

MORNING PRAYER

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 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.

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.

Contact: Katharine Perrow • 713-985-3834 • kperrow@smec.org

ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

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MORNING PRAYER

As found beginning on page 37 in the Book of Common Prayer

VOLUNTARY “Praludium in C major, BuxWV 137”

Dieterich Buxtehude

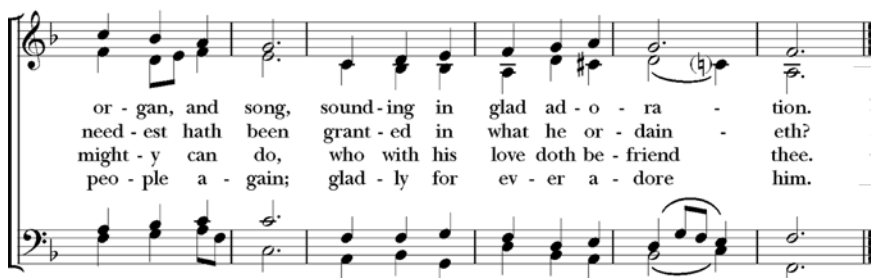
The People stand for the Procession and join in singing

*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 *Erneuten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

The Officiant says

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All kneel and, after a moment of silent reflection, say

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All stand for

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: O come, let us adore him.

All join in singing

✠ VENITE

1-3 1. O come, let us sing un-to the Lord; let us
heart - i - ly re-joyce in the strength of our sal - va - tion. Let us
come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing and
show our-selves glad in him with psalms. For the Lord is a great
God, and a great King a - bove all gods. In his
hand are all the cor - ners of the earth, and the

strength of the hills is his al - so. The sea is his, and he
made it, and his hands pre - pared the dry land. O
come, let us wor-ship and fall down, and kneel be-fore the Lord our
mak - er. For he is the Lord our God, and we are the peo-ple of his
pas - ture and the sheep of his hand. O
wor - ship the Lord in the beau-ty of ho - li-ness; For he
com - eth, for he com - eth to judge the earth, and with
right - eous-ness to judge the world and the peo-ples with his truth.
Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost: as it
was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be.
world with-out end. A - - - - - men.
A - - - - - men.

Text: Psalm 95, para. Music: *Venite*, Keith Lathrom (b. 1989) © Keith Lathrom, 2026.

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: **O come, let us adore him.**

All sit and join in singing

THE PSALM Psalm 103, Coverdale



- 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.
- Glory be to the Father and | to • the | Son*
and | to the | Holy | Ghost.
- As it was in the beginning is | now and • ever | shall be*
world without | end. √ A- | .. | men.

THE FIRST LESSON 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: Here endeth the Lesson.

All stand and join in singing

*THE FIRST CANTICLE "Song of Zechariah"



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el, who comes to set us free; he
 2. He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given; a
 3. On pris - on - ers of dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise, the

vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us li - ber - ty, The
 Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven. Be -
 dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes. He

pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease; God
 fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way, the
 guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace. O

shall ful - fill his pro - mise and bring his peo - ple peace.
 pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.
 bless our God and Sa - vior with songs that nev - er cease.

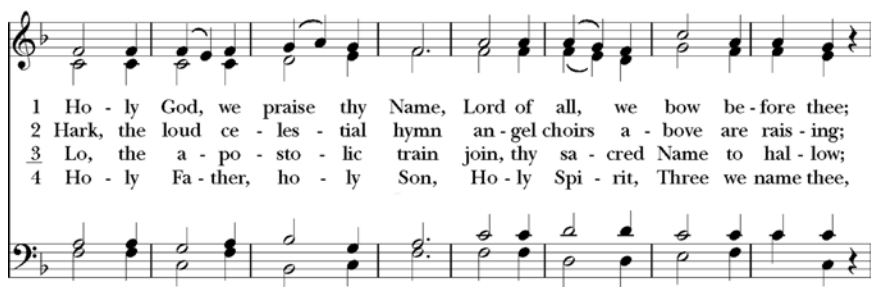
THE SECOND LESSON Matthew 18:21-35

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.”

Reader: Here endeth the Lesson.

All stand and join in singing

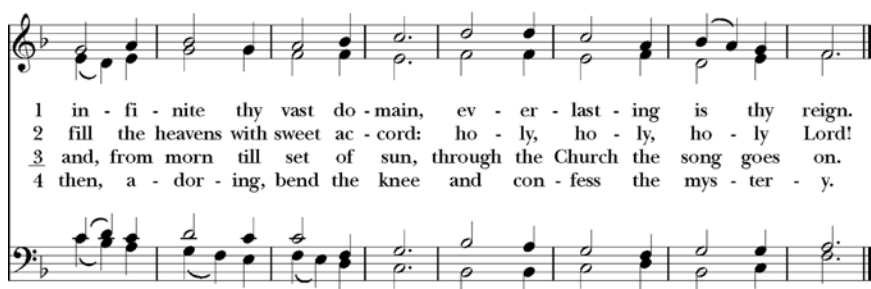
*THE SECOND CANTICLE “Te Deum”



1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
 2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
 3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,



1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
 2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
 3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
 4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;



1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
 4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.

Words: Para. the *Te Deum*, Sts. 1–4, Ignaz Franz (1719–1790), tr. Clarence Walworth (1820–1900). Sts. 5–7, F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984); Music: *Grosser Gott*, melody from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1686; alt. *Cantante*, 1851; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944), after Conrad Kocher (1786–1872).

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

All say together

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE SALUTATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

All kneel and say together

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 SUFFRAGES, FORM A

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. Thy saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

The Officiant then says the following Collects

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.**

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All say together

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

The Officiant then says

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Officiant says

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

2 Corinthians 13:14

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand and join in singing

*HYMN 674 “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”

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.

Words: Rosamond E. Herklots (1905–1987); Music: *Detroit*, from *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820; acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922);
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THE SERMON The Rev. Dane E. Boston

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)

As the Offering is brought forward, all stand and sing

THE 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 BENEDICTION

The Officiant says

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine
upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of His
countenance upon you, and give you peace. And the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you,
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All join in singing

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, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, 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).

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

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

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RECOGNITIONS
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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



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

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.

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Reserve your seat at
smec.org/ecw-events

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

Deadline to register: **Sept. 14**



Serve Day

Please join us to help us prepare for the Angel Tree Holiday Project, Church in the Field Christmas project, and more.

Children are welcome and you can come as go as needed!

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Wednesday, Sept. 23

10-11:30 a.m.

Student Life Center

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES

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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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

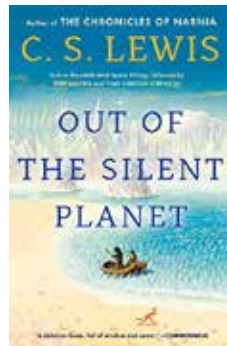
Join in the dialogue!

“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.

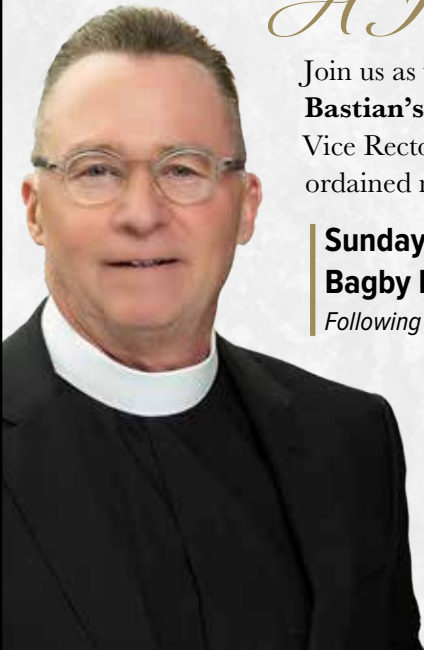
Children’s Life Center Large Pod

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



JOY of GIVING MARKET



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



Join us for the festivities
at smec.org/jog

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ST. MARTIN'S

Enjoy **hot grab and go meals**
Monday–Wednesday and **lunch plate**
entrées on Thursdays.

*Come by and discover delicious
specialties prepared daily by our
café team.*

Questions?
Contact cafe@smec.org.

HOURS

Monday–Thursday
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall



View the menu at
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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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