

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

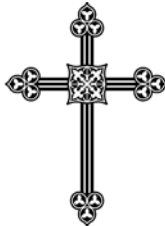
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*May 10, 2026*



## 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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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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- 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 ..... “Ave Maria” Op. 104 No. 2  
Marco Enrico Bossi

The people stand as the procession begins.

\*HYMN 400 ..... “All Creatures of our God and King”



1 All crea- tures of our God and King, lift up your voic- es, let us  
2 Great rush- ing winds and breez- es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
3 Swift flow- ing wa- ter, pure and clear, make mu- sic for your Lord to  
4 All you with mer- cy in your heart, for- giv- ing o- thers, take your  
5 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor- ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
4 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
5 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
4 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
5 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1181/1182–1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855–1933), alt.; Music: *Last uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958); Copyright: Words: Copyright © 1985 by G. Schirmer. Used by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc. Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

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 God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 First Lesson or the Epistle is read.*

THE FIRST LESSON .....Acts 17:22-31

So Paul, standing in the middle of the Are-op'agus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all men life and breath and everything. And he made from one every nation of men to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after him and find him. Yet he is not far from each one of us, for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.' Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the Deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, a representation by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all men everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all men by raising him from the dead."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE .....1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is right? But even if you do suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence; and keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are abused, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing right, if that should be God's will, than for doing wrong. For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit; in which he went and preached to the

spirits in prison, who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM.....Psalm 66, Coverdale  
*(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)*



- 7 O praise our | God ye | people\*  
and make the voice of his | praise | to be | heard;
- 8 Who holdeth our | soul in | life\*  
and suffereth | not our | feet to | slip.
- 9 For thou, O | God hast | proved us\*  
thou also hast tried us, | like as | silver • is | tried.
- 10 Thou broughtest us | into • the | snare\*  
and laigest | trouble • up- | on our | loins.
- 11 Thou sufferedst men to ride | over • our | heads\*  
we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us  
out | into • a | wealthy | place.
- 12 I will go into thine house | with burnt- | offerings\*  
and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips  
and spake with my mouth, | when I | was in | trouble.
- 13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the  
| incense • of | rams\*  
I will | offer | bullocks • and | goats.
- 14 O come hither and hearken, all | ye that • fear | God\*  
and I will tell you what | he hath | done for • my | soul.

- 15 I called unto him | with my | mouth\*  
 and gave him | praises | with my | tongue.
- 16 If I incline unto wickedness | with mine | heart\*  
 the | Lörd | will not | hear me.
- 17 But | God hath | heard me\*  
 and con- | sidered • the | voice of • my | prayer.
- 18 Praised be God, who hath not cast | out my | prayer\*  
 nor | turned his | mercy | from me.

*All stand.*

\*HYMN 440 ..... “Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word”  
 (Verses 1-2 before the Gospel; verse 3 after the Gospel)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE GOSPEL .....John 14:15-21

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Conclusion of Sequence hymn*

## THE SERMON

## \*THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE 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 Pakistan (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.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM .....“Lord Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace”  
John Rutter

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; and all for thy mercy’s sake, O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, to eternal life.

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## 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 line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music is in a common time signature and features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some longer note values in the piano part.

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.)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, 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.**

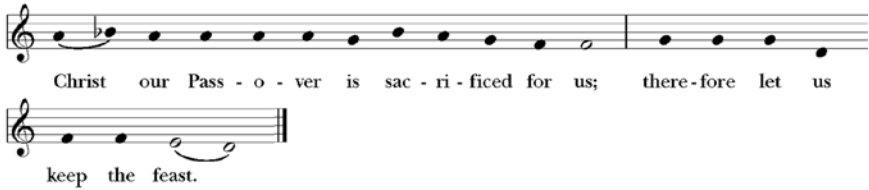
## FRACTION ANTHEM

Cantor:



**All: Repeat Alleluias**

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 (9 a.m. and 6 p.m.).....“If Ye Love Me”  
Philip Wilby

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever. Even the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

Text: John 14: 15-18. © Banks Music Publications 1992.

ANTHEM (11:15 a.m., Youth Choir).....“Be Thou My Vision”  
arr. Robert Nelson

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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HYMN 304 ..... "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord"

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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HYMN 278.....“Sing We of the Blessed Mother”

1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's  
 2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her  
 3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en  
 4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was

word, and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in  
 through, when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his  
 Lord, and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed  
 done, and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her

love the in - fant Lord; sing we of the joys of  
 weight of suf - fering knew, looked up - on her Son and  
 on his prom - ised word; from on high the blaz - ing  
 to his heaven - ly home; where, raised high with saints and

Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed who is  
 Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree, saw the  
 glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came, heaven - ly -  
 an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove, she be -

Son of God e - ter - nal and the ev - er - last - ing Bread.  
 price of our re - demp-tion paid to set the sin - ner free.  
 breath of God's own be - ing, man - i - fest in wind and flame.  
 holds her son and Sa - vior reign-ing as the Lord of love.

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HYMN 492 ..... “Sing, Ye Faithful”

1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,  
 2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to  
 3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -  
 4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's

sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior  
 Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,  
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,  
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,

let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your  
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the  
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the  
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -

mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.  
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.  
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.  
 renewed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.; Music: *Finnian*; These words are in the public domain.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*All kneel.*

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

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

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

THE BLESSING

*All stand.*

HYMN 292 ..... “O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown”



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast  
 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be  
 3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -  
 given; all fos - tering power, all in - flugence sweet, breathe  
 throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and  
 from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with  
 pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and  
 gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that  
 all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.  
 kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:  
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Words: Edward White Benson (1829–1896), alt.; Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958).

THE DISMISSAL

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

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY ..... “Final in D Major”

Jacques Lemmens

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

# RECOGNITIONS

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## FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for mothers

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Liles Bonner Baker  
by Brittany and Coalter Baker

In thanksgiving for Charles Greenstein on his 35th birthday  
by his mother, Sarah “Beth” Veltrop



## BAPTISMS

May 2 Lillian Marie Johnson  
Virginia Garrett Willingham



## SYMPATHY

April 20 Nancy Ferguson Haywood

April 25 Joan Minor Brollier

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit [smec.org/altar-flowers](http://smec.org/altar-flowers) or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at [relhakam@smec.org](mailto:relhakam@smec.org).

## 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!

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

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# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Col. Julian Benton	Major Blake Kidd	PFC Alex Pickett
1LT. Tom Cadwallender	Cadet George Kinder	2Lt. Thomas Pimentel
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender	Colonel James Korth	Lt. Col. Thomas Plant
Capt. Casey Gainer	Lt. Jonathan Lesieur	CPO Brian Powell
Lt. Col. Cameron Hartner	Charles Lewis	Jared Ross
Lt. Cmdr. Tiffany Hartner	Capt. Jack Mullen	1st Lt. Jeffers Shaper
CDR Bradley Hoffman	Capt. Alex Mullen	CPO Evan Tomlin
LTC Wesley Hunnell	Sp4 Parris Owen	
1st Lt. Stephen Jeckovich	SrA James Peoples	

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## OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

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 *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

# 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.



## 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

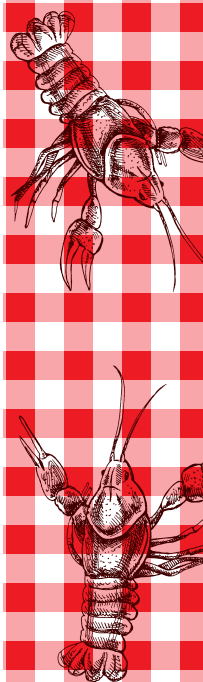
*All men (St. Martin's members and guests) are welcome.*



**Space is limited! Register at:**  
[smec.org/mosm](http://smec.org/mosm)

**Suggested Donation: \$25**

**Contact:** Deanna Lawson • [dlawson@smec.org](mailto:dlawson@smec.org)



# NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

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## ADULTS

### SUNDAY

- ▶ **8+** *May 10, 17 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Theology for Life** *May 10 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*  
*Revelation: Christ, the Beginning and the End with the Rev. Alex Graham III*

### MONDAY

- ▶ **Blood Drive** *May 18 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **Saintly Stitches** *May 11, 18 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *May 11, 18 • 1:15 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group** *May 18 • 3 p.m. • Hope and Healing Center Room 103*

### TUESDAY

- ▶ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *May 12, 19 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Church in the Field** *May 12 • 6:30 p.m. • St. Martin's Parking Lot Carpool*
- ▶ **Faith in Literature Evening Group** *May 19 • 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

### WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group** *May 13, 20 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Blanket Ladies** *May 13, 20 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Docent Tour** *May 13 • 11 a.m. • The Church Narthex*
- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *May 13, 20 • 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, 20 • 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *May 13 • 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

### THURSDAY

- ▶ **Deep Roots Book Study** *May 21 • 6:15 p.m. • Student Life Center Living Room*
- ▶ **Parish Choir** *May 14, 21 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center Rehearsal Hall*

# NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

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## MEN

### TUESDAY

- ▶ Kids' Meals *May 19 • 5 p.m. • Parish Life Center Kitchen*

### THURSDAY

- ▶ Dads' Bible Study *May 14 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*

## WOMEN

### TUESDAY

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

## STUDENTS

### SUNDAY

- ▶ Sunday Get-Togethers *May 10, 17 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*
- ▶ Youth Choir *May 10 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

### WEDNESDAY

- ▶ Life Groups End-of-year Party *May 13 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

## CHILDREN

### SUNDAY

- ▶ Childcare *May 10, 17 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ Sunday School *May 10 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ Popsicles on the Playground *May 17 • 10:15 a.m. • Playground*

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CLASS OF 2026

# Senior Recognition Sunday!



**LET'S CELEBRATE OUR SENIORS!**

**Sunday, May 17**

**10 – 11:30 a.m. • Student Life Center**



RSVP at [smec.org/students](https://smec.org/students)

Bring your high school senior and family out for Senior Recognition Sunday! This fun event includes breakfast, a senior slideshow and some gifts for the seniors. We look forward to celebrating our beloved graduates!



Contact: Deja Colburn  
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CELEBRATE THE DAY OF

# PENTECOST

• WHITSUNDAY •

**Wear red on Sunday, May 24!**

8 a.m. The Church	Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. The Church	Combined Family Table and Traditional Service with Baptisms and Holy Eucharist
10:15 a.m. Bagby Parish Hall	Fellowship with red velvet cookies
11:15 a.m. The Church	Combined Riverway and Traditional Service with Baptisms and Holy Eucharist
6 p.m. The Church	Holy Eucharist

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