

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 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.*

NOTICES

- *St. Martin's is a gun-free Campus.*
 - *To use a hearing assisted device, see one of our Ushers.*
 - *St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.*
 - *Please silence all cell phones when entering The Church and also refrain from texting.*
- Thank you for being respectful of God and others as we spend time together in worship.*



** indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshippers.*

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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.

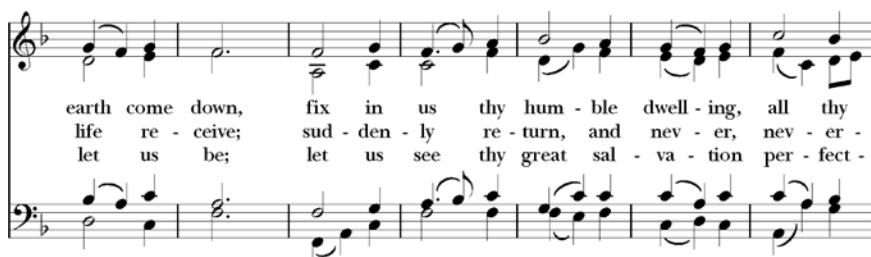
VOLUNTARY “Variations on Lucis Creator” Jehan Alain

The people stand as the procession begins.

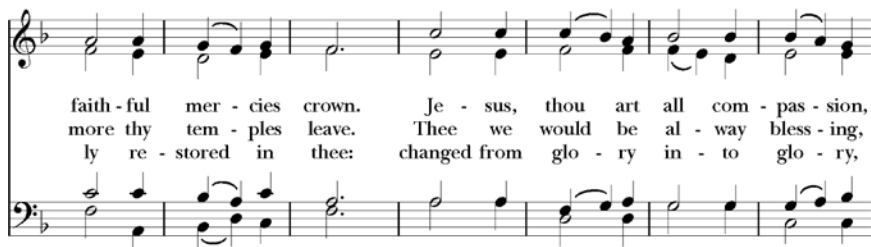
*HYMN 657 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788); Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887).

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, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; 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 Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus saith the Lord: "Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Hearken diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in fatness. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call nations that you know not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ, I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen by race. They are Israelites, and to them belong the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ. God who is over all be blessed for ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM.....Psalm 145, Coverdale
(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

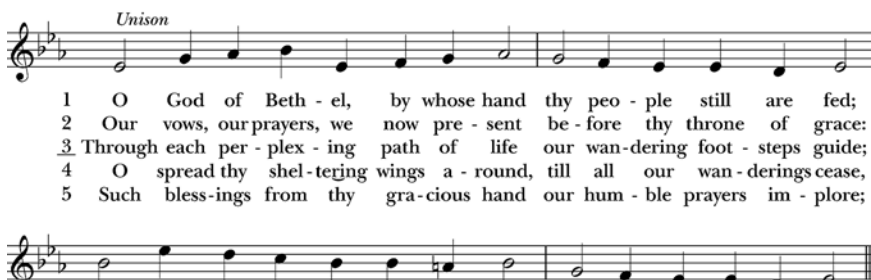


- 8 The Lord is | gracious • and | merciful*
long-suffering | and of | grëat | goodness.
- 9 The Lord is loving unto | every | man*
and his mercy is | over | all his | works.
- 15 The Lord upholdeth | all • such as | fall*
and lifteth up | all those | that are | down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon | thee O | Lord*
and thou givest them their | meat in | düe | season.
- 17 Thou | openest • thine | hand*
and fillest | all things | living • with | plenteousness.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in | all his | ways*
and | holy • in | all his | works.
- 19 The Lord is nigh unto all them that | call up-| on him*
yea, all such as | call up-| on him | faithfully.
- 20 He will fulfil the desire of | them that | fear him*
he also will hear their | cry | and will | help them.
- 21 The Lord preserveth all | them that | love him*
but scattereth a-| bröad | all the • un-| godly.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the | praise of • the | Lord*
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy | Name for
| ever • and | ever.

All stand.

*HYMN 709 “O God of Bethel”
(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel; verses 4-5 after the Gospel)

Unison



1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;
 2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace:
 3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan - dering foot - steps guide;
 4 O spread thy shel - tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,
 5 Such bless - ings from thy gra - cious hand our hum - ble prayers im - plore;

1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:
 2 O God of Is - rael, be the God of this suc - ceed - ing race.
 3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.
 4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!
 5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; Music: *Dundee*; This selection is in the public domain.

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a lonely place apart. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. As he went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Conclusion of Sequence hymn

THE SERMON The Rev. Dane E. Boston

*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 Church
of the Province of Uganda 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 Come, Every One that Thirsteth”

Felix Mendelssohn

O come, everyone that thirsteth, O come to the waters, O come unto Him. O come, everyone that thirsteth, come ye unto Him, O hear, and your souls shall live forever; O come to the waters, O come everyone that thirsteth. O come to Him!

From Elijah.

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.

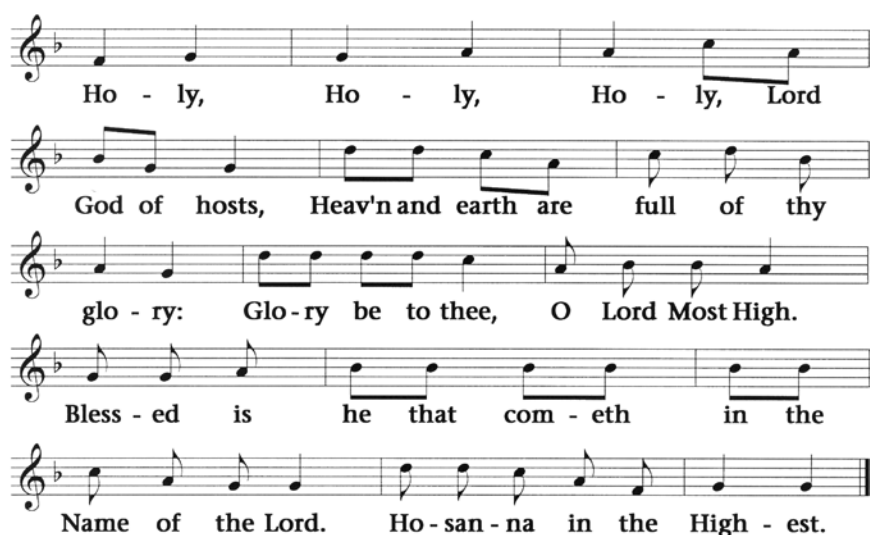
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.)



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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.

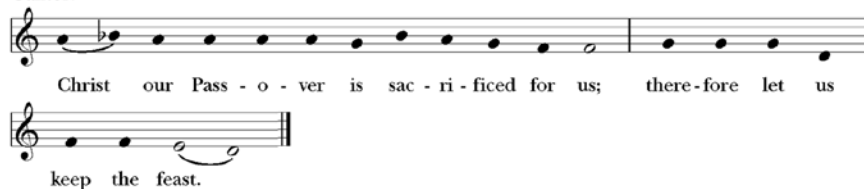
FRACTION ANTHEM

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 “Ave Verum Corpus”
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine, Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body, born from Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, was put to death
on the cross for humankind, And from whose pierced side, both water and blood
flowed: Be a foretaste for us in our examination of death.*

Latin Text attributed to either Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) or Pope Innocent IV (1243-1254).

HYMN 343“Shepherd of Souls”

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

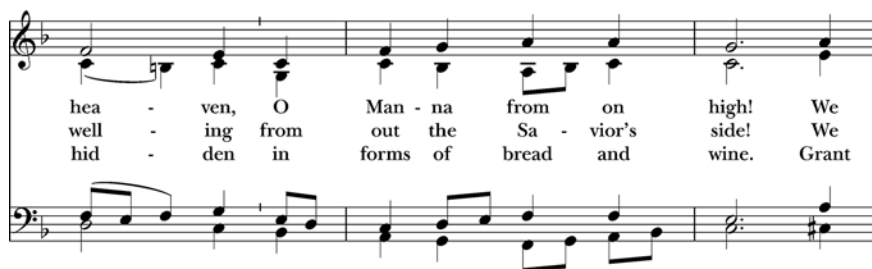
wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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HYMN 309 “O Food to Pilgrims Given”



1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from
 2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,
 3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,



hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We
 well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We
 hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant



hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -
 faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance
 when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in



ny give us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
 give us, and all we need pro - vide.
 hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

Words: Latin, 1661; tr. John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945), alt.; Music: O Welt, ich muss dich lassen; To reproduce these words for one-time, not-for-profit use, you may contact info@churchpublishing.org; To reproduce these words for any other purpose, you must contact khol.dieu@oup.com.

HYMN 318 “Here, O My Lord”



1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;
 3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need
 4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;
 an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;
 Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;



and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.
 thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889); Music: *Nyack*; 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 690 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, feed me now and ev - er - more.
thee, be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717–1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722–1796), alt.; Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873–1932).

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Prelude in G *BWV 541*”
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of William C. Miller
by Barbara Miller



BIRTHS

June 25 Rhett Thomas Benoit
Son of Leslie and Corey Benoit



BAPTISMS

July 25 Annie Jane Bagchi
Shepard Spence Coy
Carns Erhard Ryan



WEDDINGS

July 25 Kathleen Elizabeth Allen and Robert Olds Carpenter



SYMPATHY

July 15 Maria Burke Butler

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	Tom Wagner
Rossana and Chris Bumann	Myra Kindel	Nancy Walker
Dan Burns	Mike Lawler	Lisa Weaver
Lynne Couste	Bruce Michael Lee	Roger Williams
Anna Creeggan	Mary Lehman	Stanley Williams
Corky Crozier	Nicole Lockney	Eric Zoerb
Gail Cunningham	Ryan Logan	Angela
Dusan Damjanovic	Sherri and Mark Logan	Atticus
Bobby de Sosa	Linda Maddux	Blair
Linda de Sosa	Patrick Maehs	David
Charlotte Dion	Jane McAfee	Henry
Tami Dyer	Barbara and Bob McClellan	Jim
Carole Embley	Kathy McCleod	Joanne
Bruce Fowler	Kathy and Dave McStravick	Judy
Susan Garrett	Amy McWhorter	Kay
Gloria Goldini	Frank Melchor, Jr.	Lynne
The Rev. Alex Graham	Ingrid Monsegue	Mark
Alex Graham, Jr.	Rosie Nasiridin	Mia
Laurie Hooper Groeschel	Bill Nordberg	Nancy
Wesley Gustin	Mickey Padilla	Nos
Bette Haidusek	Kim Parshall	Pam
Nancy Hall	Colin Peoples	Rick
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

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

ADULTS

SUNDAY

- ▶ **8+** *Aug. 2, 9 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Theology for Life** *Aug. 2 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- ▶ **Theology for Life** *Aug. 9 • 10:15 a.m. • The Church*
- ▶ **Contemplative Prayer** *Aug. 9 • 10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center Bride's Parlor*

MONDAY

- ▶ **Saintly Stitchers** *Aug. 3, 10 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *Aug. 3, 10 • 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** *Aug. 4, 11 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Kids' Meals** *Aug. 4 • 4 p.m. • Student Life Center ***New Location****
- ▶ **Church in the Field** *Aug. 11 • 6:15 p.m. • St. Martin's Parking Lot Carpool*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group** *Aug. 5, 12 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Blanket Ladies** *Aug. 5, 12 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *Aug. 5, 12 • 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

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

- ▶ **Summer on the Mount** *Aug. 2 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

- ▶ **Childcare** *Aug. 2, 9 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Summer on the Mount** *Aug. 2 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Sunday School Leader Training** *Aug. 2 • 12:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Sunday School Leader Training** *Aug. 9 • 10:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

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St. Martin's Welcomes

GLENN MESCHKO

Director of Student Ministries

A graduate of Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colo., with a degree in Organizational Management and an emphasis in Christian Leadership, Glenn has devoted his life and calling to walking alongside young people as they grow in their faith.

He has served as Director of Youth Ministries at Church of the Good Shepherd in Corpus Christi and at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in San Antonio, among several other parishes. He has led youth ministries, organized mission trips and retreats, directed confirmation formation and developed discipleship programs that have nurtured students' relationships with Christ.

Glenn is also a graduate of the Youth Ministry Coaching Program, a founder of Mission City Missions outreach in San Antonio and has served at every level of student ministry.



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



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.



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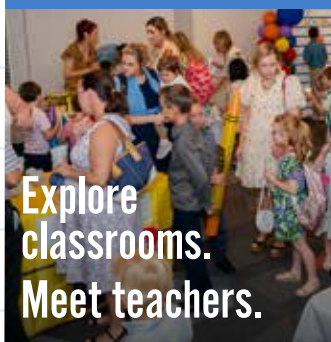


OPEN HOUSE *Sunday!*

Aug. 16 • 10:15 a.m.



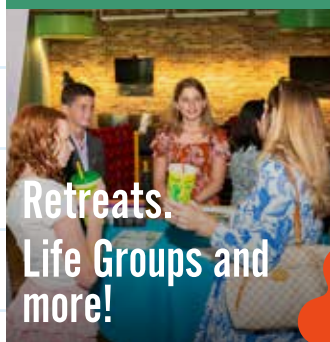
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Children's Life Center



Explore
classrooms.
Meet teachers.



STUDENT MINISTRIES Student Life Center



Retreats.
Life Groups and
more!



Walking the
Mourner's Path

TRANSFORMING GRIEF

Wednesdays, Sept. 23–Nov. 11

4–5:30 p.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center, Bride's Parlor

Cost: \$30 • scholarships available • limited to 10 participants

Registration deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 2

Walking the Mourner's Path is an eight-week, prayer-centered grief support program held in a confidential group setting. Lay and clergy facilitators guide participants using a workbook designed for each session. It's recommended for those at least nine months past their loss.

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