

 RIVERWAY AND
TRADITIONAL SERVICE

DAY OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY

May 24, 2026



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S

“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind...”

Pentecost is often called “the birthday of the Church.” And, as sometimes happens with a birth, the actual event came suddenly and without warning.

The disciples of Jesus had borne witness to His resurrection from the dead, and had seen Him ascend into heaven. When they gathered together to keep the Jewish pilgrimage festival of Shavuot, they had no idea that the Holy Ghost would fall upon them that day with transforming power.

But that is precisely what the Spirit did. With the sound of a rushing mighty wind and in tongues of flame, God's Spirit breathed through the disciples of Jesus. By the Spirit's enlivening power, they were changed from a ragtag band of fishermen and tax collectors and prostitutes and other ordinary sinners into the Church, proclaiming the Gospel message in every language under heaven.

What the Holy Spirit did that first Pentecost, He does still today. We may not hear the sound of a rushing wind or see the flickering tongues of flame. We may not speak in unexpected tongues. But this Parish exists because of the Spirit's power, and is bound together by the Spirit's love.

Welcome to St. Martin's on this Pentecost, also known as Whitsunday. May you feel the Holy Ghost present in our worship today, and may He empower you to go into all the world to proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Jesus Christ.

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.

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BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST

As found beginning on page 299 in the Book of Common Prayer

PRELUDE MUSIC St. Martin's Band

VOLUNTARY "Veni Creator" Theme and Variations I-III
Maurice Duruflé

The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 362 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826), alt.; Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God’s call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

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 on this day didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People sit. Either the First Lesson or the Epistle is read. During the Acts lesson that follows, selected Parishioners will stand and read Peter’s message in a variety of languages.

THE FIRST LESSONActs 2:1-21, NIV

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ““In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.””

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, NIV

Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message

of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body — whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free — and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM.....Psalm 104, Coverdale



- 24 O Lord, how manifold | are thy | works*
in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is | füll
| of thy | riches.
- 25 So is the great and | wide sea | also*
wherein are things creeping innumerable, both
| small and | grät | beasts.
- 26 There go the ships, and there is | that Le- | viathan*
whom thou hast made to | take his | pastime • there- | in.
- 27 These wait | all up- | on thee*
that thou mayest give them | meat in | düe | season.
- 28 When thou givest it | them they | gather it*
and when thou openest thy hand | they are | filled with | good.
- 29 When thou hidest thy face | they are | troubled*
when thou takest away their breath they die, and are
| turned a- | gain to • their | dust.
- 30 When thou lettest thy breath go forth they | shall be | made*
and thou shalt re- | new the | face of • the | earth.
- 31 The glorious majesty of the Lord shall en- | dure for | ever*
the Lord shall re- | jöice | in his | works.

- 32 The earth shall tremble | at the | look of him*
 if he do but touch the | hills | they shall | smoke.
- 33 I will sing unto the Lord as | long as • I | live*
 I will praise my God | while I | have my | being.
- 34 And so shall my | wörds | please him*
 my | joy shall • be | in the | Lord.
- 35 As for sinners, they shall be consumed | out of • the | earth*
 and the un-| godly • shall | come to • an | end.
- 37 Praise thou the Lord, | O my | soul*
 - | Präise | thë | Lord.

All stand.

*HYMN “Holy Spirit (You Are Welcome Here)”

Ho - ly Spi - rit, you are wel - come here, Come flood this place and fill the
 at - mos - phere. Your glo - ry, God, is what our hearts long for, to be
 ov - er - come by your pre - sence, Lord.

Fine
 Your pre - sence, Lord. There's no - thing worth more
 that will ev - er come close; No thing can com - pare,
 You're our liv - ing hope. Your pre - sence, Lord.
 I've tas - ted and seen of the sweet - est of loves,
 Where my heart be - comes free.

D.C. al Fine



and my shame is un - done. Your pre - sence, Lord.

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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 7:37-39, NIV

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*HYMN “Holy Spirit (You Are Welcome Here)”



Let us be - come more a - ware_ of your pre - sence,



Let us ex - per - i - ence the glo - ry of_ your good - ness.



Ho - ly Spi - rit, you are wel - come here, Come flood this place and fill the



at - mos - phere. Your glo - ry, God, is what our hearts long for, to be



ov - er - come by your pre - sence, Lord. Your pre - sence, Lord.

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THE SERMON

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

ADULTS AND OLDER CHILDREN

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows

Sponsor: I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

INFANTS AND YOUNGER CHILDREN

Then the candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents:

I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents:

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents:

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT *(stand)*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to thy grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to thy love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of thy peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant says

We thank thee, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it thy Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank thee, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray thee, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, using Chrism, and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank thee that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon these thy servants the forgiveness of sin, and hath raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. **Amen.**

All stand.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM.....“Cleansed by Our God”

Michael Seward and Eric Priest

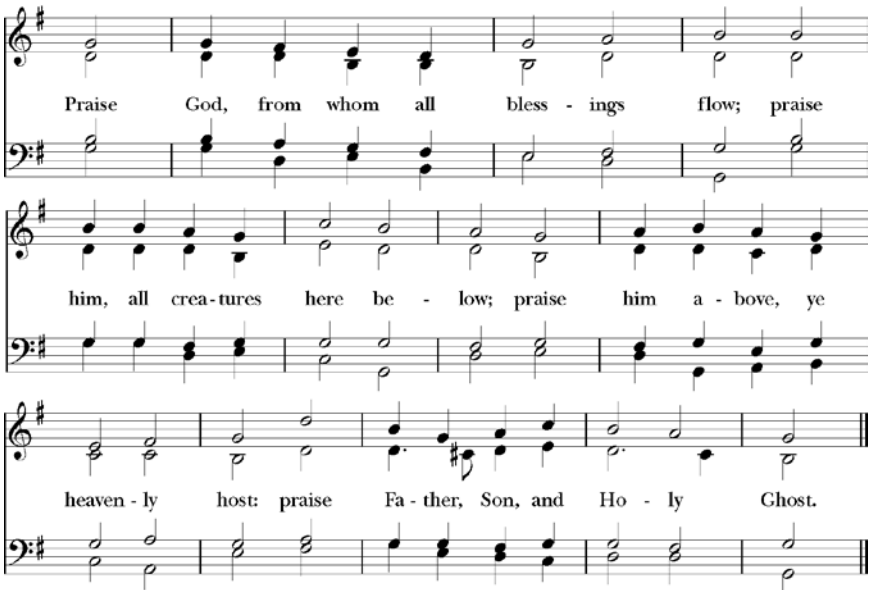
Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God’s praises we sing. Called by the Father, bought by the Son, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by our God. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,

dead in the tomb with Christ our King: One with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King: Born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Lyrics by Michael Saward (Hymn 294 in the *Hymnal 1982*); Music and Chorus Lyrics by Eric Priest, 2023.

AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(stand)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Ghost came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of_ hosts,
 hea - v'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bles - sed is
 he who comes in the name_ of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

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

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

The Prayer of Humble Access is not a part of our public liturgy until the Second Sunday after Pentecost. 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..... “The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee”
 William H. Harris

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plentuous. The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him. Yes all such as call upon him faithfully he will fulfill the desire of them that fear him. He also will hear their cry and will help them. The Lord preserveth all them that love him, all them that love him.

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HYMN..... “Come Down, O Love Divine”

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, Seek thou this soul_ of mine,
 2. O let it free - ly burn, Till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3. Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4. And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul_ will long,

And vis - it it with thine own ar - dor_ glow - ing;
 To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner_ cloth - ing;
 Shall far out - pass the power of hu - man_ tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, With - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
 True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
 For none can guess its grace, Till he be - come the place

And kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing,
 And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing,
 And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with_ loath - ing,
 Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his_ dwell - ing,

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890); Music: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

praise un - end - ing. Ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er -
 -more. *D.S. al Coda* *Coda* Bless the I wor - ship your ho - ly name.
 I wor - ship your ho - ly name.

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HYMN 531..... “O Spirit of the Living God”

1 O Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, in
 2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love, to
 3 Be dark - ness, at thy com - ing, light; con -
 4 Con - vert the na - tions! far and nigh the

all thy plen - i - tude of grace, wher - e'er the foot of
 preach the rec - on - cil - ing word; give power and unc - tion
 fu - sion, or - der in thy path; souls with - out strength in -
 tri - umphs of the cross re - cord; the Name of Je - sus

man hath trod, de - scend on our a - pos - tate race.
 from a - bove, when - e'er the joy - ful sound is heard.
 spire with might, bid mer - cy tri - umph o - ver wrath.
 glo - ri - fy, till ev - ery peo - ple call him Lord.

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854), alt.; Music: *Melcombe*, Samuel Webbe (1740–1816).

HYMN 501 “O Holy Spirit”

1 O Ho - ly Spi - rit, by whose breath life
 2 You are the seek - er's sure re - source, of
 3 In you God's en - er - gy is shown, to
 4 Flood our dull sens - es with your light; in
 5 From in - ner strife grant us re - lease; turn

1 ris - es vi - brant out of death; come to cre -
 2 burn - ing love the liv - ing source, pro - tec - tor
 3 us your var - ied gifts make known. Teach us to
 4 mu - tual love our hearts u - nite. Your power the
 5 na - tions to the ways of peace. To ful - ler

1 ate, re - new, in - spire; come, kin - dle in our hearts your fire.
 2 in the midst of strife, the giv - er and the Lord of life.
 3 speak, teach us to hear; yours is the tongue and yours the ear.
 4 whole cre - a - tion fills; con - firm our weak, un - cer - tain wills.
 5 life your peo - ple bring that as one bo - dy we may sing:

6 Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word,
 and to the Spirit: God the Lord,
 to whom all honor, glory be
 both now and for eternity.

Words: Att. Rabanus Maurus (776-856); tr. John Webster Grant (b. 1919), alt.; para. of *Veni Creator Spiritus*; Music: *Komm, Gott Schöpfer*;
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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.

Celebrant: I invite you to join me in saying the words of the grace to one another.

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

THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 372 "Praise to the Living God"

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845–1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836–1926); Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing
in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY“Veni Creator” Variations IV
Maurice Duruflé

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for all who have given their lives in service of our country
In thanksgiving for the baptism of Peyton Mai Lowe
by Kim and Jordan Lowe
In thanksgiving for the baptism of Luke Talmadge Prath
by his parents, Kristina Little and Patrick Prath
In memory of Col. James L. McBride Jr., U.S. Air Force, MIA Korea 1952
by Carroll McBride Selander



BAPTISMS

May 16 Theodore Clewett Butler
Catherine Ann Martin
Mary Grace Summers Pipkin



SYMPATHY

May 2 Charlotte Harman Couch
May 16 Robert Engel Martin

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

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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.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

 *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

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

St. Martin's Campus is closed Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

ADULTS

SUNDAY

- ▶ **8+** *May 24, 31 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Fellowship Time** *May 24 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

TUESDAY

- ▶ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *May 26, June 2 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Kids' Meals** *June 2 • 4 p.m. • Parish Life Center Kitchen*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group** *May 27, June 3 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Blanket Ladies** *May 27, June 3 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Docent Tour** *May 27, June 3 • 11 a.m. • The Church Narthex*
- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *May 27, June 3 • Noon • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- ▶ **OSL Study Group** *May 27 • 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **OSL Healing Prayer Service** *June 3 • 5 p.m. • Parish Life Center*

THURSDAY

- ▶ **Parish Choir** *May 28, June 4 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center Rehearsal Hall*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

- ▶ **Childcare** *May 24, 31 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

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Outreach Opportunities



Sundays, May 31–June 28
10:15–11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Join us for a five-week small group series that meets during the Sunday school hour. Clergy and lay leaders will guide a conversation about the lectionary texts appointed for worship that Sunday, as we gather for a round-table discussion and close with prayer for one another. There is a place for everyone — come grow with us!

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FAREWELL

for **KATHY JOHNSON**

Sunday, May 31
Following 11:15 a.m. services
Welcome Center
and Cloister Garden

Join us to recognize and celebrate the ministry of Kathy Johnson, whose tenure as Director of Membership has seen our Church family grow.



The Sacred Stranger

Come experience the creative spirit
alive in our Parish.

Artist talk and reception
Friday, May 29, 6 p.m.

Parish Life Center • Narthex

ART EXHIBITION PRESENTED BY
RIVERWAY CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

This exhibit explores the ancient command to show hospitality to those we encounter. It pairs an abstract expressionist painting by Artist-in-Residence Joy Hilley with a curated collection of black and white film photographs by Jack Hilley.

Together, these works invite viewers to reconsider encounters with the unfamiliar — not as moments of separation, but as openings to grace.



CCSC Work Day

Organize and distribute food and clothing at the Emergency Services location for the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). Please come and go as needed. Children 10+ are encouraged to join.

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Saturday, May 30
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