

# HOLY EUCHARIST

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
*October 4, 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

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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

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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](mailto:kperrow@smec.org)

## ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

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

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

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## WHAT TO EXPECT FOR PARENTS

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Children kindergarten-5th grade are invited to participate in an **optional Children's Chapel** during the 11:15 a.m. service. 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.

## SUPPORT ST. MARTIN'S

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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 ..... “Giga” M.E. Bossi

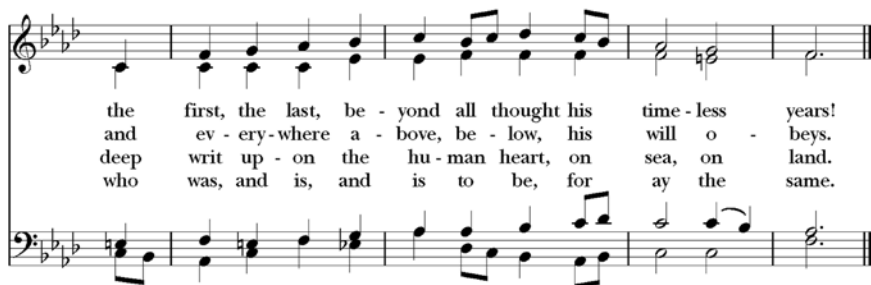
*The people stand as the procession begins.*

## \*HYMN 372 ..... “Praise to the Living God”

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845–1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836–1926); Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

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 9 and 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*

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT ..... Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved a love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He digged it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry!

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM.....Psalm 80, Coverdale  
*(said at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., sung at 9 and 11:15 a.m.)*



- 7 Turn us again, thou | God of | hosts;\*  
 shew the light of thy countenance, | and we | shall be | whole.
- 8 Thou hast brought a vine | out of | Egypt\*  
 thou hast cast | out the | heathen, • and | planted it.
- 9 Thou | madest | room for it\*  
 and when it had taken | root it | filled the | land.
- 10 The hills were covered with the | shadow • of | it\*  
 and the boughs thereof were | like the | goodly | cedar-trees.
- 11 She stretched out her branches | unto • the | sea\*  
 and her | böughs | unto • the | river.
- 12 Why hast thou then broken | down her | hedge\*  
 that all they that go | by pluck | off her | grapes?
- 13 The wild boar out of the wood doth | root it | up:\*  
 and the wild | beasts • of the | field de-| vour it.
- 14 Turn thee again thou God of hosts, look | down from | heaven\*  
 Be-| hold, and | visit • this | vine;

THE EPISTLE.....Philippians 3:4b-14

Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If any other man thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law a Pharisee, as to zeal a persecutor of the church, as to righteousness under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; that I may know him and the power

of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

\*HYMN 448.....“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”  
(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel; verses 4-6 after the Gospel)

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819–1885), alt.; Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859–1949).

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

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

THE GOSPEL ..... Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said, "Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. But when they tried to arrest him, they feared the multitudes, because they held him to be a prophet.

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.*

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THE SERMON ..... The Rev. Gregory W. Cross

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## \*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 Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil 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.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 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 ..... “Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace”  
S.S. Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.  
The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee, for This is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for evermore. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.

Text is from Holy Scripture. Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley. Published and printed in Great Britain by Novello & Co., Kent. ARR.

## 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.**

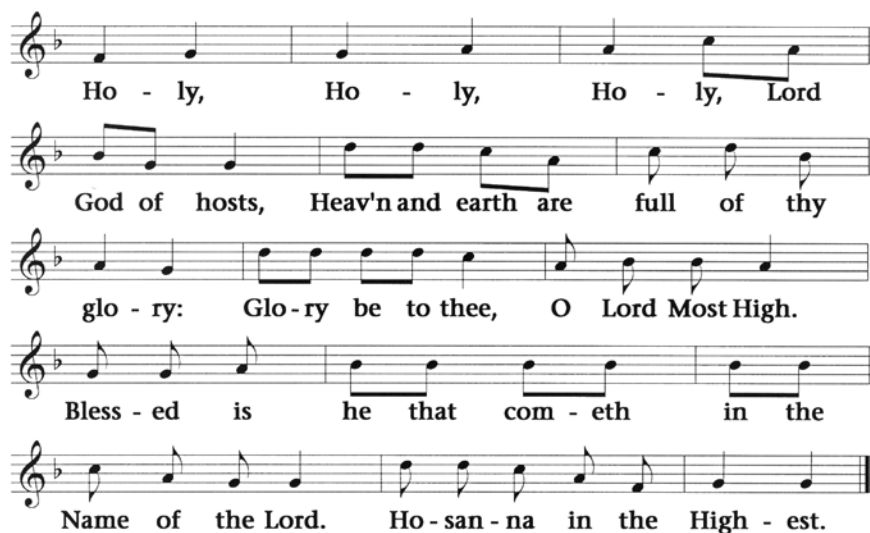
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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 9 and 11:15 a.m.)



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.**

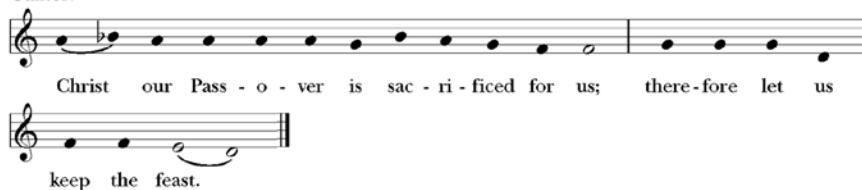
## FRACTION ANTHEM

Cantor:



**All: Repeat Alleluias**

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 ..... “If Ye Love Me”

Philip Wilby

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever. Even the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

Text: John 14: 15-18. © Banks Music Publications 1992.

# HYMN ..... “My Song is Love Unknown”

1. My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love  
 2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but  
 3. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine: nev -

to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But  
 er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like thine. This

who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail fresh, and die!  
 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
 is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt. Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879-1962).

# HYMN 552.....“Fight the Good Fight”



1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy  
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine  
 \*3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less  
 \*4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth



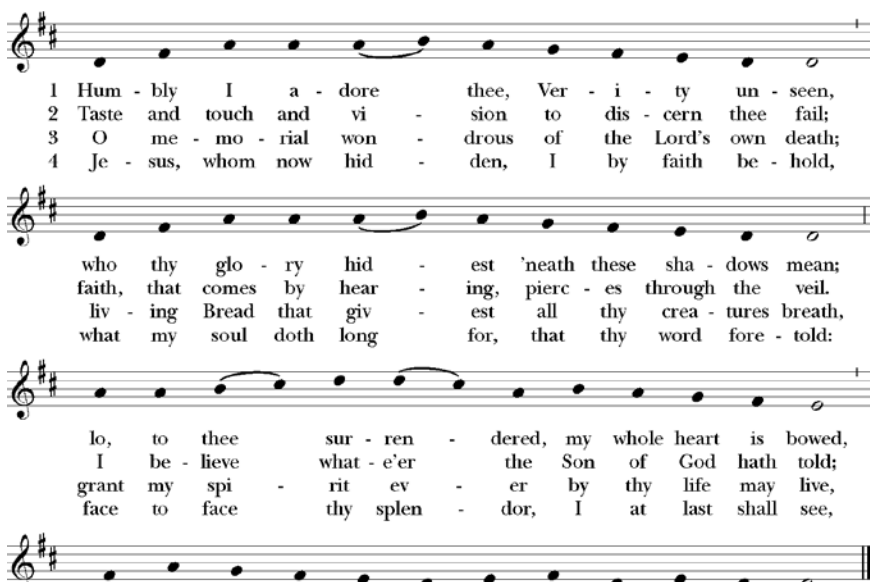
strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and  
 eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -  
 mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing  
 not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.  
 soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.  
 thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811–1875); Music: *Pentecost*, William Boyd (1847–1928).

# HYMN 314 ..... “Humbly I Adore Thee”



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,

who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:

lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;  
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,

tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.  
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?–1274); sts. 1–3, tr. *Hymnal* 1940; st. 4, tr. *Hymnal* 1982; Music: *Adoro devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944), alt.

*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 495 ..... “Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus”



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy

le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 to a - bide; all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,

thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic

Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our

we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721–1819) and Martin Madan (1726–1790), alt.; Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935); Copyright: Music: Harmonization © 1984, Roy F. Kehl.

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY ..... “Entrée Pontificale” M.E. Bossi

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

# RECOGNITIONS

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## FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for their granddaughter, Louise Boyce Nidermayer  
by Maria and Bill Boyce

In memory of Mary Gray Lester on the anniversary of her birthday  
by Linda and John Griffin, Laura and Jack Schuhmacher,  
and Allison and Philip Lorenzo



## BAPTISMS

Sept. 26 Margaret Louise Von Dohlen  
Charlotte Clare Smith  
Leon Ward Smith  
Vivienne Rose Warburton



## WEDDINGS

Sept. 26 Sara Breen Gessinger and Theodore Michael Zounis



## SYMPATHY

Sept. 21 Sharon Ley Lietzow  
Sept. 23 Shirley Litton McAllister

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit [smec.org/altar-flowers](http://smec.org/altar-flowers) or  
contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at [relhakam@smec.org](mailto:relhakam@smec.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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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         | Cyde Loan                   | Neal Starkey       |
| Mary Martin Boswell   | Nicole Lockney              | Janis Stokes       |
| Marsha Brown          | Mark, Sherri and Ryan Logan | Posey Turpin       |
| Gary Browning         | Klista Loomis               | The Wiggins family |
| Nick Carbone          | Linda Maddux                | Stanley Williams   |
| Anna Creeggan         | Jane McAfee                 | 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            |
| Andrea Kuhn           | Isabella Slant              |                    |

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# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Prayers for those on Active Military Duty in the Armed Forces:

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|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 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

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### 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



ST. MARTIN'S CELEBRATES

# WORLD MISSIONS MONTH

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## OCT. 2026

**Prayer Postcards  
For Our Ministry  
Partners Across  
the Globe**

**Sunday, Oct. 4**

10:15 a.m.

Activity Center Gym

**Chris King,  
Amistad Mission  
Sunday, Oct. 18**

Special Guest in  
Family Table and  
Riverway services

9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Parish Life Center

**Amistad Birthday  
Card Decorating  
Sunday, Oct. 18**

10:15 a.m.

Activity Center Gym

**Seafarers  
Christmas Gift  
Box Packing and  
Wrapping  
Sunday, Oct. 25**

10:15 a.m.

Children's Life Center

For more information, please  
reach out to Courtney Kearns  
at [worldmission@smec.org](mailto:worldmission@smec.org).



# 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!*

**Contact:** Brittney Pena • [bpena@smec.org](mailto:bpena@smec.org)

# NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

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## ADULTS

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *Oct. 5, 12 • 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

- ▶ **Rector's Bible Study** *Oct. 6, 13 • Noon • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Kids' Meals** *Oct. 6 • 4 p.m. • Student Life Center*
- ▶ **St. Martin's Fellows** *Oct. 13 • 6:30 p.m. • Student Life Center, Living Room*

### WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Morning Prayer Group** *Oct. 7, 14 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **Blanket Ladies** *Oct. 7 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*
- ▶ **OSL Study Group** *Oct. 7 • 4:30 p.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *Oct. 7, 14 • 6:45 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

### THURSDAY

- ▶ **Parish Choir** *Oct. 8, 15 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center*

# NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

## MEN

### THURSDAY

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

## WOMEN

### TUESDAY

- ▶ CLS Evening Group *Oct. 6, 13 • 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

### WEDNESDAY

- ▶ The Moms' Group *Oct. 7, 14 • 11 a.m. • Student Life Center Living Room*

### THURSDAY

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

## STUDENTS

### SUNDAY

- ▶ Choristers *Oct. 4, 11 • 8 a.m. • The Music Center*
- ▶ Sunday Get-Togethers *Oct. 4, 11 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*

### WEDNESDAY

- ▶ Life Groups *Oct. 7, 14 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

## CHILDREN

### SUNDAY

- ▶ Childcare *Oct. 4, 11 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center • Infants to pre-K*
- ▶ Junior Choristers *Oct. 4, 11 • 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ Sunday School *Oct. 4, 11 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

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**Location:** Bagby Parish Hall Refectory



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# *Fall Guided Tour*



**Christ Chapel**

**Wednesday, Oct. 7, 10-10:50 a.m.**

*Meet at Christ Chapel Narthex*

**For more information, contact the the Docent Line at 713-830-4117.**

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