

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 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.



We'd love to meet you, so please introduce yourself to one of our Clergy or come by the Greeter Welcome booth in the Narthex before or after the service. Interested in making St. Martin's your Church home? Our Membership 101 classes are a great place to learn more about our Parish.

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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 ... “Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis” Gerald Near

The people stand as the procession begins.

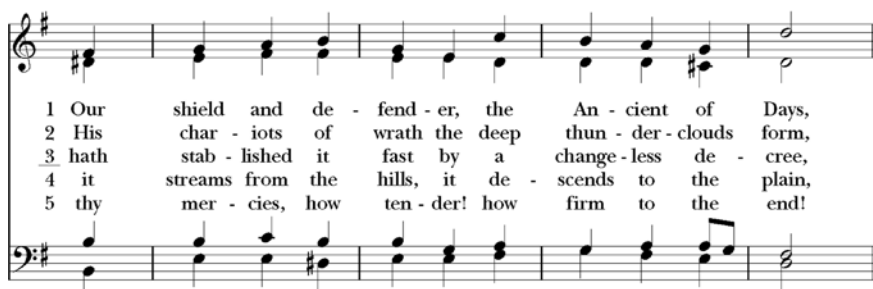
*HYMN 388 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”



1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;



1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!



1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779–1838); Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678–1727).

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

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "Thou hast shown great and steadfast love to thy servant David my father, because he walked before thee in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward thee; and thou hast kept for him this great and steadfast love, and hast given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people whom thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered or counted for multitude. Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to govern this thy great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; 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? As it is written, "For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM.....Psalm 119, Coverdale

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



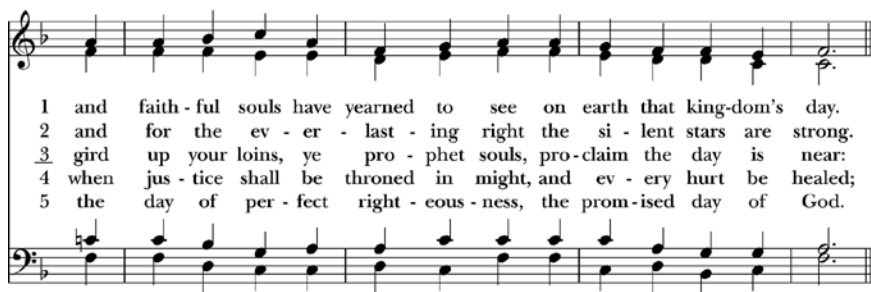
- 129 Thy | testimonies • are | wonderful
therefore | doth my | söl | keep them.
- 130 When thy word | goeth | forth
it giveth light and under- | standing | unto • the | simple.
- 131 I opened my mouth, and drew | in my | breath
for my de- | light was | in thy • com- | mandments.
- 132 O look thou upon me, and be merciful | unto | me
as thou usest to do unto | those that | love thy | Name.
- 133 Order my steps | in thy | word
and so shall no wickedness | have do- | minion | over me.
- 134 O deliver me from the wrongful | dealings • of | men
and so shall | I keep | thy com- | mandments.
- 135 Shew the light of thy countenance up- | on thy | servant
and | teach me | thÿ | statutes.
- 136 Mine eyes gush | out with | water
because | men keep | not thy | law.

All stand.

*HYMN 615“Thy Kingdom Come!’ On Bended Knee”

(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel; verses 4-5 after the Gospel)

1 “Thy king - dom come!” on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;



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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELMatthew 13:31-33,44-52

Another parable Jesus put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind; when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They said to him, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Conclusion of Sequence hymn

*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 Anglican Church of Tanzania 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 “Be Thou My Vision” John Rutter

Be Thou my vision, O Lord, of my heart. Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art. Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word. Be Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord. Be Thou my great Father and I Thy true son; be Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one. Be Thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight; be Thou my whole armor, be Thou my true might; Be Thou my soul’s shelter; be Thou my strong tower; O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power. Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise; be Thou mine inheritance now and always; Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art. High King of heaven, Thou heaven’s bright Sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won; Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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AT THE PRESENTATION

(8 a.m. in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

DOXOLOGY

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.**

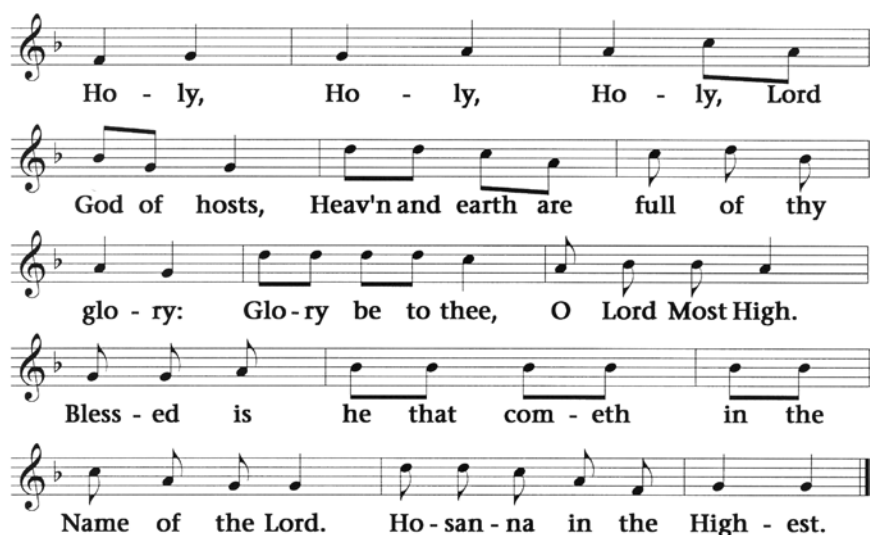
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.)



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.

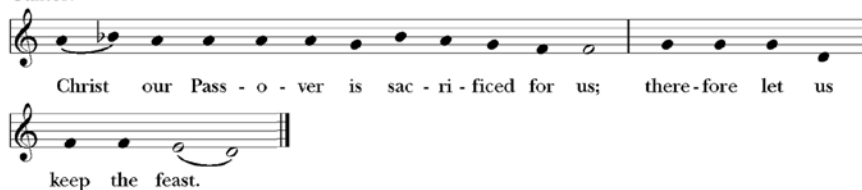
FRACTION ANTHEM

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.....“Oculi Omnium”

Charles Wood

Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine: et tu das illis escam in tempore opportuno. Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen.

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HYMN 711.....“Seek ye First the Kingdom of God”

1

Seek ye first the king - dom of God
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and his right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2

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

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

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HYMN 302 “Father, We Thank Thee Who Has Planted”

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 488 “Be Thou My Vision”

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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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 419 “Lord of All Being, Throned Afar”

1 Lord of all be - ing, throned a - far, thy glo - ry
 2 Sun of our life, thy quick - ening ray sheds on our
 3 Lord of all life, be - low, a - bove, whose light is
 4 Grant us thy truth to make us free, and kin - dling

flames from sun and star; cen - ter and soul of
 path the glow of day; star of our hope, thy
 truth, whose warmth is love, be - fore thy ev - er -
 hearts that burn for thee, till all thy liv - ing

ev - ery sphere, yet to each lov - ing heart how near!
 soft - ened light cheers the long watch - es of the night.
 blaz - ing throne we ask no lus - ter of our own.
 al - tars claim one ho - ly light, one heaven - ly flame.

Words: Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809–1894); Music: *Mendon*, from *Methodist Harmonist*, 1821; adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872).

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

“*Con moto maestoso* from Organ Sonata No. 3 in A Major”

Felix Mendelssohn

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 Kathleen Elizabeth Allen and Robert Olds Carpenter

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Shepard Spence Coy

by Regan and Alex Coy



BAPTISMS

July 19 George Driver Kieval

Lilly Louisa Rosenberg



WEDDINGS

July 18 Sarah Case Giammalva and Kyle James Blair

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	Sara Jabbari	Hank Showalter
Shelly Bain	Bruce Jamison	Dolly Steinman
Ken Beadell	Abigail Jankowski	Michael Stern
Lorrie Beasley	Mary and Jim Jennings	Janis and James Stokes
Cory Blackman	Janet Kadlecik	Trish and Joe Tannian
Eric Brewerton	Susan and Chester Keeton	Carlotta Thomas
Gary Browning	Dick Kilday	Jeaneene Trout
Rossana and Chris Bumann	Myra Kindel	Tom Wagner
Dan Burns	Mike Lawler	Nancy Walker
Lynne Couste	Bruce Michael Lee	Lisa Weaver
Anna Creeggan	Mary Lehman	Roger Williams
Corky Crozier	Nicole Lockney	Stanley Williams
Gail Cunningham	Ryan Logan	Eric Zoerb
Dusan Damjanovic	Sherri and Mark Logan	Angela
Bobby de Sosa	Linda Maddux	Atticus
Linda de Sosa	Patrick Maehs	Blair
Charlotte Dion	Jane McAfee	David
Tami Dyer	Barbara and Bob McClellan	Henry
Carole Embley	Kathy McCleod	Jim
Bruce Fowler	Kathy and Dave McStravick	Joanne
Susan Garrett	Amy McWhorter	Judy
Gloria Goldini	Frank Melchor, Jr.	Kay
The Rev. Alex Graham	Ingrid Monsegue	Lynne
Alex Graham, Jr.	Rosie Nasiridin	Mark
Laurie Hooper Groeschel	Bill Nordberg	Mia
Wesley Gustin	Mickey Padilla	Nancy
Bette Haidusek	Kim Parshall	Nos
Nancy Hall	Colin Peoples	Pam
Wayne Hall	Antone Peterson	Sally
John Harvey	Ophelia Pujol	Spud
Daniel Hawkinson	Phyllis Reinhardt	Stephen
Phyllis Hawkinson	Blanca and Jason Rivera	Susan
Warren Hawkinson	John "Jack" Roady	Tara
Aaron Holbrook	Mary Rompage	
Laurie Howard	Consuelo Saldana	
Brett Hudson	Angela Salinas	
Dean Huffman	Margaret Salinas	
Andrew Christopher Hull	Sherie and George Sardis	
Wendy Hunt	Helen and Jim Shaffer	
Naomi Illeman	Clif Shoemake	

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



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

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

ADULTS

SUNDAY

- ▶ **8+** *July 26, Aug. 2 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Theology for Life** *July 26, Aug. 2 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

MONDAY

- ▶ **Saintly Stitchers** *July 27, Aug. 3 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *July 27, Aug. 3 • 1:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group** *Aug. 3 • 3 p.m. • Hope and Healing Center Room 103*

TUESDAY

- ▶ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *July 28, Aug. 4 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Rector's Bible Study** *July 28 • Noon • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Kids' Meals** *Aug. 4 • 4 p.m. • Student Life Center ***New Location****

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group** *July 29, Aug. 5 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Blanket Ladies** *July 29, Aug. 5 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *July 29, Aug. 5 • Noon • Activity Center Upper Hall East*

THURSDAY

- ▶ **Parish Choir** *Aug. 6 • 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 26, Aug. 2 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

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

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

► **Childcare** *July 26, Aug. 2 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

► **Summer on the Mount** *July 26, Aug. 2 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

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

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Outreach Opportunities

717 STUDENTS

CONFIRMATION

2026-2027 INTEREST MEETING

Sunday, Aug. 2 • 12:30-2 p.m.

Student Life Center, Main Hall



*Scan for more
information.*

***Is your student ready to take the next
step in faith?***

Students in grades 8-12 and their parents are invited to our Confirmation Information Session. Learn about the year ahead, including the schedule, expectations and Parent/Student Confirmation Covenant.

Confirmation at St. Martin's is a meaningful year of faith, fellowship, service and spiritual growth.

Contact: Student Ministries at students@smec.org • 713-985-3843



Sunday School Leader Training



led by Rozlyn Cline

All current and prospective Sunday School leaders are invited to attend a training session as we get ready for the fall Sunday School season. Choose the date that works best for your schedule — both sessions cover the same material.



SUNDAY

August 2

12:30–1:30 p.m.

Children's Life Center

SUNDAY

August 9

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Children's Life Center

- ✓ A review of the fall curriculum and teaching resources
- ✓ Sunday morning schedule and check-in procedures
- ✓ Classroom logistics, expectations and best practices
- ✓ Time for questions, so everyone feels prepared



Contact: Olivia Hopwood • ohopwood@smec.org • 713-985-3842



BAYOU CITY **BREAKFAST SNACK PACKING**

Sunday, Aug. 9 | 10 a.m. | Children's Life Center

Drop by the Children's Life Center during the Sunday School hour to pack weekend snack kits for Houston children who might otherwise go hungry.



It's a simple and joyful act of service
the whole family can share.



Contact Outreach at outreach@smec.org.

Blessing of the Backpacks

**Sunday, Aug. 16
9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center**

Children are invited to bring their backpacks to Church for a special blessing by our priests during the Family Table service. Each child will receive a keepsake blessing tag to clip onto their backpack and carry with them into the new school year.



Contact: Olivia Hopwood
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OPEN HOUSE

Sunday!

Aug. 16 • 10:15 a.m.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Children's Life Center



Explore
classrooms.
Meet teachers.



STUDENT MINISTRIES
Student Life Center



Retreats.
Life Groups and
more!



FIND SPACE FOR MINISTRY

Sunday Aug. 23

10:15–11 a.m. • Activity Center

Explore opportunities to serve at St. Martin's!

Join us for our annual Ministry Fair to find out more about opportunities to serve at St. Martin's and embark on a mission of ministry to use your gifts for our Lord and His Glory.

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