

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 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 “Prière”

Joseph Jongen

The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 410 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847); Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800–1880).

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.*)



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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, every one who keeps the sabbath, and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant — these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Eli'jah, how he pleads with God against Israel? For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may receive mercy. For God has consigned all men to disobedience, that he may have mercy upon all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM.....Psalm 67, Coverdale
(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



- 1 God be merciful unto | us, and | bless us*
and shew us the light of his countenance, and be |
merci- | ful un- | to us:
- 2 That thy way may be | known up- • on | earth*
thy saving | health a- | mong all | nations.
- 3 Let the people | praise thee, • O | God*
yea, let | all the | people | praise thee.
- 4 O let the nations re- | joice and • be | glad*
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the |
nations | upon | earth.
- 5 Let the people | praise thee, • O | God*
let | all the | people | praise thee.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring | forth her | increase*
and God, even our own God, shall | gïve | us his | blessing.
- 7 - | God shall | bless us*
and all the | ends • of the | world shall | fear him.

All stand.

*HYMN 531.....“O Spirit of the Living God”
(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel; verses 3-4 after the Gospel)

1 O Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, in
 2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love, to
 3 Be dark - ness, at thy com - ing, light; con -
 4 Con - vert the na - tions! far and nigh the

all thy plen - i - tude of grace, wher - e'er the foot of
 preach the rec - on - cil - ing word; give power and unc - tion
 fu - sion, or - der in thy path; souls with - out strength in -
 tri - umphs of the cross re - cord; the Name of Je - sus

man hath trod, de - scend on our a - pos - tate race.
 from a - bove, when - e'er the joy - ful sound is heard.
 spire with might, bid mer - cy tri - umph o - ver wrath.
 glo - ri - fy, till ev - ery peo - ple call him Lord.

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854), alt.; Music: *Melcombe*, Samuel Webbe (1740–1816).

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

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

THE GOSPELMatthew 15:10-28

And Jesus called the people to him and said to them, “Hear and understand: not what goes into the mouth defiles a man, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.” Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” He answered, “Every plant which my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit.”

But Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us." And he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and so passes on? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a man. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man." And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 in Wales 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.... “Let the People Praise Thee, O God”

William Mathias

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon the earth. Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us. That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

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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 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.

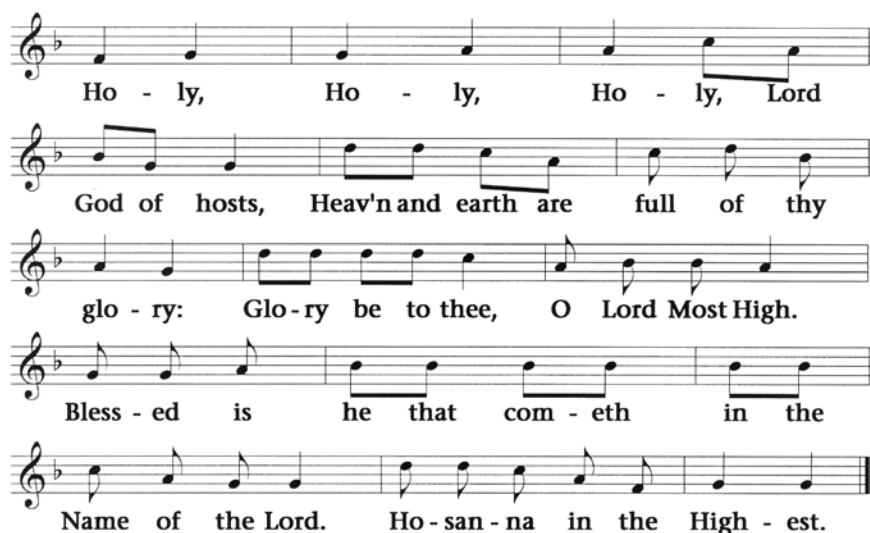
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.

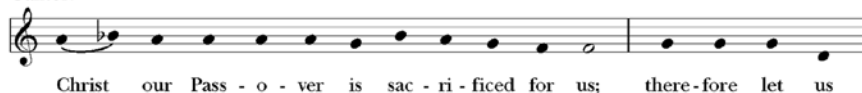
FRACTION ANTHEM

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 Jesu fili David"

Josquin des Prez

O Jesu, fili David, miserere mei: filia mea male a daemonio vexatur. Nam et catelli edunt de micis, quae cadunt de mensa dominorum suorum. O mulier, magna est fides tua.

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me: my daughter is grievously tormented by a demon. For even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the table of their masters. O woman, great is your faith.

Text: Matthew 15: 22-28. Music: Josquin des Prés (c. 1450 – 1521).

HYMN 321 "My God, Thy Table Now is Spread"

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick-ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tress
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1–3, Philip Doddridge (1702–1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731–1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740–1816).

HYMN 470 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
 there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
 and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more gra-cies for the good;
 There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer-cy with the Sa-vior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor-rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814–1863), alt.; Music: *Beecher*, John Zundel (1815–1882), alt.

HYMN 313.....“Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”



1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -



Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,



Refrain
 of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 of thy match-less love for - give me.



self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925); Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*; This selection is 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 371 “Thou, Whose Almighty Word”

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - ri - ous ray, let there be light!
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780–1825), alt.; Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and 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 “Fanfare”

William Mathias

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of Marshall Crawford

by Rosslyn Crawford

In memory of Caroline Neuhaus and Sells Neuhaus' birthdays

by the Neuhaus family; Becky, Rad, Morgan and Ford, Jennifer and Steve,
Sophie and Stephen, Sarah and Tim, and Emilie and Hall

In memory of Caroline Neuhaus

by her children, Ford and Morgan



SYMPATHY

July 22 Betty Lou Crittenden

July 24 Lynne Tyrrell Campbell

July 31 Joe Bailey, Jr.

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

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. 16, 23 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Theology for Life** *Aug. 16 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- ▶ **Just for September Registration Begins** *Aug. 23 • smec.org/just-for*

MONDAY

- ▶ **Blood Drive** *Aug. 17 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **Saintly Stitches** *Aug. 17, 24 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Upper Hall East*
- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *Aug. 17, 24 • 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*
- ▶ **The Gathering** *Aug. 24 • 10 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

TUESDAY

- ▶ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *Aug. 18, 25 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Chat with Amistad** *Aug. 18 • 6 p.m. • Get Zoom link from outreach@smec.org*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group** *Aug. 19, 26 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Blanket Ladies** *Aug. 19, 26 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *Aug. 19, 26 • Noon • Activity Center Upper Hall East*

THURSDAY

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

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

MEN

TUESDAY

► **Kids' Meals** *Aug. 25 • 5 p.m. • Parish Life Center Kitchen*

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

► **Open House** *Aug. 16 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*

► **Choristers** *Aug. 16, 23 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

► **Childcare** *Aug. 16, 23 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

► **Junior Choristers** *Aug. 16, 23 • 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

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

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Outreach Opportunities

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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MEMBERSHIP *101*



PART 1 • MONDAY, AUG. 24

6–8:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall and Online

Dinner will be served



*Join us in our
mission at
smec.org/membership*

PART 2 • SUNDAY, AUG. 30

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

*Hope and Healing Center
& Institute*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Combined Services



Sunday, Sept. 6

All services in The Church

- 8 a.m.** Traditional Holy Eucharist; no music
- 9:15 a.m.*** Family Table and Traditional Holy Eucharist
- 11:15 a.m.*** Riverway and Traditional Holy Eucharist
- 6 p.m.** Traditional Holy Eucharist

**These services will be livestreamed*



CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDY

A Bible Study for Any Woman Seeking God's Truth



DAY CLASS – BEGINS SEPT. 10

9:30–11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center and via Zoom

Strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ through the study of 1 & 2 Peter and 1, 2 & 3 John & Jude.

Childcare is available for six-week-old infants through age 5.

EVENING CLASS – BEGINS SEPT. 8

6:30–8 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Dive into engaging studies of Galatians, Colossians and 1 & 2 Thessalonians written by Leon Taylor.

All denominations are welcome; bring a friend!
Register at smec.org/clc



Contact: Liz Gallien • lgallien@smec.org • 713-830-4139

ST. MARTIN'S FELLOWS

New program!

Twice a month on Tuesdays

Beginning Sept. 15

6:30 p.m. • Student Life Center



Our new Fellows program equips Christians to see the world through the lens of the Bible's great story of creation, fall and redemption — and to follow God's calling in every area of daily life: at work, at home and in service to our community.

Tuition is free, though participants are asked to purchase required books. The program is a full nine-month commitment, and space is limited, so we encourage applying early.



Register in advance at
smec.org/st-martins-fellows

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