

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 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.

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



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

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HOLY EUCHARIST

As found beginning on page 317 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 “Symphony 4: Adagio”
Charles Marie-Widor

CHORISTER INTROIT (9 a.m.)..... “A Lenten Prayer”
Robert J. Powell

The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 637..... “How Firm a Foundation”

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 “When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 “When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 “The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt.; Music: *Lyons*, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806).

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

DECALOGUE (*kneel*)

Celebrant and People pray responsively

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

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

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and

write all these thy laws in our hearts, we be - seech thee.

John Merbecke and George C. Martin.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People: Have mercy upon us.

TRISAGION

The musical score for Trisagion is presented in two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The second system contains the final two lines: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The music is written for voice and piano. The voice part is in a soprano or alto clef, and the piano accompaniment is in a bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The piano part features a steady accompaniment of chords and single notes, with some melodic lines in the right hand.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: Trisagion; Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 12:1-4

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then shall we say about Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, his wages are not reckoned as a gift but as his due. And to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness. The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants — not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM.....Psalm 121, Coverdale
(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



- 1 I will lift up mine eyes | unto • the | hills *
from | whēnce | cometh • my | help.
- 2 My help cometh even | from the | Lord *
who | hath made | heaven • and | earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy | foot to • be | moved *
and he that | keepeth • thee | will not | sleep.
- 4 Behold, he that | keepeth | Israel *
shall | neither | slumber • nor | sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself | is thy | keeper *
the Lord is thy defence up- | on thy | right | hand;
- 6 So that the sun shall not | burn thee • by | day *
neither the | mōon | by | night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve thee | from all | evil *
yea, it is even | he that • shall | keep thy | soul.
- 8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy | coming | in *
from this time | forth for | ever- | more.

All stand.

*HYMN 448..... “O Love, How Deep”

(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel; verses 4-6 after the Gospel)

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819–1885), alt.; Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859–1949).

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
 People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL.....John 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. his man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born

anew.’ The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can this be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister and People pray responsively, kneeling

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, our bishops; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Episcopal Church in Japan; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, and John, our Mayor; for the Congress and the Courts; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those in hospitals ____, and those who have requested our prayers ____, and those on our continuing prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for all who remember and care for them; for first responders, and for all who serve in our armed forces and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially ____, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the blessings of this life; and in the communion of St. Martin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The 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.**

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 “God So Loved the World”
John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

Text: John 3:16-17.

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
of - fer thee; And hence with grate - ful 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.)

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus and Benedictus. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord'. The second staff contains 'God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy'. The third staff contains 'glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.'. The fourth staff contains 'Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the'. The fifth staff contains 'Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.'.

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.

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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 “Lead Me, Lord”
S.S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness. Make Thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Text: Psalm 5:8; Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876). © 1999 Choral Public Domain Library.

HYMN 343 “Shepherd of Souls”

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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HYMN 635.....“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days, Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621–1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829–1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621–1681).

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

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

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

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All kneel.

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

At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 473.....“Lift High the Cross”

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY“Herzlich tut mich Verlangen”

Johannes Brahms

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

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

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

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Please circle the name of any loved one that you would like to remain on our Continuing Prayer list, tear out this sheet of your bulletin and place it in the Prayer List box in the Narthex. You may also email Valerie Rivera at vriviera@smec.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

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
Holy Eucharist • 5:30 p.m. • The Church

St. Martin's Welcomes

THE REV. DR. WESLEY HILL

Associate Professor of New Testament, Western
Theological Seminary



Sunday, March 1

8, 9 and 11:15 a.m.

The Church

10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Dr. Wesley Hill is an Episcopal priest. He has spoken and lectured at numerous Christian colleges and seminaries in the U.S. and internationally.

He writes regularly for *Christianity Today*, *The Living Church*, and other publications.



Learn more about Dr. Hill
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ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

ADULTS

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

- ▶ **Blood Drive** *March 2 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **Saintly Stitchers** *March 2, 9 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *March 2, 9 • 1:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

TUESDAY

- ▶ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *March 3, 10 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Rector's Bible Study** *March 3, 10 • Noon • Student Life Center*
- ▶ **Kids' Meals** *March 3 • 4 p.m. • Parish Life Center Kitchen*
- ▶ **Church in the Field** *March 10 • 6:30 p.m. • St. Martin's Parking Lot Carpool*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group** *March 4, 11 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Blanket Ladies** *March 4, 11 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Docent Tour** *March 4, 11 • 11 a.m. • The Church Narthex*
- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *March 4, 11 • Noon • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- ▶ **Faith in Literature Day Group** *March 11 • 1 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **OSL Study Group** *March 11 • 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **OSL Healing Prayer Service** *March 4 • 5 p.m. • Parish Life Center*
- ▶ **Lenten Series** *March 4 • 6:15 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall • smec.org/lent-series*
- ▶ **St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *March 4, 11 • 6:15 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

THURSDAY

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

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

MEN

THURSDAY

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

WOMEN

TUESDAY

- ▶ **CLS Evening Group** *March 2, 9 • 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

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

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Life Groups** *March 4 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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Make your flower dedication online at
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Due to limited space, please do not include additional dedication language.

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

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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	5–5:20 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



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