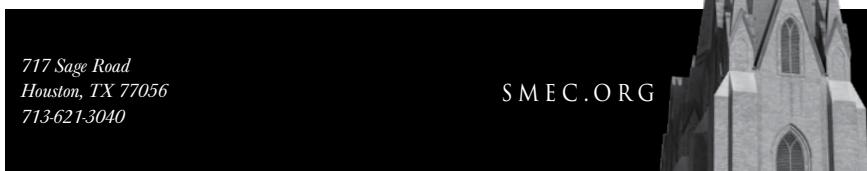
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