

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 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

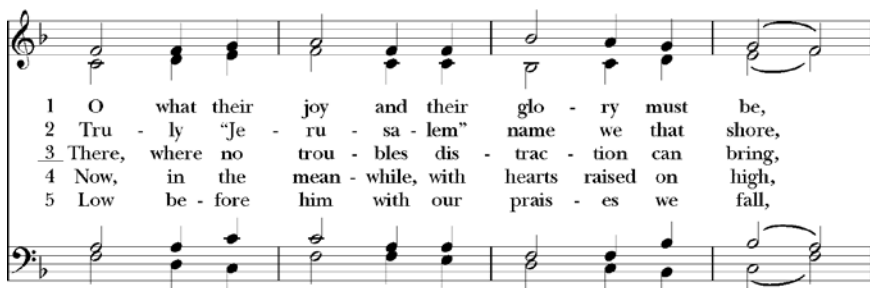
As found beginning on page 323 in the Book of Common Prayer

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 “Arabesque No. 2” Claude Debussy, arr. Alexandre Cellier

The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 623 “O What Their Joy and Glory Must Be”



1 O what their joy and their glo - ry must be,
2 Tru - ly “Je - ru - sa - lem” name we that shore,
3 There, where no trou - bles dis - trac - tion can bring,
4 Now, in the mean - while, with hearts raised on high,
5 Low be - fore him with our prais - es we fall,



1 those end - less Sab - bathis the bless - ed ones see;
2 ci - ty of peace that brings joy ev - er - more;
3 we the sweet an - thems of Zi - on shall sing;
4 we for that coun - try must yearn and must sigh,
5 of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;



1 crown for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest;
2 wish and ful - fill - ment are not sev - ered there,
3 while for thy grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise
4 seek - ing Je - ru - sa - lem, dear na - tive land,
5 of whom, the Fa - ther; and in whom, the Son;

1 God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.
 2 nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.
 3 thy bless - ed peo - ple e - ter - nal - ly raise.
 4 through our long ex - ile on Bab - y - lon's strand.
 5 through whom, the Spi - rit, with them ev - er One.

Words: Peter Abelard (1079–1142); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.; Music: *Q uanta qualia*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

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.**

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

Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre -
 a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for
 he is thy health and sal - va - tion;
 join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan and
 song, sound - ing in glad a - do - ra - tion.

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son 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 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let him proclaim it, let him declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE Romans 8:12-25

So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body you will live. 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; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM.....Psalm 86, Coverdale
(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



- 11 Teach me thy way O Lord, and I will | walk in • thy | truth
 O knit my heart unto thee, that | I may | fear thy | Name.
- 12 I will thank thee, O Lord my God with | all my | heart
 and will praise thy | Name for | ever-| more.
- 13 For great is thy | mercy • toward | me
 and thou hast delivered my | soul from • the
 | nether- • most | hell.
- 14 O God, the proud are | risen a-| gainst me
 and the congregations of naughty men have sought after
 my soul, and have not set | thee be-| fore their | eyes.
- 15 But thou O Lord God, art full of com-| passion • and | mercy
 long-suffering, plenteous in | goodness | and | truth.
- 16 O turn thee then unto me, and have | mercy • up-| on me
 give thy strength unto thy servant, and | help the
 | son of • thine | handmaid.

17 Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me
may see it and | be a- | shamed
because thou Lord, hast | holpen | me and | comforted me.

All stand.

*HYMN 291 “We Plow the Fields and Scatter”
(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel; verse 3 after the Gospel)

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Words: Matthias Claudius (1740–1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817–1878), alt.; Music: *Wir Pflügen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747–1800).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELMatthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Another parable he put before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the householder came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “He who sows the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world, and the good seed means the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of man will send his

angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

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 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 and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of thy people, and strengthen us to do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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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OFFERTORY ANTHEM... “O For a Closer Walk with God” Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made Thee mourn, and drove Thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800).

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 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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the words 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord'. The second staff contains 'God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy'. The third staff contains 'glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.'. The fourth staff contains 'Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the'. The fifth staff contains 'Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.'.

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.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

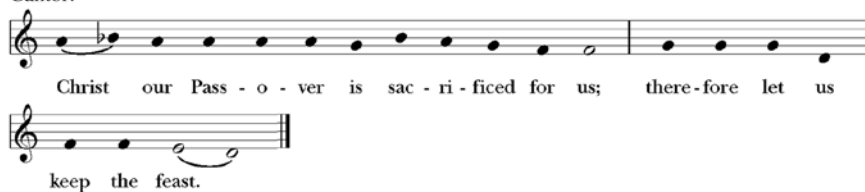
FRACTION ANTHEM

Cantor:



All: Repeat Alleluias

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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.

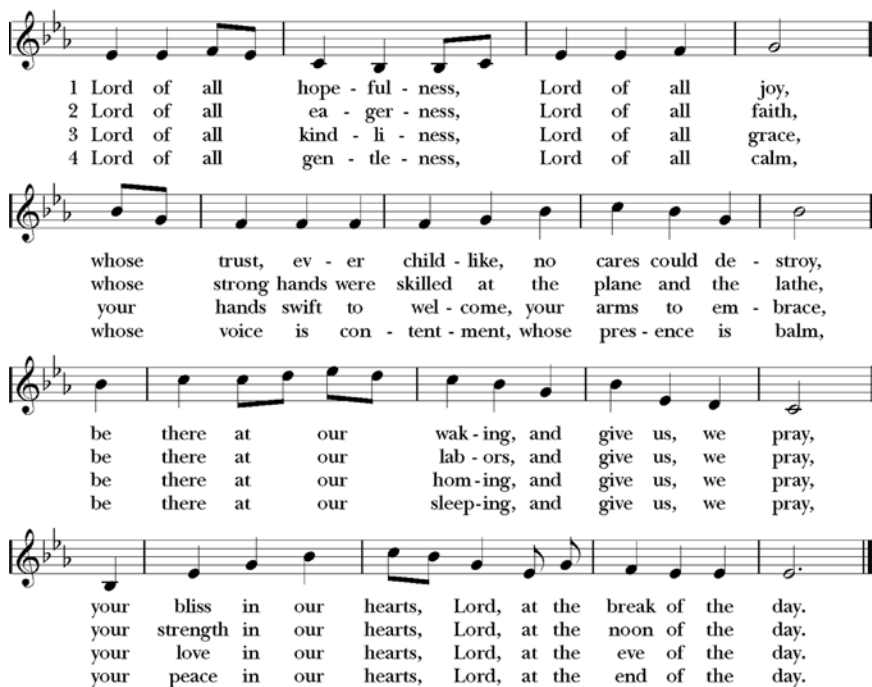
If you are unable to come to the Altar Rail, please alert an Usher and Communion will be brought to you.

ANTHEM..... “Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord”
David J. Evans, arr. Indra Hughes

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here, come bow before Him now with reverence and fear. In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground, be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here. Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around, He burns with holy fire: with splendor He is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light. Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place, He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace, No work too hard for Him: in faith receive from Him, Amen.

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HYMN 482 “Lord of All Hopefulness”



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901–1953); Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. *Hymnal 1982*;
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HYMN 466 “Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart”



1 E - ter - nal light, shine in my heart; e - ter - nal
 2 E - ter - nal life, raise me from death; e - ter - nal
 3 un - til by your most cost - ly grace, in - vit - ed



hope, lift up my eyes; e - ter - nal power, be
 bright - ness, help me see; e - ter - nal Spi - rit,
 by your ho - ly word, at last I come be -



my sup - port; e - ter - nal wis - dom, make me wise.
 give me breath; e - ter - nal Sa - vior come to me:
 fore your face to know you, my e - ter - nal God.

Christopher Idle (b. 1938), from a prayer of Alcuin (735?-804); Music: *Jacob*.

HYMN 424 “For the Fruit of All Creation”



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God. For his gifts to
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done. In the help we
 3. For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to God. For the good we



ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God. For the plow - ing,
 give our neigh - bor, God's will be done. In our world - wide
 all in - her - it, thanks be to God. For the won - ders



sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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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.

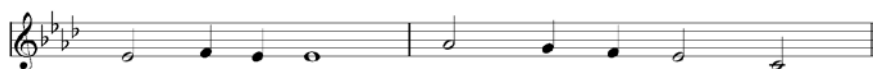
At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

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.**

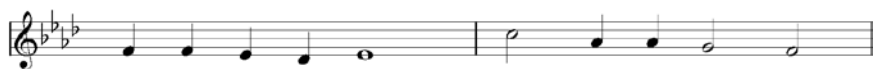
THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 541 "Come, Labor On"



1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares	stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - e -	my	is
3	Come,	la - bor	on.	A	way	with	gloom - y
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the	high	call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time	for	rest, till



1	on	the	har - vest	plain,	while	all	a - round	us
2	watch - ing	night	and	day,	to	sow	the	tares, to
3	doubts	and	faith - less	fear!	No	arm	so	weak but
4	an - gels	can - not	share -		to	young	and	old the
5	glows	the	west - ern	sky,	till	the	long	sha - dows



1	waves	the	gold - en	grain?	And	to	each	ser - vant
2	snatch	the	seed	a - way;	while	we	in	sleep our
3	may	do	ser - vice	here;	by	feeb - lest	a -	gents
4	Gos - pel	glad - ness	bear:		re - deem	the	time;	its
5	o'er	our	path - way	lie,	and	a	glad	sound comes



1	does	the	Mas - ter	say,	"Go	work	to	day."
2	du - ty	have	for - got,	he	slum - bered			not.
3	may	our	God	ful - fill	his	right - eous		will.
4	hours	too	swift - ly	fly.	The	night	draws	nigh.
5	with	the	set - ting	sun,		"Ser - vants,	well	done."

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813–1897), alt.; Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867–1953).

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “March in D”
David N. Johnson

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 Sarah Case Giammalva and Kyle James Blair
In thanksgiving for the baptism of Lilly Louisa Rosenberg
by Isabel and Jonathan Rosenberg
In memory of Senator Lindsey Graham
by Prentice and Kenneth Beadell



WEDDINGS

July 11 Patricia Mason Galanski and Blair Joseph Brown

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

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 19, 26 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Theology for Life** *July 19, 26 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

MONDAY

- ▶ **Saintly Stitchers** *July 20, 27 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *July 20, 27 • 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 21, 28 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Rector's Bible Study** *July 21, 28 • Noon • Chapel Reception Hall*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group** *July 22, 29 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Blanket Ladies** *July 22, 29 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *July 22, 29 • 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

MEN

TUESDAY

► **Kids' Meals** *July 28 • 5 p.m. • Parish Life Center Kitchen*

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

► **Summer on the Mount** *July 19, 26 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

► **Just for July Bible Study** *July 23 • Noon • Children's Life Center*

► **Just for July Bible Study** *July 30 • Noon • Student Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

► **Childcare** *July 19, 26 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

► **Summer on the Mount** *July 19, 26 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

FRIDAY

► **Parent Connection** *July 31 • 6 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

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Outreach Opportunities

MUSIC ST. MARTIN'S



The Music Ministry Department is delighted to welcome John Meier as St. Martin's new Principal Organist. John comes to us after 24 years on the music staff of The Church of St. John the Divine, where he served as Associate Director of Music and Worship. In that role, he shared organ responsibilities for Sunday services and accompanied the St. John the Divine Chorale.

A native of Port Angeles, Wash., John earned a Master of Music in Organ Performance from Rice University, where he studied with Clyde Holloway. He has performed widely throughout Houston and is a member of the Association of Anglican Musicians and the American Guild of Organists. John and his wife, Andrea, have two sons, Jacob and Caleb.



Chat with Amistad

Spend some of your evening getting to know the children and Mama Isabel of Casa San Martin in Cochabamba, Bolivia. They love to meet new friends, pets and ask and answer questions.

All ages are welcome and a translator will be available.

Contact Tracee Tindol for Zoom link:
ttindol@smec.org • 713-985-3811

Tuesday, July 21
6 p.m.
Meet via Zoom

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



CCSC Work Day

Organize and distribute food and clothing at the Christian Community Service Center. The organization assists the poor, hungry, disabled and needy, providing a back-to-school and Christmas program for low-income children.

Come and go as needed.

outreach@smec.org • 713-985-3811

Saturday, July 25
9 a.m. – noon
3434 Branard
Houston, TX 77027

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
 MINISTRIES



THE GATHERING

For church members and others in the community who experience memory loss, along with their caregivers

July 27

10 a.m – 1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

**Join Us For
 a Whale of a
 Good Time!**



July 27

Danette McMahon

Whale on paper plate

For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen
 at 713-301-4786 or kattellepsen@me.com.

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



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CAFÉ ST. MARTIN'S

Enjoy **hot grab and go meals**
Monday–Wednesday and **lunch plate**
entrées on Thursdays.

*Come by and discover delicious
specialties prepared daily by our
café team.*

Questions?
Contact cafe@smec.org.



HOURS

Monday–Thursday
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall



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