

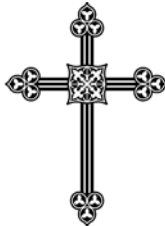
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 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.*

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 - *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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HOLY EUCHARIST

As found beginning on page 323 in the Book of Common Prayer

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY“Gigue Fugue in C Major”
Dietrich Buxtehude

INTROIT (9 a.m., Young Singers)“Seek Ye First”
Karen Lafferty

The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 191“Alleuia, Alleuia!”

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:
2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,
4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.
3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:
4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright-ness of thy face;
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:
3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.
 3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
 4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807–1885), alt.; Music: *Lux eoi*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842–1900).

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

G L O R I A (*said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.*)

Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con- quering Son; end - less is the
 vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 rolled the stone a - way, kept the fol - ded grave clothes
 where thy bo - dy lay. Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con- quering
 Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(kneel)*

The Celebrant says the Collect

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit. Either the First Lesson or the Epistle is read.

THE FIRST LESSONActs 7:55-60

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together upon him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation; for you have tasted the kindness of the Lord. Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and he who believes in him will not be put to shame." To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but for those who do not believe, "The very stone which

the builders rejected has become the head of the corner,” and “A stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall”; for they stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM.....Psalm 31, Coverdale
(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



- 1 In thee O Lord, have I | put my | trust*
let me never be put to confusion, de- | liver • me |
in thy | righteousness.
- 2 Bow down thine | ear to | me*
make | häste | to de- | liver me.
- 3 And be thou my strong rock, and | house of • de- | fence*
that | thöu | mayest | save me.
- 4 For thou art my strong rock, | and my | castle*
be thou also my guide, and | lead me | for thy |
Name’s sake.
- 5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid | privily • for | me*
for | thöu | art my | strength.
- 15 For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude,
and fear is on | every | side *
while they conspire together against me, and take their
counsel to | take a- | way my | life.
- 16 But my hope hath been in | thee, O | Lord *
I have | said, Thou | art my | God.

All stand.

*HYMN 487“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”
(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel; verse 3 after the Gospel)

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

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

THE GOSPELJohn 14:1-14

Jesus said, “Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in

me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it.”

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

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding
Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, our bishops; the Clergy
of this Parish; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the
Church of North India (United) and our ministry partner, the Diocese
of Aru; for all bishops, priests and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, John, our
Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; and for all who govern and
hold authority in the nations of the World;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy sight.

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested,
especially ___; for those who are hospitalized, especially ___; and for
those on our continuing prayer list; have compassion on those who
suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died, especially ____; give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers, ____; and we praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

In this moment of silence, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly in the privacy of their hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

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 “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”
G. F. Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

Text: Charles Jennens, Job 19:25-19:26; I Corinthians 15:20. Music: George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759), from *Messiah* (1741).

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

Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia! praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia! praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia! Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and moving lines in the right hand.

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley.

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

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.)



Music: Healey Willan, From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880–1968); Copyright: By permission of Oxford University Press.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

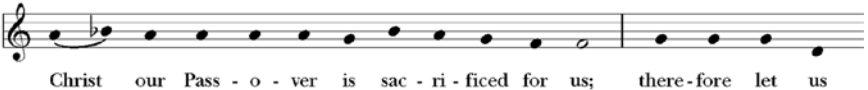
FRACTION ANTHEM

Cantor:



All: Repeat Alleluias

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

During the season of Easter, the Prayer of Humble Access is not a part of our public liturgy. You are invited to use it for your private preparation before receiving Communion.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

If you are unable to come to the Altar Rail, please alert an Usher and Communion will be brought to you.

ANTHEM “O Taste and See”

Ralph Vaugh Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in Him.

Text: Psalm xxxiv, v. 8; © 1953, Oxford University Press, London.

HYMN 517 “How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place”

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

Words: Para. of Psalm 84; sts. 1-2, *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, 1650, alt.; sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); Music: *Brother Jame's Air*, J. L. Mcbeth Bain (1840?-1925); Copyright: Words: Sts 3-4 © 1982, Carl P. Daw, Jr. Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

HYMN 318 “Here, O My Lord”



1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;
 3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need
 4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;
 an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;
 Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;



and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.
 thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889); Music: Nyack; These words are in the public domain.

HYMN 447“The Christ who Died but Rose Again”

1 The Christ who died but rose a - gain tri - um - phant from the grave,
 2 What now can sep - a - rate us from the love of Christ our Lord?
 3 The trou - bles that are ours to bear are trials we can - not flee;
 4 Thus noth - ing in the heights or depths, no power earth can af - ford,

now pleads our cause at God's right hand all - pow - er - ful to save.
 Can per - se - cu - tion, na - ked - ness, or per - il, or the sword?
 yet he who loved us from the first en - sures our vic - to - ry.
 will sep - a - rate us from the love of Je - sus Christ our Lord.

Words: Granton Douglas Hay (b. 1943); alt.; based on *Paraphrases*, 1781; para. of Romans 8:34–39; Music: *St. Magnus*, melody from *Divine Companion*, 1707; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889), after John Pyke Hullah (19th cent.); Copyright: Words: Copyright © Australian Hymn Book Co. Used by permission.

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 525 "The Church's One Foundation" (Verses 1-3 at 6 p.m.)

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839–1900); Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818–1876).

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY “Recessional”
 William Matthias

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of Larry Sikes
 by the Sikes-Bartlett families



BIRTHS

April 16 Lilly Louisa Rosenberg
 Daughter of Isabel and Jonathan Rosenberg



SYMPATHY

April 15 George Arthur Laigle

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

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Individuals are included on the Continuing Prayers list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

The Abraham family	Ryan Logan
Shelly Bain	Sherri and Mark Logan
Ken Beadell	Jane McAfee
Lorrie Beasley	Kathy and Dave McStravick
Cory Blackman	Amy McWhorter
Eric Brewerton	Rosie Nasiridin
Gary Browning	Mickey Padilla
Dan Burns	Colin Peoples
Anna Creeggan	Antone Peterson
Corky Crozier	Ophelia Pujol
Gail Cunningham	Phyllis Reinhardt
Dusan Damjanovic	Blanca and Jason Rivera
Bobby de Sosa	John "Jack" Roady
Linda de Sosa	Consuelo Saldana
Tami Dyer	Angela Salinas
Abby Aldrich Elliott	Margaret Salinas
Bruce Fowler	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Gloria Goldini	Susan Shannon
The Rev. Alex Graham	Clif Shoemake
Wesley Gustin	Janis and James Stokes
Bette Haidusek	Roger Williams
Nancy Hall	Eric Zoerb
Wayne Hall	Angela
Daniel Hawkinson	Atticus
Phyllis Hawkinson	Blair
Warren Hawkinson	David
Nancy Haywood	Henry
Aaron Holbrook	Jim
Laurie Howard	Joanne
Brett Hudson	Kay
Naomi Illeman	Lynne
Sara Jabbari	Mark
Bruce Jamison	Nancy
Mary and Jim Jennings	Nos
Janet Kadlecik	Pam
Toni Kihara	Spud
Dick Kilday	Susan
Bruce Michael Lee	Stephen
Mary Lehman	Tara
Nicole Lockney	

Please be advised that the weeks after Easter and All Saints' Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Col. Julian Benton	Major Blake Kidd	LCDR Paul Piana
1LT. Tom Cadwallender	Cadet George Kinder	PFC Alex Pickett
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender	Colonel James Korth	2Lt. Thomas Pimentel
Capt. Casey Gainer	Lt. Jonathan Lesieur	Lt. Col. Thomas Plant
Lt. Col. Cameron Hartner	Charles Lewis	CPO Brian Powell
Lt. Cmdr. Tiffany Hartner	Capt. Jack Mullen	Jared Ross
CDR Bradley Hoffman	Capt. Alex Mullen	1st Lt. Jeffers Shaper
LTC Wesley Hunnell	Spc4 Parris Owen	CPO Evan Tomlin
1st Lt. Stephen Jeckovich	SrA James Peoples	

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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



San Antonio

MISSION TRIP

with Blueprint Ministries

June 14–21 | Cost: \$750

For students completing grades 6–12

This summer, Student Ministries is headed to San Antonio! We'll partner with Blueprint Ministries to help make homes healthier and safer for local neighbors, connect with students from across Texas and wrap up the week with a trip to SeaWorld!



Fix homes. Make friends.

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CAMP

July 13–17 • Daytona Beach, Fla.

Students 12 years and over

Cost: \$1,200 (includes airfare and a \$500 deposit is required)

This summer, we'll spend the week exploring the beauty and depth of the Christian Church while growing in faith and community together.

We hope you'll join us!



Reserve Your Spot Before May 3rd!

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NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

ADULTS

SUNDAY

- ▶ **8+** *May 3, 10 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Theology for Life** *May 3 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
Revelation: Christ, the Beginning and the End with the Rev. Alex Graham III
- ▶ **Docent Tour** *May 3 • Following 11:15 a.m. services • The Church Narthex*

MONDAY

- ▶ **Saintly Stitchers** *May 4, 11 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *May 11 • 1:15 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group** *May 4 • 3 p.m. • Hope and Healing Center Room 103*

TUESDAY

- ▶ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *May 5, 12 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Rector's Bible Study** *May 5 • Noon • Student Life Center*
- ▶ **Kids' Meals** *May 5 • 4 p.m. • Parish Life Center Kitchen*
- ▶ **Chat with Amistad** *May 5 • 6 p.m. • Email outreach@smec.org for Zoom link*
- ▶ **Church in the Field** *May 12 • 6:30 p.m. • St. Martin's Parking Lot Carpool*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group** *May 6, 13 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Blanket Ladies** *May 6, 13 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Docent Tour** *May 6, 13 • 11 a.m. • The Church Narthex*
- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *May 6, 13 • Noon • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- ▶ **Faith in Literature Day Group** *May 13 • 1 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **OSL Study Group** *May 13 • 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *May 6, 13 • 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

- ▶ **Parish Choir** *May 7, 14 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center Rehearsal Hall*

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

MEN

THURSDAY

- ▶ **Men of St. Martin's** *May 7 • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- ▶ **Dads' Bible Study** *May 7, 14 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*

WOMEN

TUESDAY

- ▶ **CLS Evening Group** *May 5, 12 • 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

- ▶ **Sunday Get-Togethers** *May 3, 10 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*
- ▶ **Youth Choir** *May 3, 10 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Life Groups** *May 6, 13 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

- ▶ **Childcare** *May 3, 10 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Young Singers** *May 3 • 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Sunday School** *May 3, 10 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **5th Grade Parent Meeting and Tour** *May 3 • 11:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*

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Outreach Opportunities

 SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR
Healing and Wholeness
Order of St. Luke

St. Martin's International Order of St. Luke (OSL) Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

Next Service
Wednesday, May 6 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center or via Zoom
smec.org/osl

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- St. Martin's Presents -
Sponberg
LECTURE
SERIES

Sponsored by the Men of St. Martin's

*Nature's God and the
American Founding*

Wednesday, May 6
7 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Book signing following



Learn more and signup for this free event at smec.org/sponberg

Registrations are encouraged due to limited seating. Donations are welcome to support this annual lecture series.



Dr. Justin Dyer
*Dean of the School of Civic Leadership,
University of Texas, Austin*



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CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 10

During Christian Education, 10–11:15 a.m.



Visit the Cloister Garden, Peace Garden or
Christus Garden for colorful backdrops.
Make your own memories and take a selfie!

Share your photos on social media and
tag @St.Martin's!

ASCENSION DAY

Thursday, May 14

6 p.m. • Parish Life Center

This service includes Holy Eucharist, the meaningful fragrance of incense
and a selection of uplifting musical pieces. Reception to follow.

 RIVERWAY

 Keeping *the* Kalendar

MEN of ST. MARTIN'S

The Men of St. Martin's invite you to a

CRAWFISH BOIL

THURSDAY, MAY 14

5:30 p.m. • Student Life Center

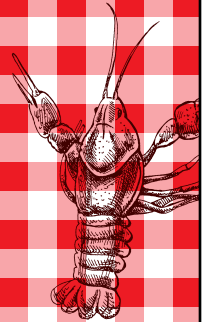
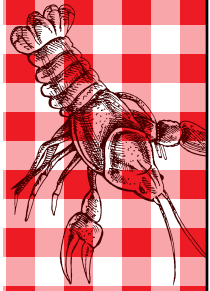
All men (St. Martin's members and guests) are welcome.



Space is limited! Register at:
smec.org/mosm

Suggested Donation: \$25

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Good Books and Good Conversation

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

THURSDAY, MAY 21 | 6:15–7:45 P.M.
STUDENT LIFE CENTER, LIVING ROOM

Join in the dialogue!

“The Power and the Glory”
by Graham Greene

This classic 20th century novel, often regarded as Greene’s best work, is an exploration of God’s grace through the channel of a very flawed priest who is on the run from persecution.

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