



CHORAL EVENSONG

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 4, 2026

4 p.m.

*In the Name of Christ Jesus, welcome to Choral Evensong at St. Martin's Episcopal Church!
May all who gather here be nourished by this service of prayer, scripture, sermon, and music.*

A Prayer Before Worship

 ALMIGHTY GOD, who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 833

Organ Prelude

“Variations sur un thème de Clément Janequin”

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

The People stand for the Hymn in Procession

Hymn in Procession

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1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, _____
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found _____
 3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, _____
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night _____
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! _____

1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, _____
 2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, _____
 3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, _____
 4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? _____
 5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! _____

1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried _____
 2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found _____
 3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, _____
 4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, _____
 5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways _____

1-4 Final Ending
 — Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: F. Pratt Green (b. 1903)

Music: *Engelberg*, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Opening Sentence



WORSHIP THE LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Psalm 96:9

Preces and Responses

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.



GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Officiant: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

Setting by Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

The People are seated as the Choir sings the Appointed Psalm

Appointed Psalm

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD: therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Names sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

All stand

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Setting by Charles Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

All sit for the first lesson



"The Prophet Isaiah"

Gustave Doré (1832-1883)

The First Lesson

2 Kings 20:1-21

IN THOSE DAYS was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Lord, saying, I beseech thee, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the Lord. And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered. And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the Lord will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the Lord the third day? And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees? And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees. And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the Lord: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz. At that time Berodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not. Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, even from Babylon. And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All the things that are in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them. And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord. Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good is the word of the Lord which thou hast spoken. And he said, Is it not good, if peace and truth be in my days? And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

Lector: Here endeth the lesson.

The Song of Mary

“Magnificat in B Flat”

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

MY SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

All sit for the second lesson

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

HOWBEIT we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: but we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Lector: Here endeth the lesson.

All stand for the Song of Simeon

The Song of Simeon

“Nunc Dimittis in B Flat”

Charles Villiers Stanford

LORD, NOW LETTEST THOU THY SERVANT DEPART IN PEACE, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together

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

The Lesser Litany

Philip Radcliffe

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

The People kneel

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

 UR FATHER, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Suffrages

Officiant: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant: O Lord, save the State.

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant: O Lord, save thy people.

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day

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.*

Collect for Peace

GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Collect for Aid against All Perils

LIGHTEN OUR DARKNESS, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Authorized Intercessions

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

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

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant continues

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

Benedicamus Domino

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sentence of Scripture

The Officiant continues

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Welcome and Announcements

Sermon

The Rev. Gregory W. Cross

The Officiant bids the Offering

Anthem at the Offering

“Evening Hymn”

Henry Balfour Gardiner (1877-1950)

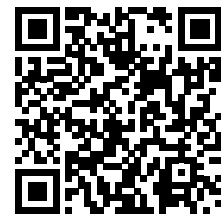
THE LUCIS ANTE TERMINUM, Rerum Creator poscimus, Ut pro tua clementia Sis praesul et custodia. Procul recedant somnia, Et noctium phantasmata; Hostemque nostrum comprime, ne polluantur corpora. Praesta, Pater piissime, Patrique compar Unice, Cum Spiritu Paraclito Regnans per omne saeculum. Amen.

THEE, LORD, BEFORE THE CLOSE OF DAY, Maker of all things, Thee we pray For Thy dear loving-kindness' sake To guard and guide us in Thy way. Banish the dreams that terrify, And night's fantastic company: Keep us from Satan's tyranny: Defend us from unchastity. Protect us, Father, God ador'd, Thou too, coequal Son and Lord, Thou, Holy Ghost, our Advocate, Whose reign can know nor bound nor date. Amen.

Compline Hymn

During the Anthem, Ushers will come forward to collect member pledges and donations. While visitors are never expected to give, all donations are welcome. Offerings support Choral Evensong and St. Martin's ministries.

Contributions may also be made online by visiting smec.org/give or by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generous support!



The People kneel for the Benediction

Benediction

*Following the Benediction,
all stand for the final hymn*

Hymn



1. How shall I sing that ma - jes - ty which an - gels do ad -
2. Thy bright-ness un - to them ap - pears, whilst I thy foot - steps
3. En - light - en with faith's light my heart, in - flame it with love's
4. How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, which doth all be - ings



mire? Let dust in dust and si - lence lie; sing, sing, ye
 trace; a sound of God comes to my ears, but they be -
 fire; then shall I sing and bear a part with that ce -
 keep! Thy know - ledge is the on - ly line to sound so



heaven - ly choir. Thou - sands of thou - sands stand a - round thy
 hold thy face. They sing, be - cause thou art their Sun; Lord,
 les - tial choir. I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with
 vast a deep. Thou art a sea with - out a shore; a



throne, O God most high; Ten thou - sand times ten
 send a beam on me; for where heav'n is but
 all my fire and light; yet when thou dost ac -
 sun with - out a sphere; thy time is now and



thou - sand sound thy praise; but who am I?
 once be - gun, there al - le - lu - ias be.
 cept their gold, Lord, trea - sure up my mite.
 ev - er - more, thy place is ev - ery - where.

Words: John Mason (1646?-1694)

Music: *Coe Fen*, Ken Naylor (1931-1991)

Organ Postlude

"Improvisation on *St. Clement*"
 transcr. Peter Stolfus Berton

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

The Ministers and Choir depart

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

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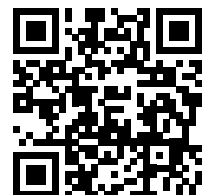
Sunday, October 25

4 p.m. - The Church

Join us as we welcome Ensemble Altera to St. Martin's for the very first time as they present an evening of profound choral music not to be missed!

This concert is free of charge and open to the public.

To accommodate the schedules of visiting artists, there will be no service of Choral Evensong offered this evening.



Listen here!

Join Us for Worship

Traditional Services with Choir

Holy Eucharist: Rite One - 9 a.m. in the Church - First Sunday of Every Month

Morning Prayer - 9 a.m. in the Church - Second through Fifth Sundays of Every Month

Holy Eucharist: Rite One with Children's Chapel - 11:15 a.m. in the Church - Every Sunday

Contemporary Worship

Family Table - 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Life Center - Every Sunday

Riverway with Children's Chapel - 11:15 a.m. in the Parish Life Center - Every Sunday

Spoken Holy Eucharist: Rite One

8 a.m. & 6 p.m. in the Church - Every Sunday

7 a.m. & noon in Christ Chapel - Every Wednesday

The Daily Office (Morning and Evening Prayer)

8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel - Monday through Friday

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