

HOLY EUCHARIST

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 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

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.*

NOTICES

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



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

CONNECTING WITH ST. MARTIN'S

If you're visiting today, we're so glad you're here! Please scan the **QR** code to connect with us.



We'd love to meet you, so please introduce yourself to one of our Clergy or come by the Welcome Center before or after the service.

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ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

For **general questions**, contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

For **pastoral emergencies** when the Reception Desk is closed, call 713-621-3040 and follow the prompts to reach the priest on call.

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WHAT TO EXPECT FOR PARENTS

Children kindergarten-5th grade are invited to participate in an **optional Children's Chapel**. Please fill out a "Children's Chapel" card located in the pew. Send your child with this card when they are dismissed for Chapel following the Gospel. Children will return to the service at the Peace.

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HOLY EUCHARIST

As found beginning on page 323 in the Book of Common Prayer

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. are spoken services. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY “Praludium in C major, BuxWV 137” Dieterich Buxtehude

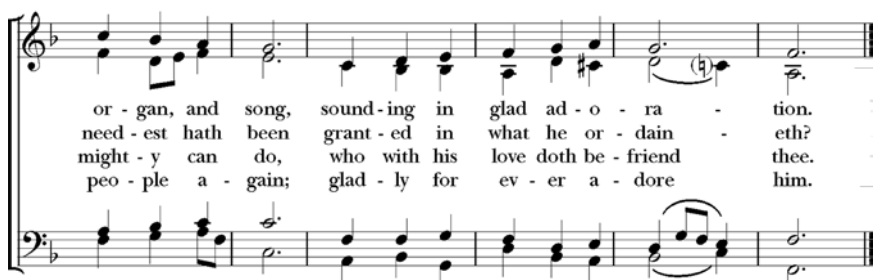
The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 390 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth; borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend - thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion; join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



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.

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. and 6 p.m., sung at 11:15 a.m.*)



1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
 good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
 we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
 thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, God the Fa-ther Al - might - y.
 4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;

5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the
 right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
 8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou
 on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most
 high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —
 A - - - - - men.

Music: Healey Willan. These words are in the public domain.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil which we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Forgive, I pray you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, we pray you, forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him, and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Fear not, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he reassured them and comforted them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM.....Psalm 103, Coverdale
(said at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., sung at 11:15 a.m.)



- 1 Praise the Lord, | O my | soul *
and all that is within me | praise his | holy | Name.
- 2 Praise the Lord, | O my | soul *
and for-| get not | all his | benefits;
- 3 Who forgiveth | all thy | sin *
and | healeth | all • thine in-| firmities;
- 4 Who saveth thy | life from • de-| struction *
and crowneth thee with | mercy • and | loving-| kindness;
- 5 Who satisfieth thy | mouth with • good | things *
making thee young and | lusty | as an | eagle.
- 6 The Lord executeth | righteousness • and | judgement *
for all | them that • are op-| pressed with | wrong.

- 7 He shewed his | ways • unto | Moses *
his | works • unto the | children • of | Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of com- | passion • and | mercy *
long- | suffering, • and of | grëat | goodness.
- 9 He will not | alway • be | chiding *
neither | keepeth he • his | anger • for | ever.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us | after • our | sins *
nor re- | warded us • ac- | cording • to our | wickednesses.
- 11 For look how high the heaven is in com- | parison • of the
| earth *
so great is his mercy | also • toward | them that | fear him.
- 12 Look how wide also the east is | from the | west *
so | far • hath he | set our | sins from us.
- 13 Yea, like as a father | pitieth • his own | children *
even so is the Lord | merciful • unto | them that | fear him.

THE EPISTLE Romans 14:1-12

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand. One man esteems one day as better than another, while another man esteems all days alike. Let every one be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. He also who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God; while he who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So each of us shall give account of himself to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

*HYMN 674 “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”
(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel; verses 3-4 after the Gospel)

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and
taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to
grant us grace to live the words we say.
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owe to us, how great our debt to you.
God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

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

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

THE GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out,

came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

At 11:15 a.m., children in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited, not required, to follow the Cross to Children’s Chapel. They will return during the Peace.

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
Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia 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

THE OFFERTORY

During the Offertory, Ushers will come forward to receive the gifts and tithes of the People. Online gifts can be made through the QR code. All donations support St. Martin's mission and ministries as we proclaim the Gospel in word and deed.



Members of St. Martin's are encouraged to reflect prayerfully on and fulfill their annual pledge of support to the Parish. Guests and visitors are never expected or required to give, but all contributions are very gratefully received.

ANTHEM “Praise the Lord, My Soul”
S.S. Wesley

Praise the Lord, my soul, and all that is within me praise his holy Name.
I laid me down and slept, and rose up again: For the Lord sustained
me. O hearken unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God.
Early in the morning will I direct my prayer to thee, and will look up.

Text: Psalm 103:1; 3; 5; 2-3. Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)

AT THE PRESENTATION

(8 a.m. and 6 p.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.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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. and 6 p.m.; sung at 11:15 a.m.)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

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. and 6 p.m. in place of sung Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

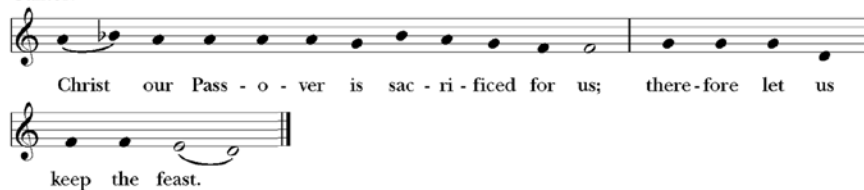
FRACTION ANTHEM

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 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 “Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake”
Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake, lay not our sins to our charge. But forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and ever more. Amen.

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HYMN 593 “Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

James Quinn (b. 1919), based on a prayer att. to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); Music: *Dickinson College*.

HYMN 411 “O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854); para. of Psalm 103; Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731–1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872).

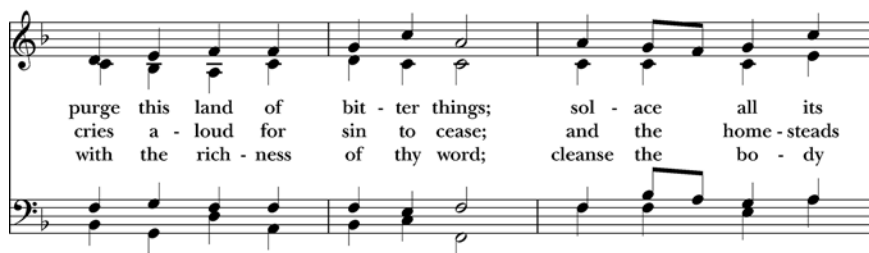
HYMN 596 “Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor”



1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
 2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
 3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness



King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
 brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
 with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee



purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
 cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
 with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy



wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
 and the wood-lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
 of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt.; Music: *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*; This selection is in the public domain.

At 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. A priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors.

Celebrant: 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.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

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.

THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 690 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”



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



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



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



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



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

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

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Symphony No. 1 VI. Final”
Louis Vierne

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage
by Sarah Ann Holt and Samuel Hiram Gonzalez
In thanksgiving for the baptism of Charles Moss
by Jennifer and Taylor Moss
In thanksgiving for the baptism of Natalie Hazel Watson
by her parents, Katie and John Watson
In memory of Glenn Meschko
by St. Martin’s Vestry, Clergy and Staff



SYMPATHY

Aug. 18 Patricia B. Levy

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

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

ADULTS

SUNDAY

- ▶ **8+** *Sept. 13, 20 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Food Drive Bag Pick-up** *Sept. 13 • 8 a.m. • The Church Narthex and Parish Life Center Narthex*
- ▶ **Theology for Life** *Sept. 13, 20 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- ▶ **Anglicanism 101** *Sept. 13, 20 • 10:15 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Family Life Class** *Sept. 13, 20 • 10:15 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **Spiritual Formation** *Sept. 13 • 10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center, Bride's Parlor*
- ▶ **Fellowship and Christian Education** *Sept. 13, 20 • 5 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- ▶ **Contemplative Prayer** *Sept. 20 • 10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center Bride's Parlor*

MONDAY

- ▶ **Blood Drive** *Sept. 14 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *Sept 14, 21 • 1:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group** *Sept. 21 • 3 p.m. • Hope and Healing Center Room 103*

TUESDAY

- ▶ **Rector's Bible Study** *Sept. 15, 22 • Noon • Student Life Center*
- ▶ **Faith in Literature Evening Group** *Sept. 15 • 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group** *Sept. 16, 23 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Docent Tour** *Sept. 16, 23 • 11 a.m. • The Church Narthex*
- ▶ **OSL Study Group** *Sept. 16, 23 • 4:30 p.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *Sept. 16, 23 • 6:45 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

- ▶ **Parish Choir** *Sept. 17, 24 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center*

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

MEN

TUESDAY

- ▶ Kids' Meals *Sept. 22 • 5 p.m. • Parish Life Center Kitchen*

THURSDAY

- ▶ Dads' Bible Study *Sept. 17, 24 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*
- ▶ Men of St. Martin's *Sept. 17, 24 • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

WOMEN

TUESDAY

- ▶ CLS Evening Group *Sept. 15, 22 • 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

- ▶ CLS Day Group *Sept. 17, 24 • 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center*

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

- ▶ Choristers *Sept. 13, 20 • 8 a.m. • The Music Center*
- ▶ Sunday Get-Togethers *Sept. 13, 20 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*
- ▶ Life Groups *Sept. 13, 20 • 5 p.m. • Student Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ Life Groups *Sept. 16, 23 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

- ▶ Childcare *Sept 13, 20 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center • Infants to pre-K*
- ▶ Junior Choristers *Sept. 13, 20 • 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ Sunday School *Sept. 13, 20 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. MARTIN'S
PRESENTS

FALL LUNCHEON THE POWER OF STORY

Remembering and Sharing God's Faithfulness

with Katie Dunn

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

11 A.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL

\$40/ person • Book signing to follow

Event Chairs: Diana Bridger and Joan Dunlap



*Reserve your seat at
smec.org/ecw-events*

Registration opens: **Aug. 25 at noon**

Deadline to register: **Sept. 14**

Join us for a meaningful morning of inspiration, fellowship, and reflection as Katie Dunn, host of the "StoryTellers Live" podcast, shares how God works through the stories of ordinary lives to encourage and inspire others in faith.

Contact: Valerie Rivera • vriviera@smec.org • 713-985-3817



Good Books and Good Conversation

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24 | 6:15–7:45 P.M.

STUDENT LIFE CENTER, LIVING ROOM

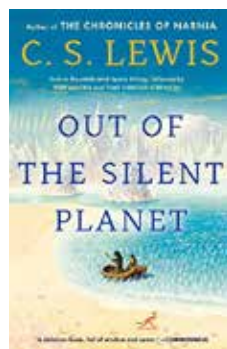
Join in the dialogue!

"Out of the Silent Planet"

by C.S. Lewis

This fall in our monthly series on the great books, we turn to C.S. Lewis's "Space Trilogy" — three science fiction novels asking what it means to be human, a question as urgent in the age of A.I. as it was in Lewis's time of world war. Books available at St. Martin's Gift Shoppe or your favorite bookseller.

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COMMUNITY EVENT

CROCKPOT SOUP FELLOWSHIP

Friday, Sept. 25

6–7:30 p.m.

Children's Life Center Large Pod

Join us for our Crockpot Soup Fellowship, a cozy time of food, friendship and community! Bring your favorite crockpot of homemade soup to share.

We'll enjoy tasting a variety of delicious soups, swap recipes and spend time connecting with one another. Whether you're a seasoned cook or trying a new recipe for the first time, everyone is welcome!



Share your recipe so others can cook along! Sign up at smec.org/crockpot.

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.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Art & Poetry RETREAT

at Houston Christian University

Oct. 31, 2026 | 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m. | \$30 | RSVP by Sept. 30

Visit smec.org/art-retreat

Lean into a holy imagination at this day retreat where we will embrace beauty and the arts more fully in our lives.

Poet and Parishioner Dr. Matthew Boyleston
Artist-in-Residence Joy Hilley

Participants will be invited to take part in a short art and poetry exercise in this partnership between **St. Martin's Episcopal Church and Houston Christian University**. No experience is needed, and beginners are encouraged to attend. Lunch is provided, and worship will also be a part of the retreat.

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's present the



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Premier Shopping Party

Tuesday, October 13, 4–8 p.m.

\$20 advance ticket | \$25 at the door

Includes hors d'oeuvres and first access to fabulous items

Wednesday and Thursday

October 14, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

October 15, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Free admission



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