

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

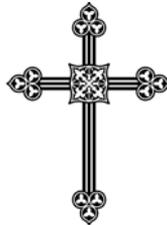
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*March 8, 2026*



## 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

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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 worshippers.

# CONNECTING WITH ST. MARTIN'S

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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](http://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

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

For pastoral concerns during Reception Desk hours, contact 713-985-3817 or [pastoralcare@smec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@smec.org).

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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 ..... “Adagio, BWV 564” Johann Sebastian Bach

*The people stand as the procession begins.*

## \*HYMN 690 ..... “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me now and I will ev - er be thou still my strength and give to thee. shield. thee.

Words: William Williams (1717–1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722–1796), alt.; Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873–1932).

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

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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*

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: **Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT .....Exodus 17:1-7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Reph'idim; but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people found fault with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you find fault with me? Why do you put the Lord to the proof?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?" So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Mer'ibah, because of the faultfinding of the children of Israel, and because they put the Lord to the proof by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE ..... Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man — though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we

were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM.....Psalm 95, Coverdale  
*(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)*



- 1 O come, let us | sing un- • to the | Lord \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal- | vation.
- 2 Let us come before his | presence • with thanks- | giving \*  
and shew ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a | grëat | God \*  
and a great | King a- | bove all | gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the | corners • of the | earth \*  
and the strength of the | hills is | his | also.
- 5 The sea is his, | and he | made it \*  
and his hands pre- | pared the | dry | land.
- 6 O come, let us | worship • and fall | down \*  
and | kneel be- • fore the | Lord our | Maker.
- 7 For he is the | Lord our | God \*  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the | shëep | of  
his | hand.
- 8 To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden | not your | hearts \*  
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temp- | tation |  
in the | wilderness;
- 9 When your fathers | tempted | me \*  
proved | me, and | saw my | works.
- 10 Forty years long was I grieved with this gene- | ration, and  
| said \*  
It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they | have not  
| known my | ways;

11 Unto whom I swear | in my | wrath \*  
that they should not | enter | into • my | rest.

*All stand.*

\*HYMN 685 ..... “Rock of Ages”

(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel; verse 3 after the Gospel)

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778), alt.; Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784–1872).

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL ..... John 4:5-42

So he came to a city of Samar'ia, called Sy'char, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samar'ia to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away

into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samar'ia?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to

do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Conclusion of Sequence hymn*

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## THE SERMON

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### \*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 Episcopal Church in  
Jerusalem and the Middle East; 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.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “Like as the Hart”

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, So longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, While they daily say unto me, “Where is now thy God?”

Text: Psalm 42, vv. 1-3.

### 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.)

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.**

A N T H E M ..... “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”  
Thomas Tallis

I heard the voice of Jesus say, ‘Come unto me and rest; lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast.’ I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad. I heard the voice of Jesus say, ‘Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live.’ I came to Jesus as I drank of that life giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him. I heard the voice of Jesus say, ‘I am the dark world’s light; look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all that day be bright.’ I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I’ll walk ‘til trav’ling days are done.

Music: *Kingsfold*, arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham.

HYMN 658 ..... “As Longs the Deer”

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in  
 2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my  
 3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope  
 4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O  
 thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -  
 still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who  
 God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.  
 hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?  
 is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.  
 was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

*New Version of the Psalms of David*, 1696, alt.; para. of Psalm 42:1-7; Music: *Martyrdom*. This selection is in the public domain.

HYMN 167.....“There is a Green Hill Far Away”

1 There is a green hill far a - way, out - side a ci - ty wall,  
 2 We may not know, we can - not tell, what pains he had to bear,  
 \*3 He died that we might be for - given, he died to make us good,  
 \*4 There was no o - ther good e - nough to pay the price of sin,  
 5 O dear - ly, dear - ly has he loved! And we must love him too,

1 where our dear Lord was cru - ci - fied who died to save us all.  
 2 but we be - lieve it was for us he hung and suf - fered there.  
 3 that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his pre - cious blood.  
 4 he on - ly could un - lock the gate of heaven and let us in.  
 5 and trust in his re - deem - ing blood, and try his works to do.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Horsley*. This selection is in the public domain.

HYMN 693.....“Just As I Am”

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya  
 \*3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,  
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,  
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -  
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise  
 5 ev - every bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love  
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
 here for a season, then above:  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871); Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816–1868).

*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 495.....“Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus”



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
\*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy  
le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,  
thou didst free sal - va - tion bring, Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic  
Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our  
we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721–1819) and Martin Madan (1726–1790), alt.; Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935); Copyright: Music: Harmonization © 1984, Roy F. Kehl.

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY .....“My Faithful Heart”

Johannes Brahms

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

# RECOGNITIONS

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## WEDDINGS

March 6 Lauren Elizabeth Jones and Christian Vance Connell



## SYMPATHY

- Oct. 27 Chief Benjamin Akinnusi Osunsade
- Nov. 25 Gretchen Frye McClenny
- Feb. 4 William Powers “Mack” Denison, Jr.
- Feb. 14 Thomas Gregory Sumner
- Feb. 23 Stephen A. Caldwell
- Feb. 27 Dr. James Harlie Robinson

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

For questions, contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at [relhakam@smec.org](mailto:relhakam@smec.org).



## *Walking the Mourner's Path*

Wednesday, April 8  
4–5:30 p.m.  
Levenson Pastoral Care Center, Bride's Parlor  
*\$30 registration fee; scholarships available*

*Are you continuing to grieve the passing of a loved one nine months or more after their passing?*

Through prayer and supportive community, this eight-week program offers a compassionate space to better understand your grief. Guided by trained facilitators, you will receive caring support for your healing journey.

Group size is limited to eight participants.

Interested in attending?  
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# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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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	Naomi Illeman	Bill Schwaiger
Shelly Bain	Sara Jabbari	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Ken Beadell	Mary and Jim Jennings	Caroline Shanahan
Lorrie Beasley	Susan and Chester Keeton	Clif Shoemake
Cory Blackman	Mark Kennedy	Betsy Smith
Jodie and Patrick Browne	Dick Kilday	Marc Sony
Gary Browning	Diane Knutzen	Mitch Starkey
Dan Burns	Alex and Trip Larzelere	Lynn and Ray Stauffacher
Oran Chappell	Rhea Latta	Dolly Steinman
Gene Cooley	Bruce Michael Lee	Michael Stern
Lynne Couste	Mary Lehman	Janis and James Stokes
Linda Craig	Nicole Lockney	Trish and Joe Tannian
Angelina Crooks	Ryan Logan	Norma Taylor
Gail Cunningham	Julie Long	Claudia Thornton
Bobby de Sosa	John Love	Betty Tutor
Linda de Sosa	Patrick Machs	Scarlett and Luke Tyler
Charlotte Dion	James Masten	Rose Vaile
Abby Aldrich Elliott	Jane McAfee	Van Valentine
Carole Embley	Barbara and Bob McClellan	Patel Vinod C.
Famose Garner	Janet McDaniel	Mary Watters
Susan Garrett	Adams McHenry	Lisa Weaver
Judy Gerrish	Kathy and Dave McStravick	Cei Anne Whitlock
Gloria Goldini	Michelle McStravick	Grant Wilborn
Nancy Gore	Frank Melchor	Eric Zoerb
Susan and Aart Gosma	Kae Nakisa	Angela
Cynthia Graham	Rosie Nasiridin	Atticus
The Rev. Alex Graham	Kim Parshall	Blair
Demetricka Wilson Green	Colin Peoples	Carolina
Jeffrey "Shea" Guinn	Antone Peterson	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 "Jack" 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	Tara
Brett Hudson	Lynne Sanyoto	Wayne
Wendy Hunt	Sherie Sardis	

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# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

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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	

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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](mailto:vriviera@smec.org) with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.***

## OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

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 family table

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.

 RIVERWAY

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

# NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

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## ADULTS

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group** *March 11, 18 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Blanket Ladies** *March 11, 18 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Docent Tour** *March 11, 18 • 11 a.m. • The Church Narthex*
- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *March 11, 18 • 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, 18 • 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Lenten Series** *March 11 • 6:15 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall • smec.org/lent-series*
- ▶ **St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *March 11, 18 • 6:15 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

### THURSDAY

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

# NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

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## MEN

### THURSDAY

- ▶ **Men of St. Martin's** *March 19 • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- ▶ **Dads' Bible Study** *March 19 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*

## WOMEN

### TUESDAY

- ▶ **CLS Evening Group** *March 9, 16 • 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

### THURSDAY

- ▶ **CLS Day Group** *March 19 • 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center*

## STUDENTS

### SUNDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Life Groups** *March 18 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

## CHILDREN

### SUNDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)** *March 18 • 6 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

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## THE RT. REV. DR. GEORGE SUMNER

*Retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas*



**Sunday, March 8**

8, 9 and 11:15 a.m.

The Church

10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

The Rt. Rev. George Sumner, Ph.D. is the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. Ordained in Tanzania in 1981, he served in cross-cultural ministry in Navajoland, led parishes in New England, and from 1999-2015 was Principal of Wycliffe College, University of Toronto.



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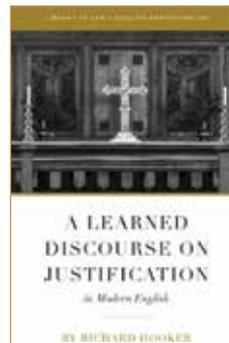
**THURSDAY, MARCH 26 | 6:15-7:45 P.M.**  
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