

HOLY EUCHARIST

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 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.*

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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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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 “Siciliano”

Herbert Howells

The people stand as the procession begins.

* HYMN 414 “God, My King, Thy Might Confessing”

1 God, my King, thy might con - fess - ing, ev - er will I
2 Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; who his ma - jes -
3 They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and
4 Nor shall fail from mem - ory's trea - sure works by love and
5 Full of kind - ness and com - pas - sion, slow to an - ger,

1 bless thy Name; day by day thy throne ad - dress - ing,
2 ty can reach? Age to age his works trans - mit - teth,
3 great - ness dwell, speak of thy dread acts the sto - ry,
4 mer - cy wrought, works of love sur - pass - ing mea - sure,
5 vast in love, God is good to all cre - a - tion;

1 still will I thy praise pro - claim.
2 age to age his power shall teach.
3 and thy deeds of won - der tell.
4 works of mer - cy pass - ing thought.
5 all his works his good - ness prove.

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee;
thee shall all thy saints adore:
King supreme shall they confess thee,
and proclaim thy sovereign power.

Words: Richard Mant (1776–1848); para. of Psalm 145; Music: Stuttgart, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Anächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.; Copyright: Used by permission.

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

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENTJonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the Lord and said, "I pray thee, Lord, is not this

what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that thou art a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repentest of evil. Therefore now, O Lord, take my life from me, I beseech thee, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Do you do well to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. And the Lord God appointed a plant, and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm which attacked the plant, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God appointed a sultry east wind, and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah so that he was faint; and he asked that he might die, and said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Do you do well to be angry for the plant?” And he said, “I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.” And the Lord said, “You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night, and perished in a night. And should not I pity Nin’evah, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”

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 I will magnify thee, O | God my | King*
 and I will praise thy | Name for | ever • and | ever.
- 2 Every day will I give | thanks • unto | thee*
 and praise thy | Name for | ever • and | ever.

- 3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous | worthy • to be | praised*
there is no | ënd | of his | greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise thy works | unto • an- | other*
and de- | cläre | thÿ | power.
- 5 As for me, I will be | talking • of thy | worship*
thy glory, thy | praise and | wond- • rous | works;
- 6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy | marvel- • lous | acts*
and I will | also | tell of • thy | greatness.
- 7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness | shall be | shewed*
and men shall | sïng | of thy | righteousness.
- 8 The Lord is | gracious • and | merciful*
long-suffering | and of | grät | goodness.

THE EPISTLEPhilippians 1:21-30

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear omen to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict which you saw and now hear to be mine.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 660 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”
(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel; verses 3-4 after the Gospel)

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836–1918); Music: *Maryton*, Henry Percy Smith (1825–1898).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, “For the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place; and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about

the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the householder, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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. Andrew S. Hebert

*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 of Australia 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 “Come, Labor On”
arr. Richard Kenneth Fitzgerald

Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain, while all around us waves the golden grain? And to each servant does the Master say, “Go work today.” Come, labor on. The enemy is watching night and day, to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away; while we in sleep our duty have forgot, he slumbered not. Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear! No arm so weak but may do service here: by feeblest agents may our God fulfill his righteous will. Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share— to young and old the Gospel gladness bear: redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh. Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky, till the long shadows o’er our pathway lie, and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, “Servants, well done.” Amen.

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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.

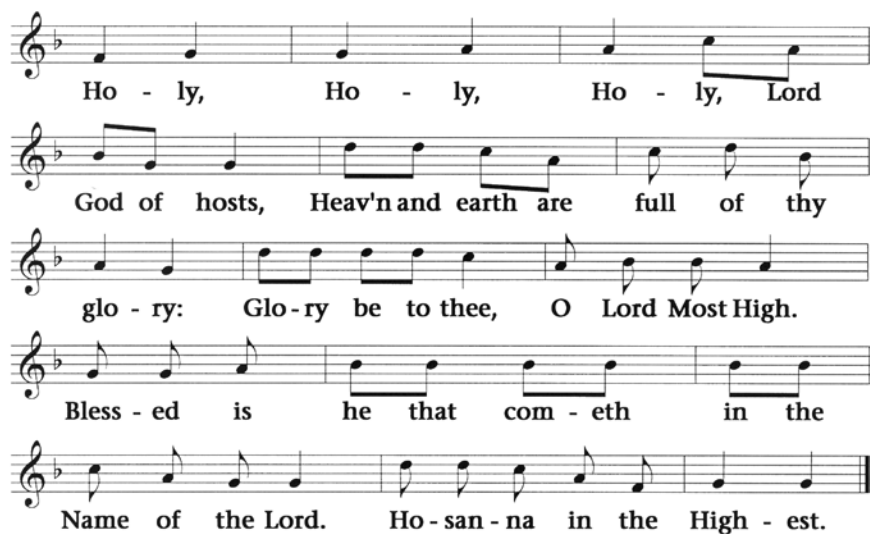
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.)



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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

(8 a.m. 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.

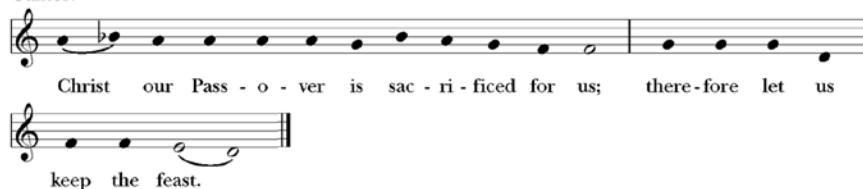
FRACTION ANTHEM

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 “O God My King”

John Amner

O God my King, I will magnify Thee and praise Thy Name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and marvelous worthy to be praised: there is no end of His greatness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering, and of great goodness. My mouth shall speak the praises of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto His holy Name for ever and ever. Amen.

Text: Psalm 145: vv. 1, 3, 8 and 21. Music: John Amner (1579-1641) © Oxford University Press, 1973.

HYMN 482 “Lord of all Hopefulness”

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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HYMN 309 “O Food to Pilgrims Given”

1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from
 2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,
 3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,

hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We
 well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We
 hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant

hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -
 faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance
 when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in

ny give us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
 give us, and all we need pro - vide.
 hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

Words: Latin, 1661; tr. John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945), alt.; Music: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*; To reproduce these words for one-time, not-for-profit use, you may contact info@churchpublishing.org; To reproduce these words for any other purpose, you must contact khol.dieu@oup.com.

HYMN 655.....“O Jesus, I Have Promised”



1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path-way, if thou wilt be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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At 11:15 a.m., before 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 527 "Singing Songs of Expectation"



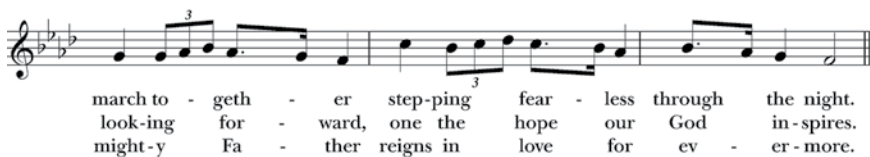
1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
 3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
 gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
 one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
 faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
 far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -



Words: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862); tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt. Music: *Tony-Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944).

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Fugue in C minor BWV 582/2”
Johann Sebastian 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 anniversary of Meredith and Dean Huffman
by Dean Huffman



BAPTISMS

Sept. 12 Charles Weston Moss
Edward Joseph Noonan III
Natalie Hazel Watson



WEDDINGS

Sept. 12 Sarah Ann Holt and Samuel Hiram Gonzalez



SYMPATHY

Sept. 6 Carol Jean Moehlman

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

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 vrivera@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

- ▶ **Food Drive Bag Drop-off** *Sept. 20 • 8 a.m. • Bagby Porte-cochère*
- ▶ **8+** *Sept. 20, 27 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Theology for Life** *Sept. 20, 27 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- ▶ **Anglicanism 101** *Sept. 20, 27 • 10:15 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Family Life Class** *Sept. 20, 27 • 10:15 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **Contemplative Prayer** *Sept. 20 • 10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center Bride's Parlor*
- ▶ **Fellowship and Christian Education** *Sept. 20, 27 • 5 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

MONDAY

- ▶ **Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group** *Sept. 21 • 3 p.m. • Hope and Healing Center Room 103*
- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *Sept. 21, 28 • 1:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **The Gathering** *Sept. 28 • 10 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

TUESDAY

- ▶ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *Sept. 22, 29 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Rector's Bible Study** *Sept. 22, 29 • Noon • Student Life Center*
- ▶ **St. Martin's Fellows** *Sept. 29 • 6:30 p.m. • Student Life Center, Living Room*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group** *Sept. 23, 30 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Outreach Serve Day** *Sept. 23 • 10 a.m. • Student Life Center*
- ▶ **Blanket Ladies** *Sept. 23, 30 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *Sept. 23, 30 • Noon • Activity Center Fellowship Room*

THURSDAY

- ▶ **Parish Choir** *Sept. 24, Oct. 1 • 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. 24, Oct. 1 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*

► Men of St. Martin's *Sept. 24, Oct. 1 • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

WOMEN

WEDNESDAY

► The Moms' Group *Sept. 30 • 11 a.m. • Student Life Center Living Room*

THURSDAY

► CLS Day Group *Sept. 24, Oct. 1 • 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center*

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

► Choristers *Sept. 20, 27 • 8 a.m. • The Music Center*

► Sunday Get-Togethers *Sept. 20, 27 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

► Life Groups *Sept. 23, 30 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

► Childcare *Sept. 20, 27 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center • Infants to pre-K*

► Junior Choristers *Sept. 20, 27 • 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

► Sunday School *Sept. 20, 27 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

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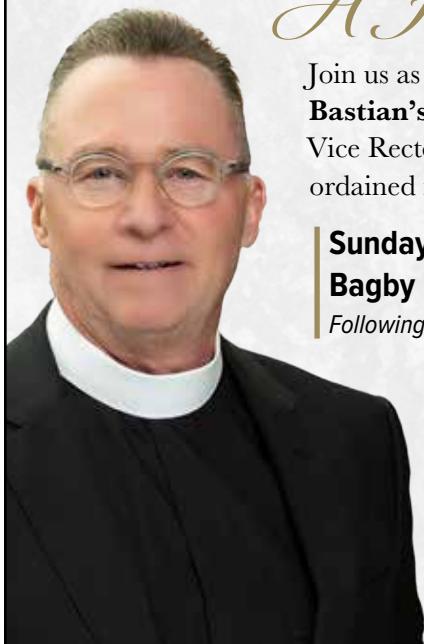
Upcoming Events



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Outreach Opportunities

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



**JOY of
GIVING
MARKET**

**PANTRY
PRE-SALES!**

OPENS
Sept. 21

CLOSES
Oct. 6

Make holiday planning simple — or just make weeknights easier!
Pre-order your ECW Pantry favorites to guarantee you get what you love.

Returning Items

*Bacon-Wrapped Tamales • Turkey Chili • Chicken Pot Pie
Meat Sauce Bolognese • Cinnamon Coffee Cake • Tasty Trash and more!*

New items

*Salmon Cheesecake Appetizer • Louisiana Chicken & Sausage Gumbo
Herbed Crostini • Caramel Apple Pie • Macarons*

Pickup Date: Monday, Oct. 12 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m. or during Joy of Giving Market

Location: Bagby Parish Hall Refectory



For more information and to view the full menu, scan the QR code or visit stmartinsepiscopal.square.site





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.



Keeping the Kalendar

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Tuesday, Sept. 29 ✨ 6 p.m. ✨ The Church

Reception to follow in The Church Narthex

Commonly known as Michaelmas, the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels is among the most ancient and beloved observances in the church calendar — a moment to contemplate the mystery of the heavenly host and their place in the story of faith. This year, our Keeping the Kalendar service comes to The Church, offering a setting of grandeur and intimacy that benefits the occasion.

Contact: Haley Lynch • hlynch@smec.org



For All the Saints:

Fall Art & Poetry RETREAT

at Houston Christian University



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

RSVP by Oct. 14 | Visit smec.org/art-retreat

At this one-day retreat, we will experience
how encountering beauty helps us encounter God.

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.

Open Forum on Vestry Nominations

Sunday, Oct. 4 • 12:30 p.m. • Vestry Conference Room

Nomination Deadline: Thursday, Oct. 15

*Hosted by Senior Council President Sherrie Perkins and
Senior Warden Susan McConn*

Nominations for St. Martin's Vestry are now being accepted for the upcoming term. Join us for an interactive information session to learn more about the process, Vestry members' responsibilities and what it means to serve our Parish in this important ministry.

We look forward to your participation!

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Mrs. Laurie Moreland, *ECW President 2026-2027*

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**Denotes Associate Vestry filled at the discretion of the Rector*



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