

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 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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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 “Sicilienne”

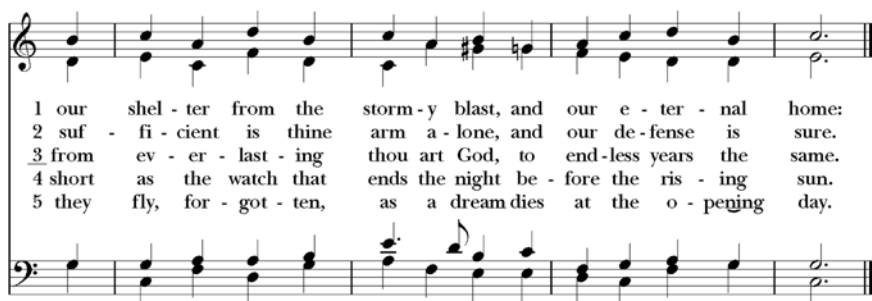
Johann Sebastian Bach/Louis Vierne

The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 680 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure,
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home;
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90; Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678–1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

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

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; 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 19:9-18

And there Eli'jah came to a cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Eli'jah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the people of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thy altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." And he said, "Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. And when Eli'jah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Eli'jah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the people of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thy altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." And the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, you shall anoint Haz'ael to be king over Syria; and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel; and Eli'sha the son of Shaphat of A'bel-meho'lah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And him who escapes from the sword of Haz'ael shall Jehu slay; and him who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Eli'sha slay. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Ba'al, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word

is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. For, “every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.” But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

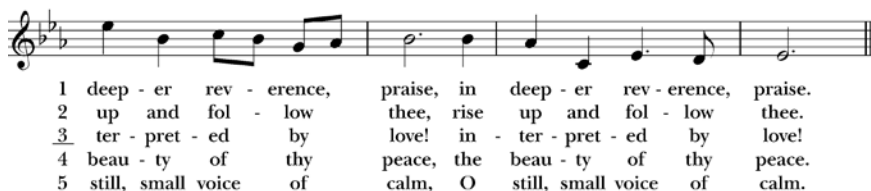
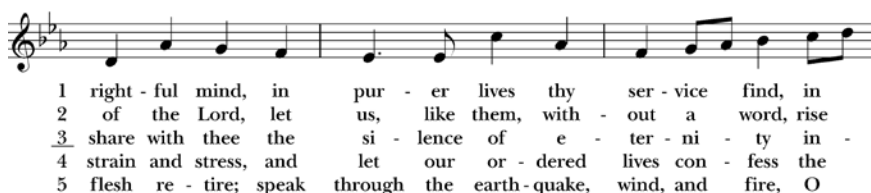
THE PSALM.....Psalm 85, Coverdale
(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



- 8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say con- | cerning | me*
 for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints,
 that | they turn | not a- | gain.
- 9 For his salvation is nigh | them that | fear him*
 that glory may | dwell | in our | land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are | met to- | gether*
 righteousness and | peace have | kissed each | other.
- 11 Truth shall flourish | out of • the | earth*
 and righteousness | hath looked | down from | heaven.
- 12 Yea, the Lord shall shew | loving- | kindness*
 and our | land shall | give her | increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall | go be- | fore him*
 and he shall direct his | going | in the | way.

All stand.

*HYMN 653 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”
(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel; verses 4-5 after the Gospel)



Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt.; Music: *Repton*; 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 14:22-33

Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea,

they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Conclusion of Sequence hymn

THE SERMON The Rev. Sharron L. Cox

*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
Episcopal Church 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... “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” Maurice Bevan

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea; there’s a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given. For the love of God is broader than the measure of man’s mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss. If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word; and our life would all be gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

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.

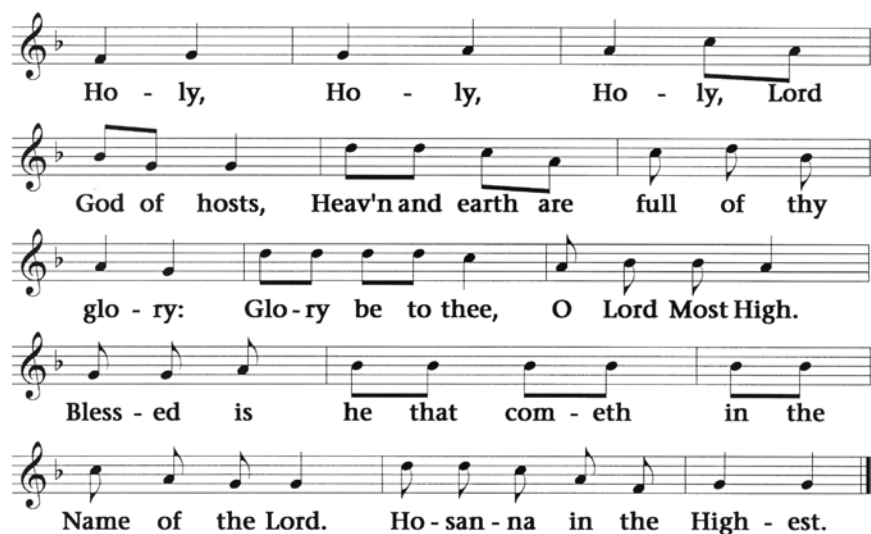
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.

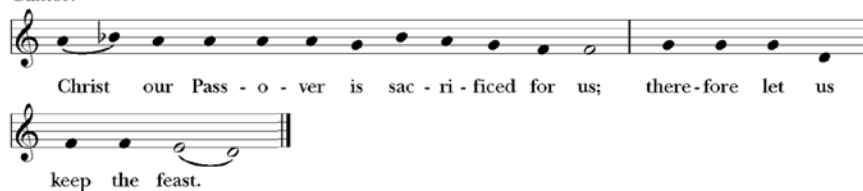
FRACTION ANTHEM

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 “O Salutaris Hostia”
Edward Elgar

O Salutaris Hostia, quae coeli pandis ostium, bella premunt hostilia,
da robur, fer auxilium. Uni trinoque Domino sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino nobis donet in patria.

O Redeeming Sacrifice, which opens the gate of heaven: enemies threaten wars; give us strength, send aid. To Thy great name be endless praise Immortal Godhead, One in Three; Oh, grant us endless length of days, In our true native land with Thee.

Words: Attributed to Thomas Aquinas. Music: Edward Elgar, 1880. © 2011 by the Choral Domain Public Library.

HYMN 559.....“Lead Us, Heavenly Father”

1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -
 2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness
 3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
 thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;
 heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.
 per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

Words: James Edmeston (1791–1867), alt.; Music: *Dulce carmen*, melody from *An Essay on the Church Plain Chant*, 1782; adapt. *Collection of Moetets or Antiphons*, ca 1840; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

HYMN 318 “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee”



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.

HYMN 699 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om
 2 O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on
 3 Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery

fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest
 thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and
 sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me

still is high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,
 com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed;
 pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,

till the storm of life be past; safe in - to the
 all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -
 free - ly let me take of thee: spring thou up with -

ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.
 fense - less head with the sha - dow of thy wing.
 in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1783), alt. Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841–1903).

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All kneel.

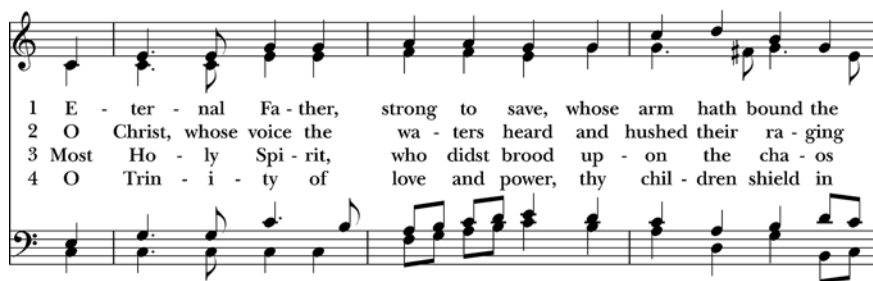
Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate 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.**

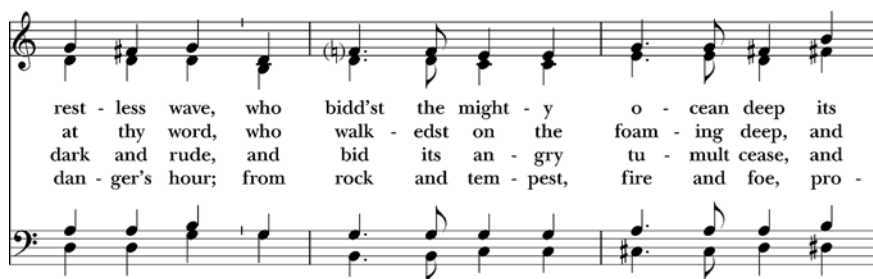
THE BLESSING

All stand.

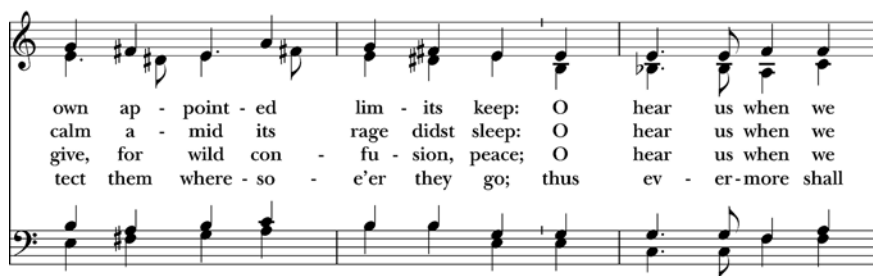
HYMN 608 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”



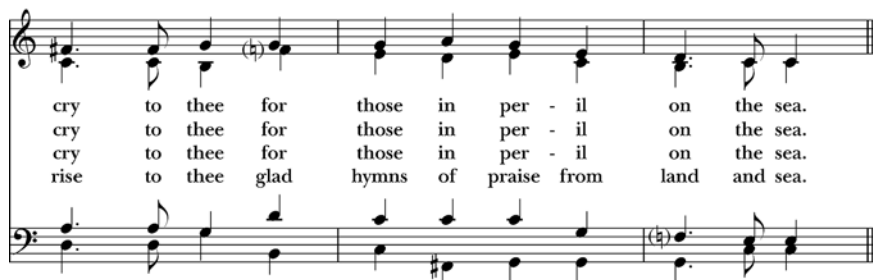
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging
 3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Words: William Whiting (1825–1878), alt.; Music: *Melita*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Festival Toccata on *St. Anne*”
Frederick Swann

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for Barbara and John Patton’s 62nd wedding anniversary
by their children

In thanksgiving for Dolores Roberts’ 96th birthday
by her four children, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren

In memory of my dear friends, Pat Howard and Mary Anne Tyler
by Lorrie Block

In memory of Karen Wallace Johnson
by her family

In memory of Mary Louise Presley
by Dorothy and James

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

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. 9, 16 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception 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*
- ▶ **Bayou City Snack Packing** *Aug. 9 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Theology for Life** *Aug. 16 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

MONDAY

- ▶ **Blood Drive** *Aug. 17 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **Saintly Stitchers** *Aug. 10, 17 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *Aug. 10, 17 • 1:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group** *Aug. 17 • 3 p.m. • Hope and Healing Center Room 103*

TUESDAY

- ▶ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *Aug. 11, 18 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Church in the Field** *Aug. 11 • 6:15 p.m. • St. Martin's Parking Lot Carpool*
- ▶ **Chat with Amistad** *Aug. 18 • 6 p.m. • Get Zoom link from outreach@smec.org*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group** *Aug. 12, 19 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Blanket Ladies** *Aug. 12, 19 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *Aug. 12, 19 • Noon • Activity Center Upper Hall East*

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

ADULTS

THURSDAY

► **Parish Choir** *Aug. 20 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center Rehearsal Hall*

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

► **Choristers** *Aug. 16 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

► **Childcare** *Aug. 9, 16 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

► **Bayou City Snack Packing** *Aug. 9 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

► **Sunday School Leader Training** *Aug. 9 • 10:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

► **Junior Choristers** *Aug. 16 • 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

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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

Faith. Wisdom. Leadership.

If you're a member of St. Martin's, and you know a confirmed member who has "a head for numbers and a heart for ministry," then you are invited to nominate them for consideration to serve on the Vestry for the upcoming three-year term.

***Vestry nominations are to be kept strictly confidential –
please do not inform nominees or their family and friends
that they have been nominated.***

- [✓] Vestry nominations open Aug. 15.
- [✓] Completed Vestry nomination forms are due by Thursday, Oct. 15.
- [] At the Annual Parish Meeting on Jan. 31, 2027, we will gather as a Parish to elect five new members to serve on the Vestry.



*The Vestry
nomination form will
be available online at
smec.org/vestrynom*

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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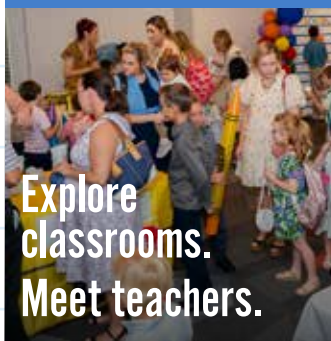


OPEN HOUSE *Sunday!*

Aug. 16 • 10:15 a.m.

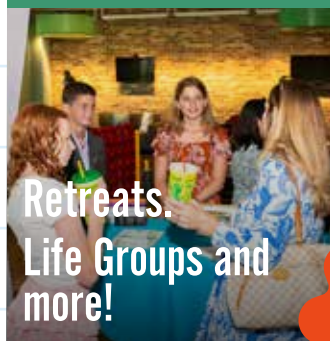


CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Children's Life Center



Explore
classrooms.
Meet teachers.

STUDENT MINISTRIES
Student Life Center



Retreats.
Life Groups and
more!



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.

Student Ministries will be selling fresh-squeezed lemonade and baked goods to raise money for mission trips.

Contact: Juli Browning • jbrowning@smec.org • 713-985-3845



*Preparing for the Bible
Presentation*

BIBLE HIGHLIGHTING



Sundays, Aug. 23 and 30
9 a.m. • Parish Life Center Narthex

Get ready to mark on the Word! Before our 3rd-grade Bible Presentation Sunday, we invite our entire Church family to help make it special. Here's how you can join in:

Sign Your Name. Each Bible will be accompanied by a note card for you to share your name and heartfelt message.

Highlight Your Hope. Take a moment to reflect and highlight your favorite verse — a verse that inspires you, brings you peace or encourages your faith.

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Mr. John Maclay, Jr., *Clerk*

Ms. Sherrie Perkins, *Senior Council President*

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Mrs. Hunter Bell

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Mr. David Kinder

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Mrs. Greta Zimmerman

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Mrs. Mary Williams, *Altar Guild President 2026-2027*

Mrs. Laurie Moreland, *ECW President 2026-2027*

Mr. Jim Drew, *Men of St. Martin's President 2026-2027*

Mr. Ted Carpenter, *Usher Representative 2026-2027*

**Denotes Associate Vestry filled at the discretion of the Rector*



Mr. John Maclay, Jr.
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