

CHORAL EVENSONG

April 26, 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

Welcome to St. Martin's Episcopal Church as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Everything that this vibrant Parish does – all of our worship, our learning, our fellowship, and our service – flows from the astonishing announcement heard this day that Jesus' tomb is empty and Jesus' victory over Sin and Death is complete. Whoever you are, whatever you have done, however you have succeeded and wherever you have failed, this announcement is Good News for you, and for this whole weary world!

Rejoice today that Jesus Christ is alive. Lift your voice with the heavenly chorus praising God. Join with Christians down the centuries and across the world. Let our Alleluias ring.

“For Christ our Lord is risen; our joy, it hath no end.”

Welcome to St. Martin's this Eastertide!

The Rev. Dane E. Boston, Rector

Prayer Before Worship

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great high priest, as thou wast present with thy disciples, and be known to us in the opening of the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *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

If you're visiting today, we're so glad you're here! Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or scan the QR code to connect with us.



We'd love to meet you, so please introduce yourself to one of our Clergy or come by the Greeter Welcome booth in the Narthex before or after the service. Interested in making St. Martin's your Church home? Our Membership 101 classes are a great place to learn more about our Parish.

Contact: Kathy Johnson • 713-985-3834 • kjohnson@smec.org

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.

For pastoral concerns during Reception Desk hours, contact 713-985-3817 or pastoralcare@smec.org.

For pastoral emergencies when the Reception Desk is closed, call 713-621-3040 and follow the prompts to reach the priest on call.

For prayer requests, contact the prayer request line at 713-830-4124 or Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.

For death notifications and funerals, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@smec.org.

SUPPORT ST. MARTIN'S

To make an online donation, scan the QR code or visit smec.org/give. You can also pledge to the Stewardship Campaign and discover other ways to support this Parish.



CHORAL EVENSONG

VOLUNTARY “Psalm 68”

Percy Whitlock

All stand at the entrance of the procession.

PROCESSIONAL “I Will Give You Rest”

Daniel Knaggs

Commissioned by St. Martin’s Episcopal Church in honor of David Henning’s tenure as Music Director. Premiered on April 26, 2026.

The Officiant reads one or more sentences of Scripture.

*THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Officiant: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord’s Name be praised.

All sit.

PSALM 103 *Benedic, anima mea* Henry Walford Davies

Praise the Lord, O my soul

and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul

and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thy sin

and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction

and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things

making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement

for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

He shewed his ways unto Moses

his works unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
He will not always be chiding
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
He hath not dealt with us after our sins
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
Look how wide also the east is from the west
so far hath he set our sins from us.
Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
For he knoweth whereof we are made
he remembereth that we are but dust.
The days of man are but as grass
for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone:
and the place thereof shall know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon
them that fear him:
and his righteousness upon children's children;
Even upon such as keep his covenant
and think upon his commandments to do them.
The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven
and his kingdom ruleth over all.
O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength
ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of
his words.
O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts
ye servants of his that do his pleasure.
O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of
his dominion
praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

The People stand as the Choir sings

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost: As it was
in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All sit.

THE FIRST LESSONExodus 25:1-4, 30-38

The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me an offering; from every man whose heart makes him willing you shall receive the offering for me. And this is the offering which you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen, goats’ hair, and you shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before me always. “And you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The base and the shaft of the lampstand shall be made of hammered work; its cups, its capitals, and its flowers shall be of one piece with it; and there shall be six branches going out of its sides, three branches of the lampstand out of one side of it and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side of it; three cups made like almonds, each with capital and flower, on one branch, and three cups made like almonds, each with capital and flower, on the other branch—so for the six branches going out of the lampstand; and on the lampstand itself four cups made like almonds, with their capitals and flowers, and a capital of one piece with it under each pair of the six branches going out from the lampstand. Their capitals and their branches shall be of one piece with it, the whole of it one piece of hammered work of pure gold. And you shall make the seven lamps for it; and the lamps shall be set up so as to give light upon the space in front of it. Its snuffers and their trays shall be of pure gold.

MAGNIFICAT *Collegium Regale*..... Herbert Howells

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

The People stand as the Choir sings

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 John 2:18-29

Children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come; therefore we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out, that it might be plain that they all are not of us. But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all know. I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he has promised us, eternal life. I write this to you about those who would deceive you; but the anointing which you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that any one should teach you; as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie, just as it has taught you, abide in him. And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that every one who does right is born of him.

NUNC DIMITTIS *Collegium Regale* Herbert Howells

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

The People stand as the Choir sings

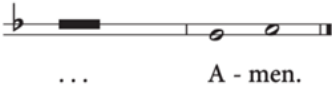
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Officiant: I believe in God,

The People and Choir chant in unison

All: **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**



THE PRAYERS

The Officiant and Choir sing the Salutation and Kyrie.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

All kneel.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The People and Choir chant in unison

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. Amen.

The Officiant and Choir sing the Suffrages and Collects.

Officiant: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant: O Lord, save the State.

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant: O Lord, save thy people.

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Officiant: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

All sit.

ANTHEM “O Come, Let us Sing”
Daniel Knaggs

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God.

Text: from Psalm 95: 1-7. Commissioned by St. Martin's Episcopal Church in honor of David Henning's tenure as Music Director. Premiered on April 26, 2026. Copyright Daniel Knaggs (ASCAP) © 2025. All Rights Reserved

All kneel.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

All stand.

THE DISMISSAL

The Officiant and Choir sing the Dismissal.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

Choir: Thanks be to God.

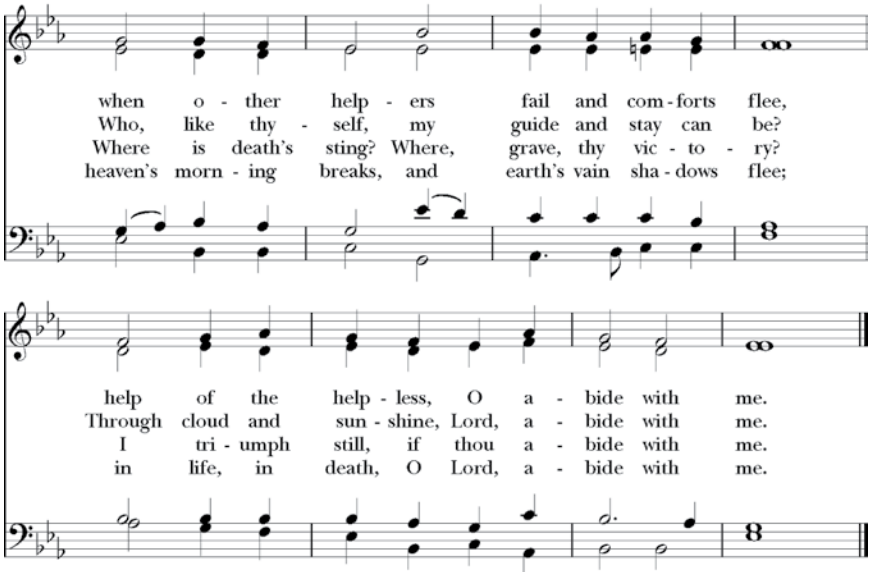
Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

Choir: Amen.

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 - ther 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).

VOLUNTARY “Symphony No. 3: Final”
 Louis Vierne

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the ministry of Dr. David Henning

by St. Martin’s Vestry, Clergy, Staff and Parish Choir

In thanksgiving for Laura and William Kelsey, Carter and Wilson Kelsey, Margaret and Jeff Wilkinson, Patrick, Clara and Thomas Connor, Cameron and Keaton Wilkinson, and Mavis P. Kelsey III

by Ann and Tom Kelsey

In memory of Margaret and John Heinzerling, Dr. Mavis and Mary Kelsey, Cooke Wilson Kelsey, and Ann Frost Bailey

by Ann and Tom Kelsey

In memory of Barbara S. Patton

by John Patton and family and her sisters, Judy Coleman and Bonnie Weekley



BAPTISMS

April 19 Camille Burgess Koone

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit smec.org/altar-flowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at relhakam@smec.org.



Since 2006, Dr. David Henning has served as Director of Music and Parish Organist at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, shaping a vibrant program that has enriched Parish life and extended its reach far beyond Houston through sacred music.

During his tenure, Dr. Henning has led the Parish Choir on seven European tours. Beginning in 2010 with performances in St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Canterbury Cathedral and St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, the Parish Choir has since sung across the United Kingdom and Central Europe — including Salzburg, Vienna and Prague. In 2018, the Parish Choir toured Ireland with a residency at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. In 2022, they performed in Paris at Église de Saint-Sulpice and La Madeleine, and the Cathedral of Chartres. In 2024, Dr. Henning led the Choir to Florence, Italy, where they sang at the Basilica di Santa Maria Assunta and the Basilica di Santa Trinita, among other sacred spaces.

An acclaimed international recitalist, Dr. Henning has performed widely across the United States and Europe. A career highlight came in August 2023, when he presented solo organ recitals at Westminster Abbey, Coventry Cathedral and Hereford Cathedral.

Dr. Henning's gifts as a musician were recognized early through several organ competition awards, including the University of Michigan's International Organ Playing Competition. He holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Iowa, where he was a Rhan Scholar and teaching fellow.





Daniel Knaggs

COMPOSER

Daniel Knaggs is an internationally acclaimed composer whose commissioned and performed works span opera, large-scale orchestral pieces, chamber and choral music. His music portfolio is published by leading houses, including Edition Peters, Hal Leonard, GIA and E. C. Schirmer.

He has received major international awards in Germany, Italy, and the United States, including commissions from the Puccini Chamber Opera Festival, the Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge and the Houston Chamber Choir, among others.

Knaggs holds a doctorate from Rice University and degrees from Bowling Green State University and the University of Michigan. He is the Founder and Artistic Director of Cor Mundi, a Houston-based organization dedicated to sacred music.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OUR STAFF AND VESTRY

SUNDAY PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. David Henning

Director of Music and Parish Organist
dhenning@smec.org

Mr. Keith Lathrom

Choral Director of the Adult Choir
klathrom@smec.org

Mrs. Hannah Fox

Associate Organist
hcen@smec.org

Ms. Carole Nelson

Coordinator of Children's Music Ministries
cnelson@smec.org

Mrs. Rozlyn Cline

Director of Children's Ministry
rmcline@smec.org

Mrs. Kathy Johnson

Director of Membership
kjohnson@smec.org

Mrs. Barbara Piana

Verger and Worship Coordinator
bpiana@smec.org

ST. MARTIN'S VESTRY

Vestry Executive Committee

Mrs. Susan McConn, *Senior Warden*
Mr. David Leonard, *Junior Warden*
Mrs. Kathy Bennett, *Missions Chair*
Mr. Mike Fuqua, *Treasurer*
Mrs. Debbie Robinson, *Vestry Stewardship Liaison*
Mr. John Maclay, Jr., *Clerk*
Ms. Sherrie Perkins, *Senior Council President*
Mr. Andy Harvin, *Chancellor**

Vestry Members

Mr. Scott Anderson
Mrs. Hunter Bell
Mrs. Summer Craig
Miss Samantha Hutchison
Mr. David Jones
The Hon. Edith Jones
Mr. David Kinder
Mr. James Williams
Mrs. Greta Zimmerman

Associate Members

The Hon. James A. Baker, III, *Special Counsel to the Vestry**
Mr. Charles Kraft, *Senior Council Representative 2025-2026*
Mr. Steffen van Keppel, *Senior Council Representative 2025-2026*
Mrs. Moira Davis, *Altar Guild President 2025-2026*
Mrs. Whitney Gormley, *ECW President 2025-2026*
Mr. Jim Drew, *Men of St. Martin's President 2025-2026*
Mr. John Sutherland, *Usher Representative 2024-2026*

*Denotes Associate Vestry filled at the discretion of the Rector



Mr. John Maclay, Jr.
Vestry Representative

OUR CLERGY

Jesus, The Christ
The Head of This Church



The Rev. Dane E. Boston
Rector
lthough@smec.org



The Rev. Dr. Jordan L. Hylden
Associate for Christian Education
jhylden@smec.org



The Rev. Martin J. Bastian
Vice-Rector
mbastian@smec.org



The Rev. Sharron L. Cox
Associate for Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Ministries
scox@smec.org



The Rev. Lisa R. Neilson
Vicar for Pastoral Care
lneilson@smec.org



The Rev. Gregory W. Cross
Associate for Liturgy and Worship
gcross@smec.org



The Rev. Alex D. Graham III
Associate for Children and Family Ministries
agraham@smec.org



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Miller
Pastoral Assistant
emiller@smec.org



The Rev. R. Wesley Arning
Associate for Riverway and Discipleship Ministries
rwarning@smec.org



The Rev. John R. Bentley, Jr.
Pastoral Associate
jbentley@smec.org

717 Sage Road
Houston, TX 77056
713-621-3040

SMEC.ORG

