

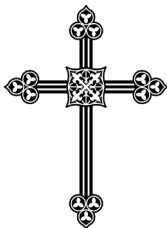
A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE
ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF
THE HILL COUNTRY FLOODS

July 4, 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

Welcome to St. Martin's for this service of remembrance and hope.

One year ago, our community began to grapple with the news of the unthinkable tragedy unfolding in the Hill Country. Many people gathered here, in this Church, to bring their grief and heartbreak before God. In the days and weeks following the flood, many more people gathered here in love and support of bereaved families, and to cleave to “the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Now, on this first anniversary of the Hill Country floods, we gather again in the Lord's house. We bring, still, our grief and our heartbreak. We stand, still, in love and support for the families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of their loved ones. And we cleave, always, to the unshakeable hope of God's love made known to us in Jesus.

Thank you for being here today for this special service. We recognize that different people mourn in different ways and at different times. It may be that your grief is too great for you to stand and sing this morning. Please know that we are with you while you sit weeping. It may be that your heartbreak is mingled with anger and confusion at the scale of this tragedy. Please know that you may bring those feelings — and all of your feelings — to the Lord in prayer, and to any of the Clergy of this Parish, who will be available near the baptismal font for personal prayer after this service.

We gather today not because we can understand or explain away the ongoing suffering caused by this great loss, but because in Jesus Christ the God we serve has promised to be present with us in the midst of our loss — and as His people we are called to be present for one another, too. Let us, then, show kindness, grace, and respect to all who are gathered this day, however their grief may be manifest.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, by the power of His Holy Spirit.

The Rev. Dane E. Boston, Rector

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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.*

MORNING PRAYER

As found beginning on page 37 in the Book of Common Prayer

VOLUNTARY “Chant de Paix (‘Song of Peace’)” Jean Langlais

The people stand as the procession begins.

* HYMN “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Come un - to me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on My breast.”
the grace and strength your soul re - quires; Come un - to me and live.”
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”
I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I found the life my soul had sought;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my heart was lift - ed, hope re - stored, and peace with - in me wrought.
and in that light of life I’ll walk till pill - grim days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar (1808 - 1889), alt. 2nd vs. adapted by Keith Lathrom. Music: *Kingsfold*, English folk melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

The Officiant begins the service with this sentence of Scripture

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the
Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation.

And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand.

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

People: O come, let us adore him.

*HYMN 645 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877); para. Psalm 23; Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

All are seated and join in singing the Psalm.

THE PSALM Psalm 121, Coverdale



- 1 I will lift up mine eyes | unto • the | hills *
from | whēnce | cometh • my | help.
- 2 My help cometh even | from the | Lord *
who | hath made | heaven • and | earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy | foot to • be | moved *
and he that | keepeth • thee | will not | sleep.
- 4 Behold, he that | keepeth | Israel *
shall | neither | slumber • nor | sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself | is thy | keeper *
the Lord is thy defence up- | on thy | right | hand;
- 6 So that the sun shall not | burn thee • by | day *
neither the | moon | by | night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve thee | from all | evil *
yea, it is even | he that • shall | keep thy | soul.
- 8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy | coming | in *
from this time | forth for | ever- | more.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

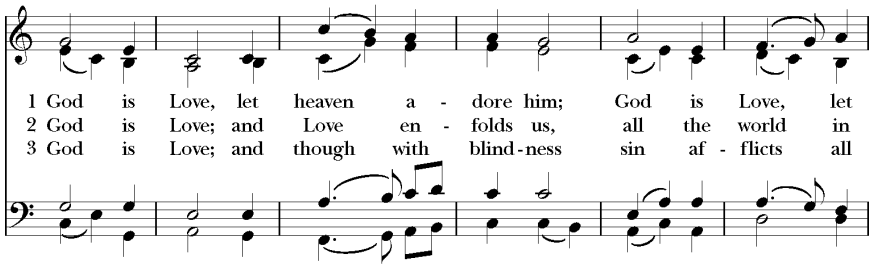
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not cast off for ever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the sons of men.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

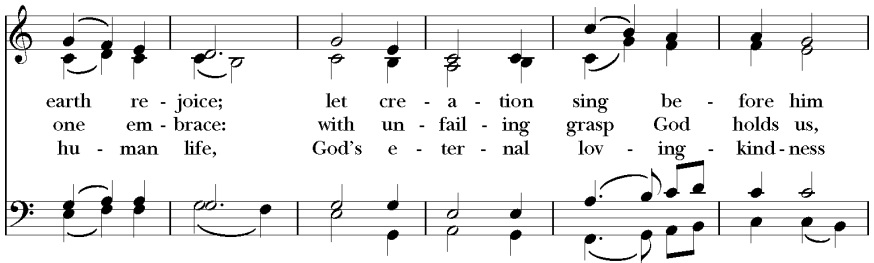
People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

*HYMN 379 "God Is Love"



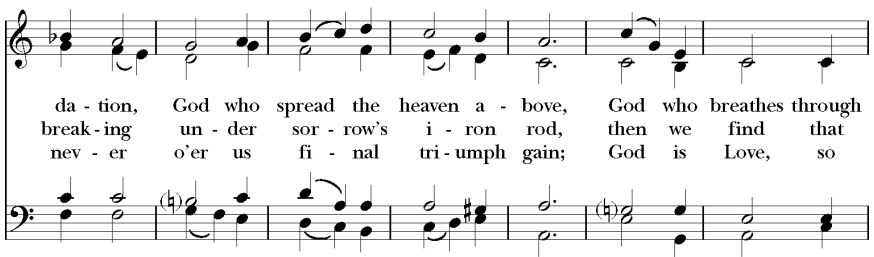
1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all



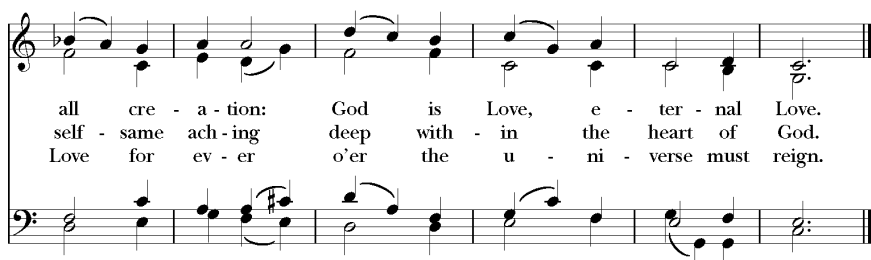
earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



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Please be seated.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

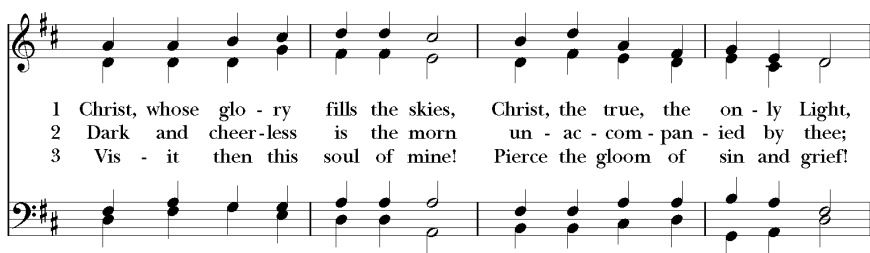
For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing the hymn.

*HYMN 7 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788); Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

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

THE PRAYERS

The People stand or kneel

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or other leader says

For our brothers and sisters who died one year ago, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

Lord, thou didst console Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us Lord.

Thou didst weep at the grave of Lazarus, thy friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us Lord.

Thou didst raise the dead to life; give to our departed brothers and sisters eternal life.

Hear us Lord.

Thou didst promise paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brothers and sisters to the joys of heaven.

Hear us Lord.

Our brothers and sisters were washed in Baptism and anointed with thy Holy Spirit; give them fellowship with all thy saints.

Hear us Lord.

They were nourished with thy Body and Blood; grant them a place at the table in thy heavenly kingdom.

Hear us Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brothers and sisters; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept.

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to thee our brothers and sisters, who were reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that their deaths may recall to us thy victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in thy Father’s love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where thou hast led the way; and where thou liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

THE COLLECTS

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with thee our God; and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everliving God, we yield unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations; most humbly beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow the example of their steadfastness in thy faith, and obedience to thy holy commandments, that at the day of the general resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of thy Son, may be set on his right hand, and hear that his most joyful voice: “Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” Grant this, O Father, for the sake of the same thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray thee, with all those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

Please be seated.

ANTHEM..... “Children of the Heavenly Father”
arr. Dan Forrest

Children of the heavenly Father safely in His bosom gather; Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e’er was given. God His own doth tend and nourish; in His holy courts they flourish. From all evil things He spares them, in His mighty arms He bears them. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever; Unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth, Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children never forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

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THE SERMON

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

The Officiant and People kneeling

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

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Then may be said

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

The Officiant may then conclude with

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13

All stand.

HYMN 665.....“All My Hope on God is Founded”



1. All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2. Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3. God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
4. Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
5. Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



trust re - new, me through change and chance he guid - eth, on - ly
 tray our trust; though with care and toil we build them, tower and
 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at - tend him, beau - ty
 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de - light - eth, plea - sure
 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing for the



good and on - ly true. God un - known, he a -
 tem - ple fall to dust. But God's power, hour by
 spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er - more from his
 leads us where we go. Love doth stand at his
 gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth call one and



lone calls my heart to be his own.
 hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 store new - born worlds rise and a -
 hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
 all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Semour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. after Joachim Neander (1650-1680); Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983).

VOLUNTARY“Allabreve in D Major”

Johann Sebastian Bach

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PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

he leadeth me beside still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

he leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his

Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of

mine enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days

of my life;

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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