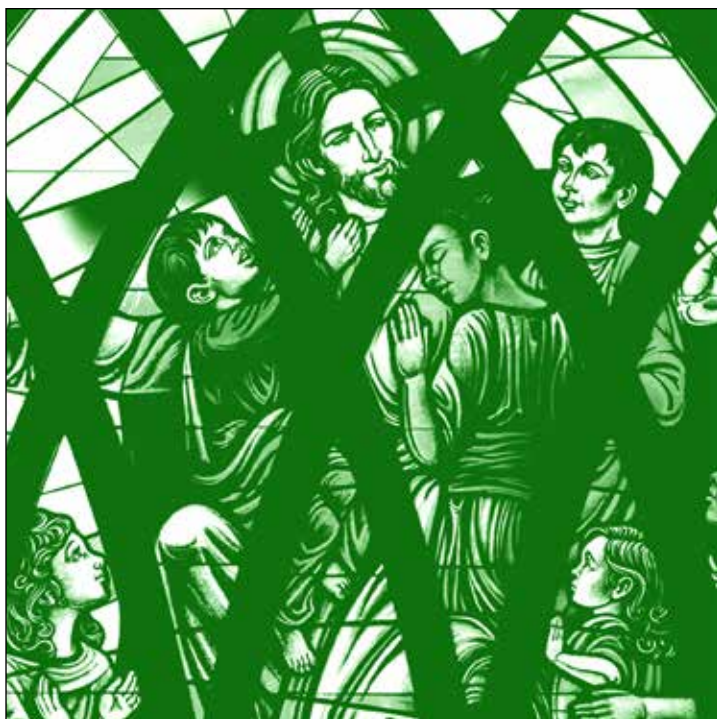


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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2026



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S

In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome to St. Martin's Episcopal Church!

We are so grateful that you are worshipping with us today. Everything that this vibrant Parish does flows from the worship of our Lord. Our service times and styles may vary, but through the riches of our Anglican tradition, they are all offered for the same ultimate purpose: to glorify our God and Father, to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ His Son, and to rejoice in the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit.

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Come, worship the Lord, and grow with us. Welcome to St. Martin's!

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.*
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 - *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 355 in the Book of Common Prayer

PRELUDE MUSIC St. Martin's Band

VOLUNTARY Two settings on "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier"
Johann Sebastian Bach and Sigfrid Karg-Elert

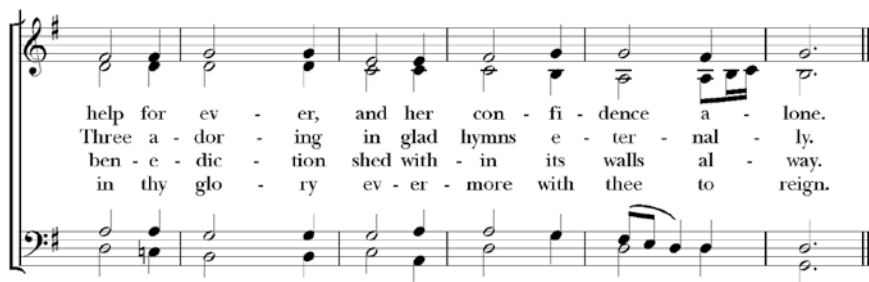
The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 518 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est in
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818–1856), alt.; Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659–1695).

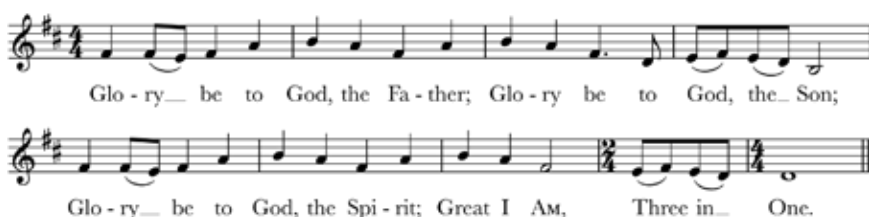
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 Ezekiel 33:7-11, NIV

And the Lord said, “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved. Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’ Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE Romans 13:8-14, NIV

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM.....Psalm 119, Coverdale



- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the | way of • thy | statutes *
and I shall | keep it • un- | to the | end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall | keep thy | law *
yea, I shall | keep it • with my | whole | heart.
- 35 Make me to go in the path of | thy com- | mandments *
for there- | in is | my de- | sire.
- 36 Incline my heart un- | to thy | testimonies *
and | not to | covet- • ous- | ness.
- 37 O turn away mine eyes, lest | they be- • hold | vanity *
and | quicken • thou | me in • thy | way.
- 38 O stablish thy | word • in thy | servant *
that | I may | fear | thee.
- 39 Take away the rebuke that | I am • a- | fraid of *
for thy | judgements | are | good.
- 40 Behold, my delight is in | thy com- | mandments *
O | quicken • me | in thy | righteousness.

All stand.

*HYMN.....“Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”
(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel; verses 3-4 after the Gospel)



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my Red - ee - mer There is no
2. The night is dark but I am not for - sak - en For by my
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en The fu - ture
4. With ev - ery breath I long to fol - low Je - sus For he has



more for hea - ven now to give He is my joy, my righ - teous - ness, and
 side, the Sav - ior he will stay. I lab - or on in weak - ness and re -
 jure, the price it has been paid For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
 said that he will bring me home And day by day I know he will ren -



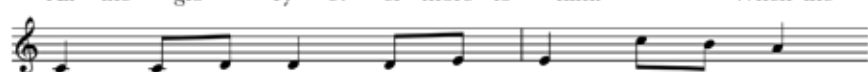
free - dom My stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
 - joi - cing For in my need, his pow - er is dis - played.
 par - don And he was raised to ov - er - throw the grave.
 - ew me Un - till I stand with joy be - fore the throne.



To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus
 To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de - fend me
 To this I hold, my sin has been de - fea - ted
 To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus



For my life is whol - ly bound to his. Oh how
 Through the deep - est val - ley he will lead. Oh the
 Je - sus now and ev - er is my plea. Oh the
 All the glo - ry ev - er - more to him. When the



strange and di - vine, I can sing; all is mine!
 night has been won, and I shall ov - er - come!
 chains are re - leased, I can sing; I am free!
 race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat:



Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPELMatthew 18:15-20, NIV

Jesus said, “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Conclusion of Sequence hymn

THE SERMONThe Rev. Dane E. Boston

*THE CREED

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a Lender part and an All part. The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words underlined for emphasis. The score includes repeat signs and first endings marked with a '1'.

We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther Al -
 Lender
 - migh - ty Ma - ker of hea - ven and earth He
 rules all things in love and po - wer He
 knew my name be - fore my birth One God, Three Per - sons
 All: He is our God We be - lieve in God the Son
 Je - sus Christ, the Word made Flesh
 We be - lieve he died for our sins
 We be - lieve he con - quered death One God, Three Per - sons
 All: He is our God We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit
 Wor - shiped with the Fa - ther and Son
 We be - lieve in the re - sur - rect - ion We
 are the Church and we stand as one

Music and Original Lyrics by Jamie Harvill and Nancy Gordon; Expanded and adapted for Family Table; Music © 1996.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Acolyte: We pray to God the Father for his Church and the world.
We pray for the people of God all over the world.

People: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Acolyte: We pray for our church, our city and our schools.

People: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Acolyte: We pray for those who are sick, sad or in trouble.

People: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Acolyte: We pray peace among the nations.

People: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Acolyte: We pray for our moms and dads and our families.

People: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Acolyte: We pray and thank God for all his blessings in our lives as
we worship him today.

People: Loving God, we bless your name.

Acolyte: With each other and all the saints, here and in the life to
come, we trust our lives to him and pray.

People: Loving God, we worship you.

Minister says

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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/
Anglican Province of Alexandria and our ministry partner, the Diocese
of Aru; for all bishops, priests and deacons; For Donald, our President,
Greg, our Governor, John, our Mayor, and the Congress and the
Courts; for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered
today with altar flowers, ____; for those for whom our prayers have
been requested, especially __; for those who are in the hospital,
especially __; for those who have died, especially _____. May the Lord
grant them peace in his presence. **Amen.**

During the moment of silence, I invite your own prayers and
intercessions.

*A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly or 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

A Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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THE OFFERTORY

Offering baskets are at the front. Children are invited to bring their gifts to place in the basket at the start of the offertory song. Plates will also be passed.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM.....“The Ground” Ola Gjeilo

Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. Dona nobis pacem.

The heavens and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

Music: Ola Gjeilo. © 2010 and 2011 Walton Music Corp.

AT THE PRESENTATION

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 also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

People: You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

Celebrant: In Christ, you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

People: He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Celebrant: On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

People: Father, we do this in remembrance of him; his Body is the bread of life.

Celebrant: At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: "Drink this, all of you; this is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me."

People: Father, we do this in remembrance of him; his Blood is shed for all.

Celebrant: As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

People: As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Celebrant: With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voices to join the eternal song of heaven:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, ho -
 - sa - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in God's name,
 Of - f'ring sal - va - tion an - noun - cing his reign.
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might. *rall...*

Author Unknown.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

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

Celebrant and People

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM



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

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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 an individually wrapped 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..... “Song for Beginnings”

Kevin R. Riehle

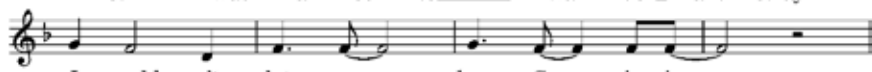
Come, my children, I will teach you of the goodness of the Lord. God, your guardian, never sleeping, never slumbering, gives the Word: “I will keep you as the apple of my eye.” From your birth you were protected by the watermark of grace; God is here from life’s beginning speaking love into this place. “I will hide you in the shadow of my wings.” “I will keep you as the apple of my eye.”

Text: Psalms 17, 22, 34, and 121. Music: Kevin R. Riehle. © 1989 Choristers Guild. ARR.

HYMN..... "I Saw the Light"



1. I wan - dered so aim - less, life filled with sin
2. Just like a blind man, I wan - dered a - lone,
3. I was a fool to wan - der and stray



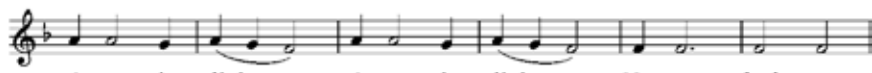
I would - n't let my dear Sa - vior in
Wor - ries and fears I claimed for my own
Straight is the gate and nar - row the way



Then Je - sus came like a stran - ger in the night
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Now I have tra - ded the wrong for the right



Praise the Lord! I saw the light!
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!



I saw the light, I saw the light, No more dark - ness,



no more night. Now I'm so hap - py, no sor - row in



sight! Praise the Lord! I saw the light!



Praise the Lord! I saw the light! Praise the Lord!



I saw the light!

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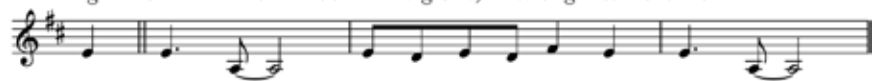
HYMN.....“Wide, High, Long, Deep”



1. Wid - er than your arms can reach, tal - ler than the trees
2. Long - er than the riv - er flows, high - er than the high - est wall



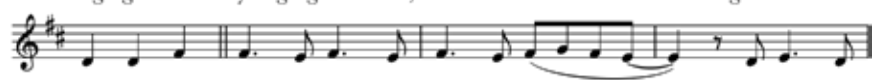
High - er than the stars a - bove, deep - er than the sea
Bright - er than the moon that glows, strong - est love of all.



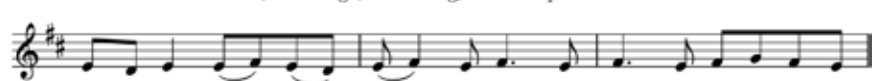
God's love is big - ger than the big - gest moun - tain,



Big - ger than my big - gest fear, so don't for - get



God's love is wide, and high, and long, and deep And God will



ne - ver stop lov - ing me No mat - ter where I go, I'm gon - na



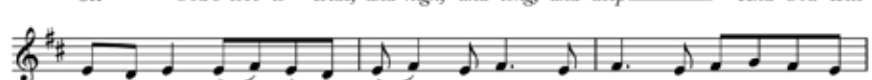
see God's love, God's love is gon - na go with me



me Whoa, Whoa, Whoa, oh Whoa, oh, oh, Whoa,



oh God's love is wide, and high, and long, and deep And God will



ne - ver stop lov - ing me No mat - ter where I go, I'm gon - na

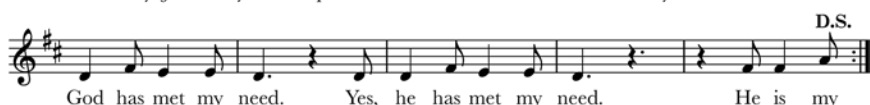
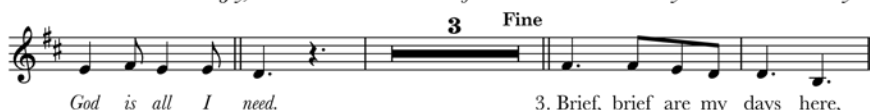
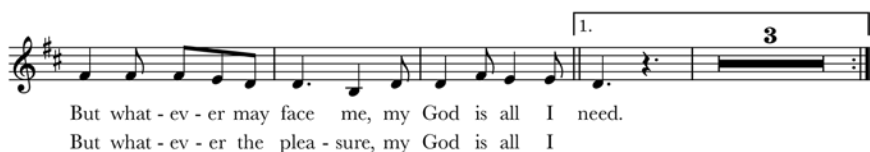


see God's love, God's love is gon - na go with me Whoa, whoa, whoa,



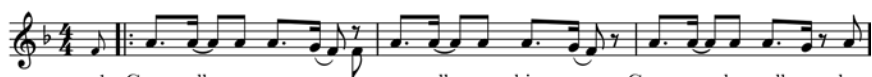
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HYMN.....“My God Is All I Need”



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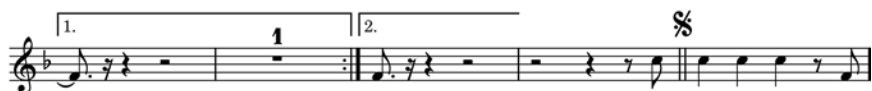
HYMN “God So Loved”



1. Come all you wea - ry, come all you thirs - ty, Come to the well that
 2. Come all you sin - ners, come find his mer - cy, Come to the ta - ble; he
 3. The pow - er of hell for - ev - er de - feat - ed, Now it is well, I'm



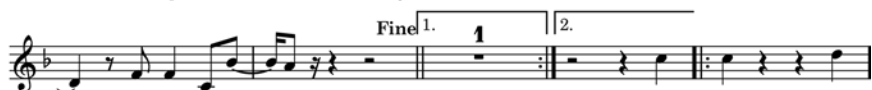
ne - ver runs dry. Drink of the wa - ter, come and thirst no more.
 will sat - is - fy. Taste of his good - ness, find what you're look - ing for.
 walk - ing in free - dom. For God so loved, God so loved the world.



For God so loved the



world that he gave us his one and on - ly Son to save us. Who - ev - er be - lieves in him



will live for ev - er. Praise God, praise



God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise him, praise



him for the won - ders of his love. Praise

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Standing, let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your Table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 400 “All Creatures of Our God and King”



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
- 2 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
- 3 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
- 4 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
- 2 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
- 3 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
- 4 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
- 2 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
- 3 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
- 4 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O — praise him, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



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

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THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Fuga in F major”
J.S. Bach

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Andrew T. Grosso

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:

Shelly Bain	Clif Shoemake
Courtney Culver Baker	Hank Showalter
Cory Blackman	Bob Smith
Gary Browning	Mitch Starkey
Nick Carbone	Neal Starkey
Anna Creeggan	Janis and James Stokes
Gail Cunningham	Stanley Williams
Dusan Damjanovic	Eric Zoerb
Bobby de Sosa	Angela
Linda de Sosa	Abigail
Charlotte Dion	Beverly
Carole Embley	Blair
Bruce Fowler	David
Alex Graham, Jr.	Jim
Hope Griscom	Judy
Shea Guinn	Katy
Bette Haidusek	Mark
Laurie Howard	Nos
Sara Jabbari	Pam
Mary and Jim Jennings	Rick
Dick Kilday	Said
Mike Lawler	Stephen
Bruce Michael Lee	
Nicole Lockney	
Mark, Sherri and Ryan Logan	
Klista Loomis	
Linda Maddux	
Jane McAfee	
Shirley McAllister	
Trippe Nevins	
Martin O'Malley	
Colin Peoples	
Antone Peterson	
Ophelia Pujol	
Barbara Quackenbush	
Phyllis Reinhardt	
Jason Rivera	
John "Jack" Roady	
Sarah and Perry Robinson	
Elizabeth Schafer	
Helen and Jim Shaffer	

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	2Lt. Thomas Pimentel
1LT. Tom Cadwallender	Cadet George Kinder	Lt. Col. Thomas Plant
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender	Colonel James Korth	CPO Brian Powell
Thomas Cochran	Lt. Jonathan Lesieur	Lt. Reagan Reitmeier
Capt. Casey Gainer	Charles Lewis	Jared Ross
Lt. Col. Cameron Hartner	Capt. Jack Mullen	1st Lt. Jeffers Shaper
Lt. Cmdr. Tiffany Hartner	Capt. Alex Mullen	MIDN Morgan Tannery
CDR Bradley Hoffman	Spc4 Parris Owen	CPO Evan Tomlin
LTC Wesley Hunnell	SrA James Peoples	
1st Lt. Stephen Jeckovich	PFC Alex Pickett	

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OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

TRADITIONAL SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist · 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. · The Church
Spoken service; no music

Morning Prayer · 9 a.m. · The Church
Except first Sunday of the month, which is Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist · 11:15 a.m. · The Church
With Children's Chapel for K-5th Grade

Evensong · 4 p.m. · The Church

FAMILY TABLE SUNDAY SERVICE

Holy Eucharist · 9:15 a.m. · Parish Life Center
Traditional liturgy with contemporary music for families with young children

RIVERWAY SUNDAY SERVICE

Holy Eucharist · 11:15 a.m. · Parish Life Center
Anglican and modern with contemporary music and Children's Chapel for K-5th Grade

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

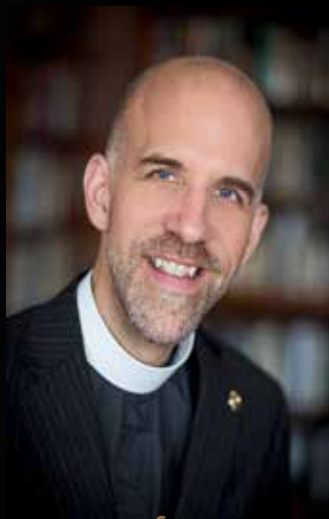
GROWING OUR CLERGY FAMILY

We're delighted to welcome **the Rev. Dr. Andrew Grosso** as St. Martin's new Vice Rector on August 31!

Join us in welcoming Dr. Grosso and his wife, Diana!

Sunday, Sept. 6 • 10:15 a.m.
Bagby Parish Hall

Dr. Grosso joins us from Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas since 2023. He brings more than two decades of Parish leadership, theological teaching and administration.



New Traditional Service Schedule

Beginning Sept. 13 • The Church

8 a.m. **HOLY EUCHARIST**
6 p.m. **SPOKEN-NO MUSIC**

9 a.m. **MORNING PRAYER***
LIVESTREAMED

11:15 a.m. **HOLY EUCHARIST**
LIVESTREAMED

4 p.m. **CHORAL EVENSONG**
LIVESTREAMED

5 p.m. **FELLOWSHIP AND**
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



*View ways to worship at St. Martin's
by visiting smec.org/traditional-worship*

**Except first Sunday of the month, which will be Holy Eucharist*

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

St. Martin's Campus is closed Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

ADULTS

SUNDAY

- ▶ **8+** *Sept. 6, 13 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Theology for Life** *Sept. 13 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- ▶ **Anglicanism 101** *Sept. 13 • 10:15 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Family Life Class** *Sept. 13 • 10:15 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **Spiritual Formation** *Sept. 13 • 10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center, Bride's Parlor*
- ▶ **Christian Education and Fellowship** *Sept. 13 • 5 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

MONDAY

- ▶ **Blood Drive** *Sept. 14 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *Sept 14 • 1:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

TUESDAY

- ▶ **Rector's Bible Study** *Sept. 8, 15 • Noon • Student Life Center*
- ▶ **Church in the Field** *Sept. 8 • 6:15 p.m. • St. Martin's Parking Lot Carpool*
- ▶ **St. Martin's Fellows** *Sept. 15 • 6:30 p.m. • Student Life Center, Living Room*
- ▶ **Faith in Literature Evening Group** *Sept. 15 • 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Docent Tour** *Sept. 9, 16 • 11 a.m. • The Church Narthex*
- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *Sept. 9, 16 • Noon • Activity Center Fellowship Room*
- ▶ **Faith in Literature Day Group** *Sept. 9 • 1 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **OSL Study Group** *Sept. 9, 16 • 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *Sept. 9, 16 • 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

- ▶ **Parish Choir** *Sept. 10, 17 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center Rehearsal Hall*

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

MEN

THURSDAY

- ▶ **Dads' Bible Study** *Sept. 10, 17 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*
- ▶ **Men of St. Martin's** *Sept. 17 • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

WOMEN

TUESDAY

- ▶ **CLS Evening Group** *Sept. 8, 15 • 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

- ▶ **CLS Day Group** *Sept. 10, 17 • 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center*

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

- ▶ **Choristers** *Sept. 13 • 8 a.m. • The Music Center*
- ▶ **Sunday Get-Togethers** *Sept. 13 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*
- ▶ **Life Groups** *Sept. 13 • 5 p.m. • Student Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Life Groups** *Sept. 9, 16 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

- ▶ **Childcare** *Sept 6, 13 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center • Ages 6-weeks to Pre-K*
- ▶ **Junior Choristers** *Sept. 6, 13 • 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Sunday School** *Sept. 13 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

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Upcoming Events



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Outreach Opportunities

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13
PICK UP YOUR BAG AT CHURCH

CCSC FOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20
RETURN YOUR FILLED BAG TODAY

DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED

*Canned Chicken and Tuna • Hearty Soups
Canned Fruit • Canned Vegetables
Boxed Dry Cereal • Peanut Butter
Dry Pasta • Pasta Sauce • Can Openers*

St. Martin's annual Parish food drive helps stock the food pantries at Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) for neighbors in need. CCSC is a non-profit coalition of local churches that serves the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy while respecting their religious, ethnic and cultural differences.



717 STUDENTS

LEMONADE FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

Stop by the Bagby carport where Student Ministries will be selling lemonade to support their mission trips.

Donations are greatly appreciated.

**\$3 regular • \$6 large
\$2 refill your cup**

(cash or card)

*For more information,
contact Outreach
Ministries at 713-830-4128
or outreach@smec.org.*

3RD GRADE

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sunday, Sept. 13
9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

Bible Workshop
8:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center

It is a beloved tradition at St. Martin's to present Bibles to third graders every fall at the beginning of the program year.

If your child is in 4th or 5th grade and has not received a Bible, we invite them to sign up.



*Don't miss commemorating this significant milestone in their faith journey. Register at **smec.org/bible-presentation**.*

Adult Confirmation Class

Anglicanism 101

Sundays, Sept. 13–Nov. 1

10:15–11 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden leads this eight-week class about the basics of our Christian faith. Anglicanism 101 is especially designed for adults seeking Confirmation in our Church, but it's open to everyone – from lifelong Episcopalians to those wanting new perspective. This class is required in preparation for Confirmation.

*Confirmation service will be Sunday, Nov. 15 at 11:15 a.m.
in The Church with the Rt. Rev. Héctor Monterroso.*

Please register for this class by contacting Tany James
at tjames@smec.org or **713-830-4108**.



Sundays, beginning Sept. 13
10:15-11 a.m.
Activity Center Game Room



Family Life Class

Contact: The Rev. Alex D. Graham III
agraham@smec.org | 713-985-3836

Join us this semester for
“SIMPLICITY PARENTING,”
a special Sunday School offering
for parents of all ages.

Parenting in today's world can be particularly challenging as families attempt to balance the increasing demands of school, church, extracurricular activities, peers and technology.

In this class, we will explore common cultural pressures of raising children and provide practical tools to help families navigate the complexities of parenthood in an increasingly distracted world.

The Beauty of Brokenness

Discover this new fall art exhibit and experience the healing powers of restoration and redemption.

Artist Talk and Reception
Friday, Sept. 18 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Through their art, Sherri Harris and Artist-in-Residence Joy Hilley have explored the Creation message, bringing Heaven to Earth. **View the exhibit now in the Parish Life Center Narthex.** Free and open to the public.



A Fond Farewell

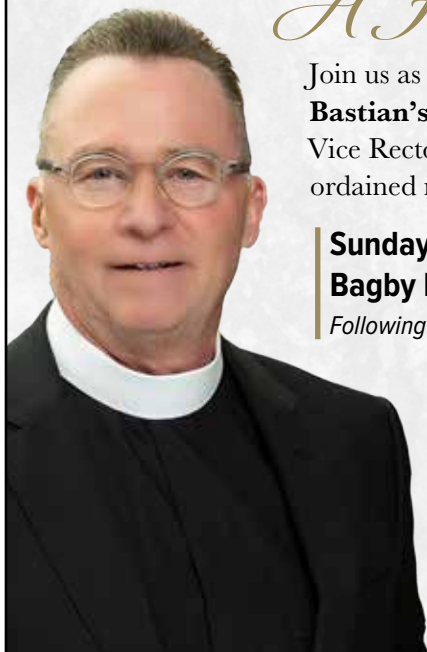
Join us as we celebrate **the Rev. Martin J. Bastian's** retirement from his role as Vice Rector after three decades of faithful, ordained ministry.

Sunday, Sept. 27
Bagby Parish Hall

Following the 11:15 a.m. services



Scan here to contribute to a special Parish Fund honoring the Rev. Martin J. Bastian.



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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.

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