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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.

Whether you are here for the very first time or have been attending St. Martin's for decades, I invite you to explore our many daily and weekly opportunities for worship, learning, fellowship, and service. We are a community where people of every age and stage of life are met by Jesus and deepen their relationship with Him. Join us as we open God's Word in Bible studies large and small, gather in nourishing, nurturing care for one another, and reach out to show God's love in tangible ways to our brothers and sisters here in Houston, and around the globe.

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.*
 - *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.*



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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

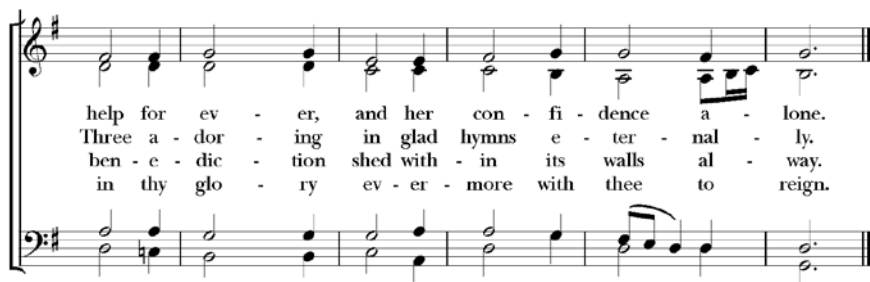
The people stand as the procession begins.

*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 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



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 us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through 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 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 -
 sure, 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 be to thee, O Lord.

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.”

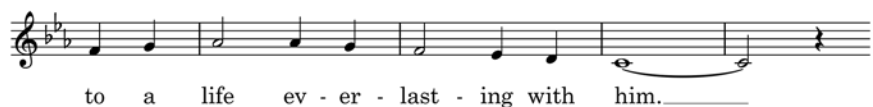
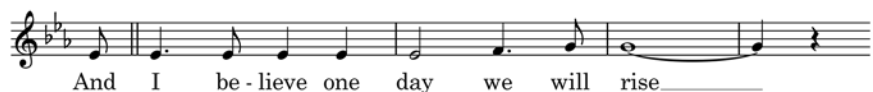
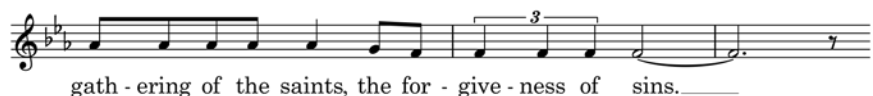
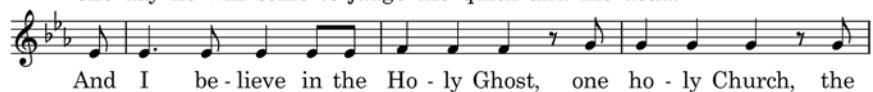
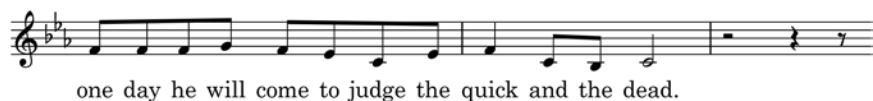
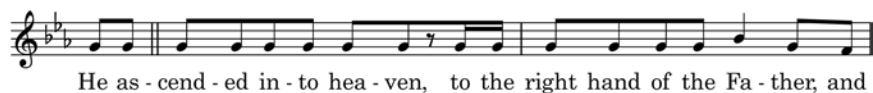
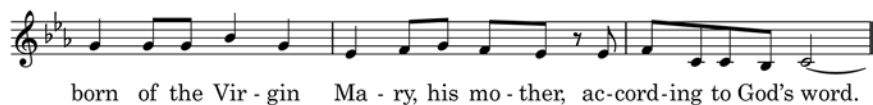
Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

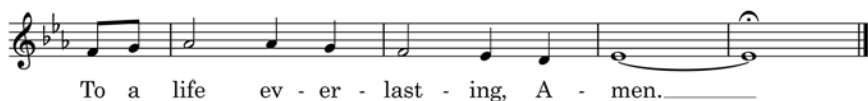
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Conclusion of Sequence hymn

THE SERMONThe Rev. Dane E. Boston

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

First, I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our bishops; for St. Martin's; for church communities in Houston, and for all ministers and people. May we all be faithful servants of Christ in our varied roles.

Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray especially for countries suffering from war – for soldiers, for widows, for orphans, for those who are victims of violence.

Pray that there would be justice and peace on Earth.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those in prison, and those affected by natural disasters.

Pray for those in need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray for those who struggle to trust his goodness while they are in the midst of suffering. Pray for those who doubt.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

I ask that you praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that, like them, we may have faith and courage to glorify Christ today and every day.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son 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..... “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 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, HOSANNA, BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of_ hosts,
hea - v'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bles - sed is
he who comes in the name_ of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

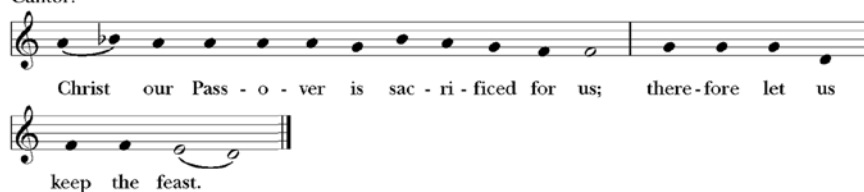
FRACTION ANTHEM

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 an individually wrapped gluten-free wafer.

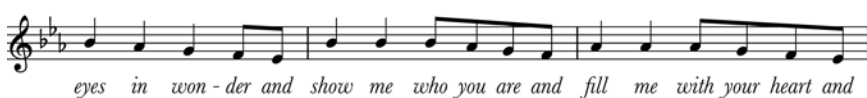
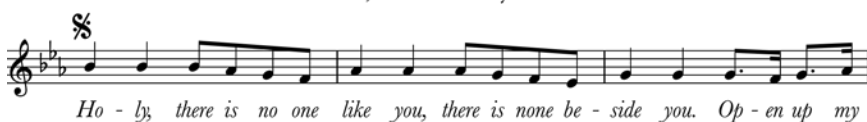
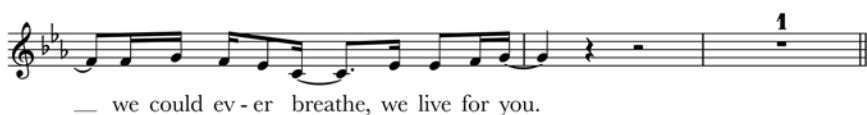
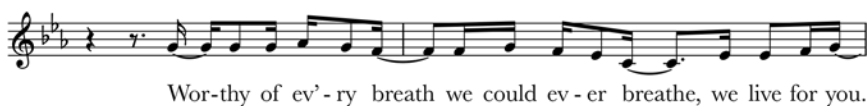
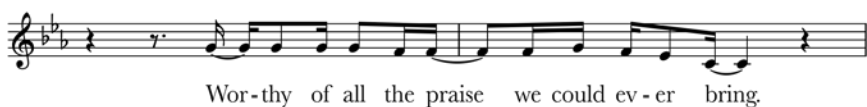
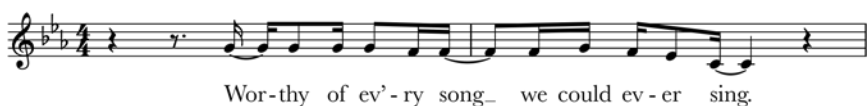
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ANTHEM “If Ye Love Me”
Thomas Tallis

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. Ev’n the Spirit of truth, that He may abide with you forever.

Text: John 14: 15-17. © HW Gray.

HYMN.....“Build My Life”



1. 2. D.S. al Fine

trust in you a - lone and I will not be sha - ken. not be sha - ken.

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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!

I saw the light!

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HYMN “Who You Say I Am (Child of God)”

1. Who am I that the high - est King would wel - come me?

2. Free at last, he has ran - somed me; his grace runs deep.

I was lost but he brought me in, oh, his love for me! Oh, his
While I was a slave to sin, Je - sus died for me, yes, he
love for me! *Who the Son sets free, oh, is free in - deed. I'm a*
died for me. *child of God, yes, I am.* I am cho - sen, not for -
sak - en. I am who you say I am. You are for me, not a -
gainst me. I am who you say I am. I am
I am who you say I am. *Who the Son sets free, oh, is*
free in - deed. I'm a child of God, yes, I am. In my
Fa - ther's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of
God, yes, I am. I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

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HYMN “My Labour Is Not In Vain”



1. My work in Christ is not in vain; my la - bor will not fail.
2. (The) tasks that you have set for me I may not un - der - stand,
3. “Go forth,” you said, “take up your cross and set the cap - tive free.”
4. Take heart, my soul, and per - se - vere, just as your Sav - ior did,



For when I toil in Je - sus' name, his pur - pose will pre -
yet I will fol - low where you lead; I trust your sov - ereign
So give me feet to seek the lost, just as you searched for
for soon you will be home at rest, your work, com - plete in



-vail. The hand.
me. So may all I do, be it great or small, bring
him.



glo - ry to your name. In your grace a - lone I will car - ry on; your

Final time repeat chorus



prom - ise to me re - mains. My la - bor is not in vain.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All kneel.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Celebrant: I invite you to join me in saying the words of the grace to one another.

People: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore, Amen.

THE BLESSING

All stand.

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:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1181/1182–1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855–1933), alt.; Music: *Last uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958); Copyright: Words: Copyright © 1985 by G. Schirmer. Used by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc. Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

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

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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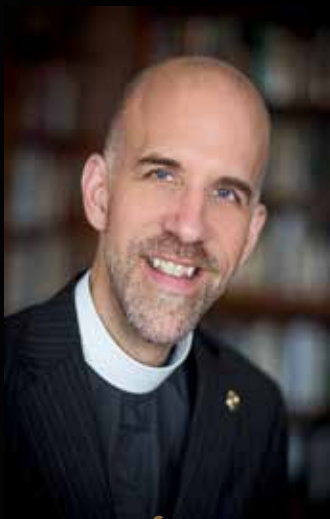
GROWING OUR CLERGY FAMILY

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*



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.

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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.*

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**.



**ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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

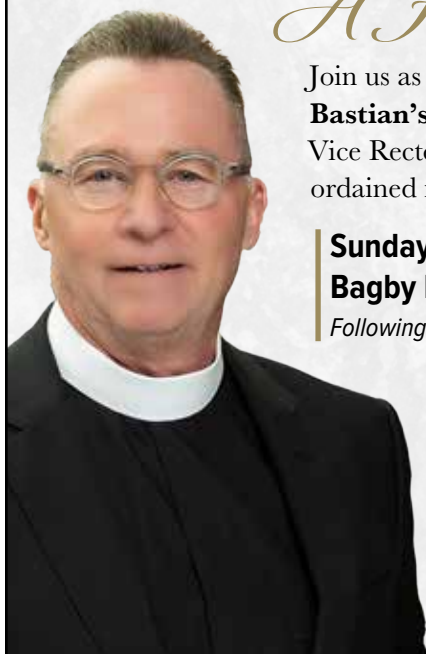
Join us as we celebrate **the Rev. Martin J. Bastian's** retirement from his role as Vice Rector after three decades of faithful, ordained ministry.

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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