

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 12, 2026



OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S

Welcome to St. Martin's Episcopal Church in this Season after Pentecost!

"Ordinary Time" is the name the Church gives to this long season, and it's easy to see why. Green is the color adorning the Clergy and the altar, matching the green of trees and grass adorning God's creation in summer. Kids are off from school. Folks go on vacation, or hunker down in air conditioning to try to beat the Houston heat. And it can indeed all feel a little sleepier, a little more relaxed, and a little more, well, ordinary.

But the truth is that every week at St. Martin's is extraordinary. For every Sunday we gather to proclaim the extraordinary Good News that Jesus Christ is risen and we are free from Sin and Death. Every week the people of this Parish continue to live that news in their daily lives. Every week, even in summer, the ministries of St. Martin's continue to bless our community through inspiring worship, faithful service, loving care, and engaging learning.

Welcome to St. Martin's in this extraordinary time. We are glad that you are here for worship today, and this summer we invite you to engage more deeply in the extraordinary ministries of this extraordinary Parish!

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



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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 “Sheep May Safely Graze” Johann Sebastian Bach

The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 48 “O Day of Radiant Gladness”



1 O day of ra - dant glad - ness, O day of joy and
2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim



light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most
birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ
hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through
way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our



beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and
rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -
Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -
end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,
to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and
liv - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from
prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God Tri - une.
thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.
Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

Words: Sts. 1-2, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1835), alt.; st. 3, Charles P. Price (1920-1999); st. 4; Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldbögelein*.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

GLORIA *(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)*



Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

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 Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 55:10-13

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign which shall not be cut off.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM.....Psalm 65, Coverdale

(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



- 9 Thou visitest the earth, and | blessest | it
thou | makest • it | very | plenteous.
- 10 The river of God is | full of | water
thou preparest their corn, for so thou pro- | videst | for the
| earth.
- 11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little
| valleys • there- | of
thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and
| blessest • the | increase | of it.
- 12 Thou crownest the year | with thy | goodness
and thy | clöuds | dröp | fatness.
- 13 They shall drop upon the dwellings | of the | wilderness
and the little hills shall re- | joice on | every | side.
- 14 The folds shall be | full of | sheep
the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that
| they shall | laugh and | sing.

All stand.

*HYMN 440.....“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”

(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel; verse 3 after the Gospel)



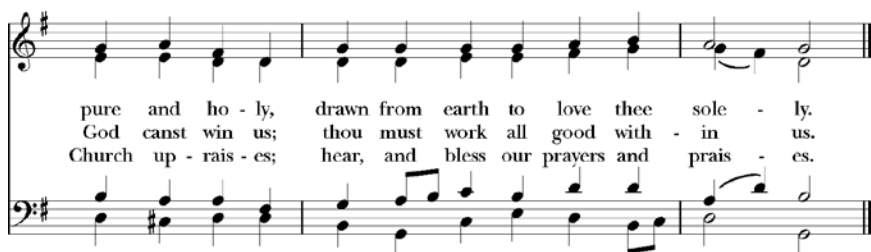
1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -



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 Matthew.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELMatthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat there; and the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear. Hear then the parable of the sower. When any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan 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

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ANTHEM..... “Lord of All Hopefulness”

Barry Rose

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy, Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day. Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: “Lord Of All Hopefulness” by Jan Struther (1901-1953) from “Enlarged Songs of Praise” (1931). Music: Traditional Irish Tune, SLANE. Arrangement by Dr. Barry Rose © 2006 Novello and Co.

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

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 Psaumes 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.**

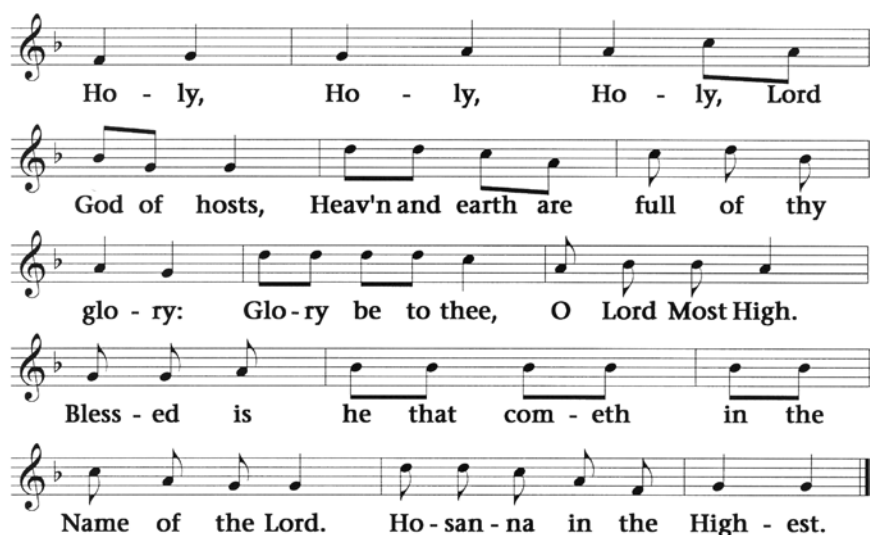
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, Heav'n 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.

John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

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.

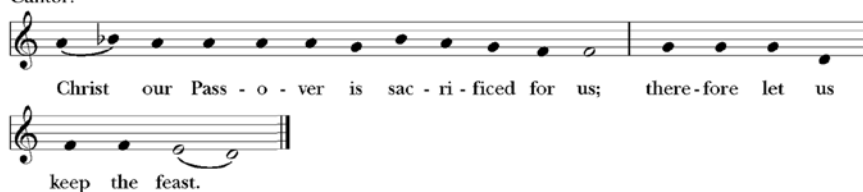
FRACTION ANTHEM

Cantor:



All: Repeat Alleluias

Cantor:



All: Repeat Alleluias

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Then may be said.

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..... “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”
Healey Willan

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise, with joyful hearts and voices your hallelujahs raise; by whom the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love. God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring, the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing. God fills them all with fullness, all things with large increase; and crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace. Bring to this sacred altar all things God’s goodness gave, the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save: your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall, and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1866, alt.); Tune: *Wie Lieblich ist der Maien*, Johann Steurlein; harm. Healey Willan

HYMN 593..... “Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

James Quinn (b. 1919), based on a prayer att. to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); Music: Dickinson College.

HYMN 302 "Father, We Thank Thee"

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
 guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

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HYMN 505..... “O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God”

1 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, in
2 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, in -
3 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, make
4 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, en -

ev - ery need thou bring - est aid; thou com - est
crease our faith in our dear Lord; un - less thy
us to love thy sa - cred word; the ho - ly
light - en us by that same word; teach us to

forth from God's great throne, from God, the Fa - ther and the
grace the power should give, none can be - lieve in Christ and
flame of love im - part, that char - i - ty may warm each
know the Fa - ther's love, and his dear Son, who reigns a -

Son; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
live; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
heart; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
bove; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.

Johann Niedling (1602-1668); tr. John Caspar Mattes (1876-1948), alt.; Music: *O heiliger Geist*; 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 632..... “O Christ, the Word Incarnate”

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
 O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823–1897), alt.; Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807–1847).

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Pièce Pour Grand Orgue”
Joseph Jongen

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage

by Patricia Mason Galanski and Blair Joseph Brown

In memory of Earl Lester on the anniversary of his birthday

by Linda and John Griffin, Laura and Jack Schuhmacher,
and Allison and Philip Lorenzo



SYMPATHY

April 27 John Lohmann III

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

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

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

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

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	MIDN Morgan Tannery
LTC Wesley Hunnell	Spc4 Parris Owen	CPO Evan Tomlin
1st Lt. Stephen Jeckovich	SrA James Peoples	

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OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES



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

ADULTS

SUNDAY

- ▶ **8+** *July 12, 19 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Theology for Life** *June 12, 19 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- ▶ **Contemplative Prayer** *July 12 • 10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center Bride's Parlor*

MONDAY

- ▶ **Blood Drive** *July 13 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **Saintly Stitchers** *July 13, 20 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *July 13, 20 • 1:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group** *July 20 • 3 p.m. • Hope and Healing Center Room 103*

TUESDAY

- ▶ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *July 14, 21 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Rector's Bible Study** *July 14, 21 • Noon • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Church in the Field** *July 14 • 6:15 p.m. • St. Martin's Parking Lot Carpool*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group** *July 15, 22 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Blanket Ladies** *July 15, 22 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *July 15, 22 • Noon • Activity Center Upper Hall East*

THURSDAY

- ▶ **Parish Choir** *July 23 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center Rehearsal Hall*

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

► **Summer on the Mount** *July 12, 19 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

► **Just for July Bible Study** *July 16 • Noon • Student Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

► **Childcare** *July 12, 19 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

► **Summer on the Mount** *July 12, 19 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

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ST. MARTIN'S WELCOMES THE REV. ANDREW HEBERT



The Rev. Andrew Hebert

Curate

St. Martin's Episcopal Church is delighted to welcome the Rev. Andrew Hebert as our new Curate.

The Rev. Hebert was ordained to the diaconate at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin on June 27.

We look forward to celebrating his

ordination to the priesthood here at St. Martin's in 2027.

We are so glad the Rev. Hebert, his wife, and their children are joining our Parish family. Please introduce yourself and make them feel at home.

THEOLOGY LIVE!

*Three Evenings of
Good Conversation
and Good Company*

Thursdays, July 16, 30 and Aug. 13

7–8:15 p.m. • Magnolia Brewing Co.

1616 Bevis St., Houston, TX 77008

What does it mean to be saved by God's grace through faith? To be human in an age of AI? To be made in God's image, male and female? These questions are often easier — and more fun — to explore over a drink with friends than in Sunday school. *Bring a friend and join us!*

Contact: Tany James • tjames@smec.org • 713-830-4108

JULY 16

Why Grace Matters

The Rev. Dane Boston

JULY 30

**Keeping it Real in a
Virtual Age: AI, Screens
and Being Human**

The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

AUG. 13

**One Flesh: Men and
Women in the Body
of Christ**

Dr. Kira Moolman Pettit



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