

HOLY EUCHARIST

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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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ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

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

For **prayer requests**, contact the prayer request line at 713-830-4124 or vriviera@smec.org.

For **birth announcements**, contact Cyndy Gubbs at 713-985-3804 or cgubbs@smec.org.

For **death notifications and funerals**, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@smec.org.

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 “Sonata No.1, Adagio” Felix Mendelssohn

The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 362 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826), alt.; Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

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, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzzi'ah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having in his hand a burning coal which he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM.....Psalm 25, Coverdale
(said at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., sung at 11:15 a.m.)



- 1 Unto thee O Lord will I lift up my soul; my God I have
| put my | trust in thee*
O let me not be confounded, neither let mine | enem- • ies
| triumph | over me.
- 2 For all they that hope in thee shall not | be a- | shamed*
but such as transgress without a cause | shall be
| put to • con- | fusion.
- 3 Shew me thy | ways, • O | Lord*
and | tēach | me thy | paths.

- 4 Lead me forth in thy | truth, and | learn me*
for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my
| höpe | all the • day | long.
- 5 Call to remembrance O Lord, thy | tender | mercies *
and thy loving-kindnesses, which | have been | ever • of
| old.
- 6 O remember not the sins and offences | of my | youth *
but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O | Lörd
| for thy | goodness.
- 7 Gracious and righteous | is the | Lord *
therefore will he teach | sinners | in the | way.
- 8 Them that are meek shall he | guide in | judgement*
and such as are gentle, them | shall he | learn his | way.

THE EPISTLE 1 Peter 5:1-4

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

*HYMN 483.....“The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns”
(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel; verses 4-6 after the Gospel)

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,

1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
 2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
 3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.
 4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
 5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
 though shame and death to him:
 his people's hope, his people's wealth,
 their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769–1855); Music: *St. Magnus*, melody from *Divine Companion*, 1707; harm, William Henry Monk (1823–1889), after John Pyke Hullah (19th cent.).

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

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

THE GOSPELJohn 21:15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go.” (This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God.) And after this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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. Martin J. Bastian
morning services

THE SERMON The Rev. R. Wesley Arning
evening service

[✠]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 Church
of Bangladesh 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 “The Holy City”
Stephen Adams

Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair, I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there. I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang, Methought the voice of Angels from Heaven in answer rang. “Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!” And then methought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang, Hushed were the loud Hosannas the little children sang; The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill, As the shadows of the cross arose upon a lonely hill. And once again the scene was changed; new earth there seemed to be, I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea; The light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide, And all who would might enter, and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night, or sun to shine by day, It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away.

Text: F. E. Weatherly, 1976 ed., (Original copyright 1892).

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.

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus and Benedictus. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all in treble clef and G-clef. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The text is: "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.

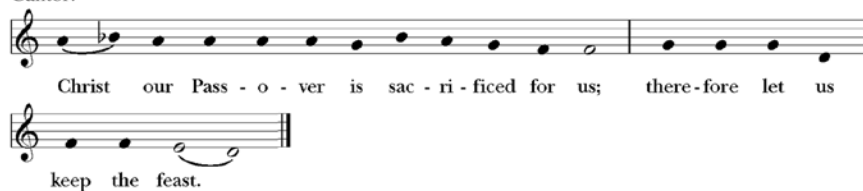
FRACTION ANTHEM

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 “The First Song of Isaiah”
Jack Noble White

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name. *Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.* Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. *Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.* Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, Ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. *Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.*

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HYMN "Here I Am, Lord"

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will

save,
 way.
 save. I who made the stars of night,
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My

light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____ Here I am, Lord, _____ Is it
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

I, Lord? _____ I have heard You calling in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____

_____ if you lead me. _____ I will hold Your peo - ple in my

1. 2. 3.

heart. _____ heart. _____

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HYMN 335..... "I Am the Bread of Life"



1 I am the bread of life; they who
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
 4 I am the life. They who be -
 5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
 5 Son of God who has



1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with in you.
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
 5 come in - to the world.



And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. _____

2 The
3 Un- day.
4 —
5 Yes, _____

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HYMN “Sanctuary”

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and

ho - ly, tried and true; With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a

liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

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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 473“Lift High the Cross”

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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THE DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY“Festival Toccata”

Percy Fletcher

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 Sara Breen Gessinger and Theodore Michael Zounis

In thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Martin J. Bastian

by St. Martin's Vestry, Staff and Parish

In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Charlotte Clare Smith and Leon Ward Smith

by Clare and Scooter Smith

In thanksgiving for Marjorie Nelson's 95th birthday

by the Nelson family

In memory of Robert Wirt Paddock

by Carol Ann Paddock



SYMPATHY

Sept 6 Glenn Joseph Meschko

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	Cyde Loan	Mitch Starkey
Courtney Culver Baker	Nicole Lockney	Neal Starkey
Cory Blackman	Mark, Sherri and Ryan Logan	Janis Stokes
Marsha Brown	Klista Loomis	Posey Turpin
Gary Browning	Linda Maddux	The Wiggins family
Nick Carbone	Jane McAfee	Stanley Williams
Anna Creeggan	Shirley McAllister	Eric Zoerb
Gail Cunningham	Kathy McLeod	Angela
Dusan Damjanovic	Amy McWhorter	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	Olga
Laurie Howard	Elizabeth Schafer	Pam
Sara Jabbari	Helen and Jim Shaffer	Rick
Mary and Jim Jennings	Clif Shoemake	Said
Dick Kilday	Hank Showalter	Stephen
Mike Lawler	Isabella Slant	
Bruce Michael Lee	Bob Smith	

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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	Matthew
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

A Fond Farewell

CELEBRATING THE REV. MARTIN J. BASTIAN



*F*or three decades, **the Rev. Martin J. Bastian** has faithfully served at St. Martin's with a ministry rooted in presence, compassion and steadfast faith. Since arriving at our Parish in 1996, he has walked alongside generations of Parishioners through life's most sacred moments — from baptisms and weddings to illness, grief and loss.

His ministry has been guided by a simple calling: to be present and to point people to Christ. St. Martin's became his spiritual home and family and we give thanks for the extraordinary gift of his faithful priesthood among us.

Today is the Rev. Bastian's final day with us. Please join us as we celebrate his 30 years of ministry and bid him a fond farewell at a **special reception in Bagby Parish Hall following the 11:15 a.m. services.** ☒



*To make an offering to his Clergy Purse,
scan the QR code or visit
smec.org/marty-farewell*

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

ADULTS

SUNDAY

- ▶ **8+** *Sept. 27, Oct. 4 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Theology for Life** *Sept. 27, Oct. 4 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- ▶ **Anglicanism 101** *Sept. 27, Oct. 4 • 10:15 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Family Life Class** *Sept. 27, Oct. 4 • 10:15 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **Spiritual Formation** *Sept. 27, Oct. 4 • 10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center, Bride's Parlor*
- ▶ **Fellowship and Christian Education** *Sept. 27, Oct. 4 • 5 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- ▶ **Docent Tour** *Oct. 4 • Following 11:15 a.m. services • The Church Narthex*
- ▶ **Vestry Nomination Forum** *Oct. 4 • 12:30 p.m. • Vestry Conference Room*

MONDAY

- ▶ **The Gathering** *Sept. 28 • 10 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *Sept. 28, Oct. 5 • 1:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group** *Oct. 5 • 3 p.m. • Hope and Healing Center Room 103*

TUESDAY

- ▶ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *Sept. 29, Oct. 6 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Rector's Bible Study** *Sept. 29, Oct. 6 • Noon • Student Life Center*
- ▶ **Kids' Meals** *Oct. 6 • 4 p.m. • Student Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *Sept. 30, Oct. 7 • Noon • Activity Center Fellowship Room*
- ▶ **OSL Study Group** *Sept. 30, Oct. 7 • 4:30 p.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **Christ Chapel Tour** *Oct. 7 • 10 a.m. • Christ Chapel Narthex*
- ▶ **St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *Sept. 30, Oct. 7 • 6:45 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

- ▶ **Parish Choir** *Oct. 1, 8 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center*

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

MEN

THURSDAY

- ▶ **Dads' Bible Study** *Oct. 1, 8 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*
- ▶ **Men of St. Martin's** *Oct. 1, 8 • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

WOMEN

TUESDAY

- ▶ **CLS Evening Group** *Sept. 29, Oct. 6 • 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **The Moms' Group** *Sept. 30, Oct. 7 • 11 a.m. • Student Life Center Living Room*

THURSDAY

- ▶ **CLS Day Group** *Oct. 1, 8 • 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center*

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

- ▶ **Choristers** *Sept. 27, Oct. 4 • 8 a.m. • The Music Center*
- ▶ **Sunday Get-Togethers** *Sept. 27, Oct. 4 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Life Groups** *Sept. 30, Oct. 7 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

- ▶ **Childcare** *Sept 27, Oct. 4 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center • Infants to pre-K*
- ▶ **Junior Choristers** *Sept. 27, Oct. 4 • 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Sunday School** *Sept. 27, Oct. 4 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

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BLESSING of the ANIMALS



Sunday, Oct. 4 • 5 p.m. • The Wayside Chapel



In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of animals, all are invited to bring their pets for a special service dedicated to blessing all creatures great and small.



Please bring pet food donations for local animal shelters.



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