

HOLY EUCHARIST

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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.*

CONNECTING WITH ST. MARTIN'S

If you're visiting today, we're so glad you're here! Please scan the **QR** code to connect with us.



We'd love to meet you, so please introduce yourself to one of our Clergy or come by the Welcome Center before or after the service.

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

ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

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.

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** 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.

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HOLY EUCHARIST

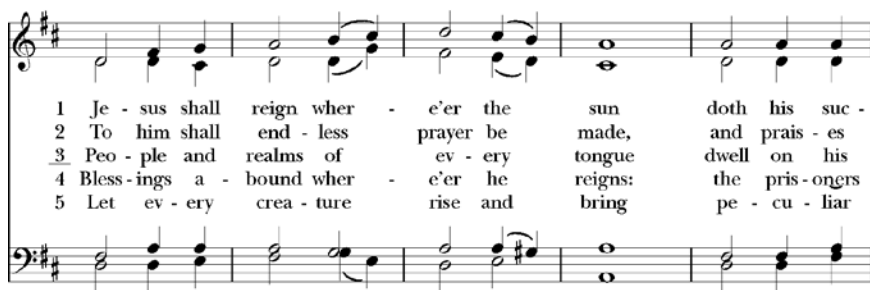
As found beginning on page 323 in the Book of Common Prayer

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.

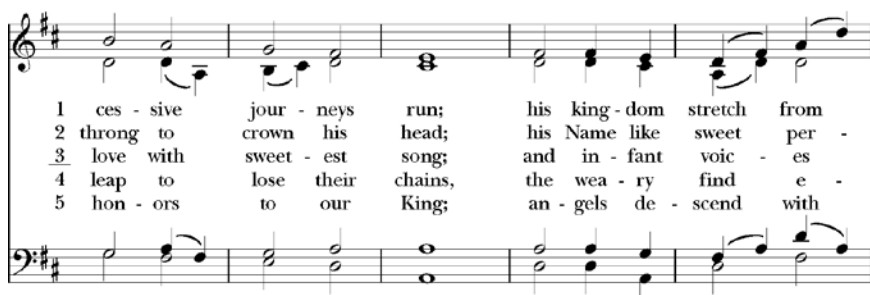
VOLUNTARY Prelude on “Slane” Gerre Hancock

The people stand as the procession begins.

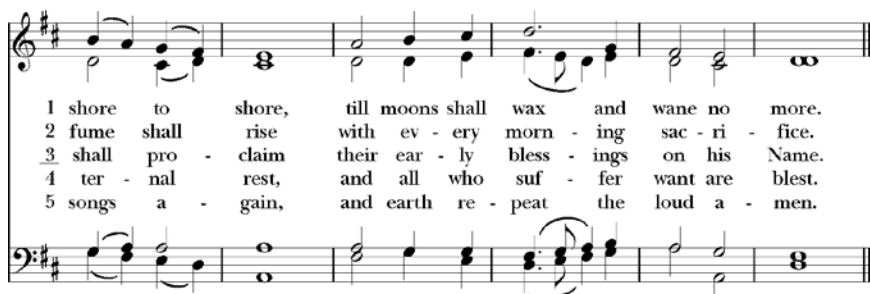
*HYMN 544“Jesus Shall Reign”



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

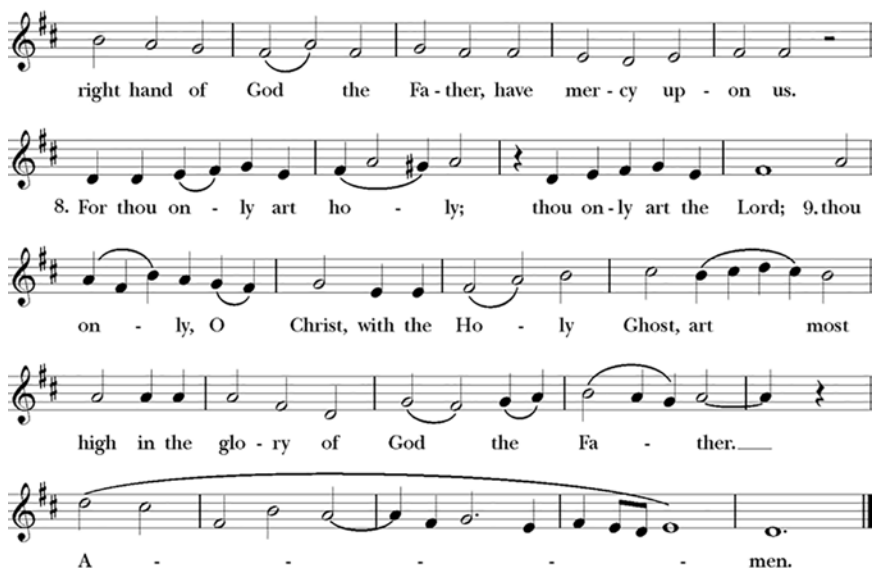
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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



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 in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and ungird the loins of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: "I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut asunder the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is

I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I gird you, though you do not know me, that men may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe, I am the Lord, who do all these things.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM.....Psalm 96, Coverdale
(said at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., sung at 11:15 a.m.)



- 1 O sing unto the | Lord a • new | song; *
sing unto the Lord, | all the | whole | earth.
- 2 Sing unto the Lord, and | praise his | Name; *
be telling of his sal- | vation • from | day to | day.
- 3 Declare his honour | unto • the | heathen, *
and his wonders | unto | all | people.
- 4 For the Lord is great, and cannot | worthily • be | praised; *
he is more to be | feared than | all | gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the heathen, | they are • but | idols; *
but it is the | Lord that | made the | heavens.
- 6 Glory and worship | are be- | fore him; *
power and | honour • are | in his | sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye | kindreds • of the | people, *
ascribe unto the | Lord | worship • and | power.
- 8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due | unto • his | Name; *
bring presents, and | come in- | to his | courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the | beauty • of | holiness; *
let the | whole earth | stand in | awe of him.

THE EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silva'nus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalo'nians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brethren beloved by God, that he has chosen you; for our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit; so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedo'nia and in Acha'ia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedo'nia and Acha'ia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us what a welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 655..... “Oh Jesus, I Have Promised”
(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel; verse 3 after the Gospel)

1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,
 be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - Ter and my friend;
 a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;
 I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 nor wan - der from the path-way, if thou wilt be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - Ter and my friend.

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816–1874), alt.; Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874–1948);
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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
 to Matthew.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and took counsel how to entangle Jesus in his talk. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Hero'di-ans, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true, and teach the way of God truthfully, and care for no man; for you do not regard the position of men. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the money for the tax.” And they brought him a coin. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard it, they marveled; and they left him and went away.

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. Dane E. Boston

*THE NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding
Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, our bishops; the Clergy
of this Parish; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the
Anglican Church of Canada 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 "Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor"
Gerre Hancock

Judge eternal, throned in splendor, Lord of lords and King of kings. With thy living fire of judgment purge this land of bitter things. Solace all its wide dominion with the healing of thy wings. Still the weary folk are pining for the hour that brings release, and the city's crowded clangor cries aloud for sin to cease. And the homesteads, and the woodlands plead in silence for their peace. Crown, O God, thine own endeavor; cleave our darkness with thy sword. Feed all those who do not know Thee with the richness of thy word; Cleanse the body of this nation through the glory of the Lord.

Text: Henry Scott Holland (18470-1918) Music: Gerre Hancock. © 1988 Oxford University Press, Inc.

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.

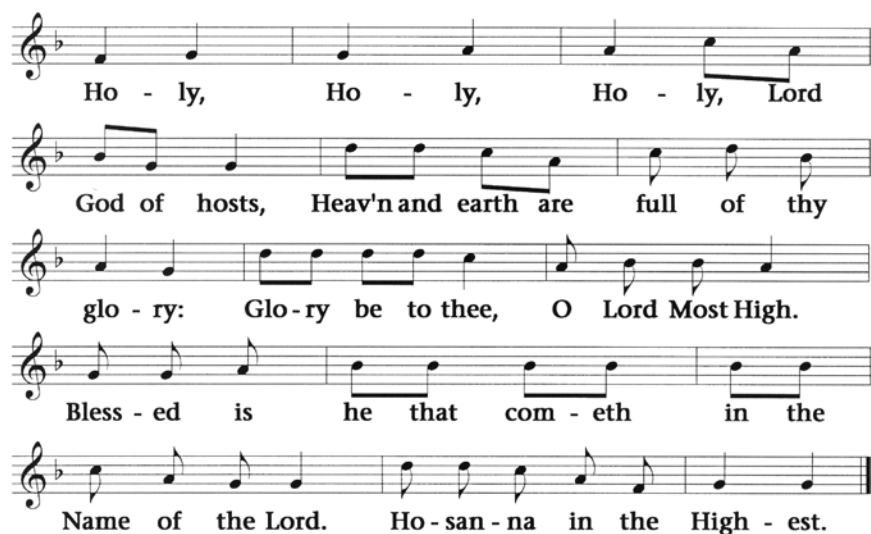
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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.)



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.

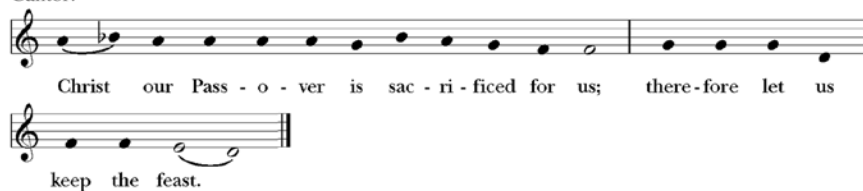
FRACTION ANTHEM

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 “Teach Me, O Lord”
Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

Text: Psalm 119:33; Copyright, 1925, by E.C. Schirmer Music Corp. Copyright renewed, 1952, by E.C. Schirmer Music Co.

HYMN 684 “O for a Closer Walk with God”

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heav - en - ly frame,
2 Where is the bless - ed - ness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
3 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest;
4 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,
5 So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

1 a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
2 Where is the soul - re - fresh - ing view of Je - sus and his word?
3 I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
4 help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
5 so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper (1731–1800), alt.; Music: *Caithness*, from *The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

HYMN 554..... “’Tis the Gift to be Simple”

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,
 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
 and when we find our - selves in the place just right,
 'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.
 When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to
 bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will
 be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent.; Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797–1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922); Copyright: Music: Accompaniment © 1984, Margaret W. Mealy.

HYMN 408 “Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above”

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra-cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and
 a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep-eth; by morn-ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch-ful
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro-claim a - loud the
 our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 eye ne'er sleep-eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
 won-drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the
 ev - ery faith - less mur-mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640–1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897), alt.; Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. *Psaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kischengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.).

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 594 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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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 “God of Grace and God of Glory”
Paul Manz

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Khaki Laine Davis
by Jessica and Luke Davis

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Patrick Thompson Roberts
by Macy and Andrew Roberts



BIRTHS

Sept. 15 James Archibald “Archie” Stacey
Son of Enjoli and Jimmy Stacey



BAPTISMS

Oct. 10 Claudia Faye Lummis
Joan Azalea Lummis
Sonny Ross Lummis
Ari Armstrong Simmons



WEDDINGS

Oct. 10 Avery Michelle Cooper and Michael Robert Blandon



SYMPATHY

Oct. 3 Scott Kannard

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

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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

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

ADULTS

SUNDAY

- ▶ **8+** *Oct. 18, 25 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Theology for Life** *Oct. 18, 25 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- ▶ **Anglicanism 101** *Oct. 18, 25 • 10:15 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Family Life Class** *Oct. 18 • 10:15 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room*
- ▶ **Baptism Instruction** *Oct. 18 • 10:15 a.m. • Vestry Conference Room*
- ▶ **Contemplative Prayer** *Oct. 18 • 10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center Bride's Parlor*
- ▶ **Amistad Birthday Card Decorating** *Oct. 18 • 10:15 a.m. • Activity Center Gym*
- ▶ **Taizé Service** *Oct. 18 • 5 p.m. • Christ Chapel*
- ▶ **Fellowship/Christian Education** *Oct. 18, 25 • 5 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

MONDAY

- ▶ **Global Prayer Group** *Oct. 19, 26 • 1:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group** *Oct. 19 • 3 p.m. • Hope and Healing Center Room 103*
- ▶ **The Gathering** *Oct. 26 • 10 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*
- ▶ **Membership 101** *Oct. 26 • 6 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall • smec.org/membership*

TUESDAY

- ▶ **Rector's Bible Study** *Oct. 20, 27 • Noon • Chapel Reception Hall*
- ▶ **Chat with Amistad** *Oct. 20 • 6 p.m. • Get Zoom link from outreach@smec.org*
- ▶ **Faith in Literature Evening Group** *Oct. 20 • 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **St. Clare's Guild** *Oct. 21, 28 • Noon • Activity Center Fellowship Room*
- ▶ **Faith in Literature Day Group** *Oct. 21 • 1 p.m. • Children's Life Center*
- ▶ **OSL Study Group** *Oct. 21, 28 • 4:30 p.m. • Activity Center Family Room*

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

ADULTS

THURSDAY

- **Deep Roots Book Study** *Oct. 29 • 6:15 p.m. • Student Life Center Living Room*

MEN

THURSDAY

- **Dads' Bible Study** *Oct. 22, 29 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*
- **Men of St. Martin's** *Oct. 22, 29 • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

WOMEN

TUESDAY

- **CLS Evening Group** *Oct. 20, 27 • 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

- **CLS Day Group** *Oct. 22, 29 • 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center*

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

- **Choristers** *Oct. 18, 25 • 8 a.m. • The Music Center*
- **Sunday Get-Togethers** *Oct. 18 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

- **Life Groups** *Oct. 21, 28 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

- **Childcare** *Oct. 18, 25 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center • Infants to pre-K*
- **Junior Choristers** *Oct. 18, 25 • 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
- **Sunday School** *Oct. 18 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

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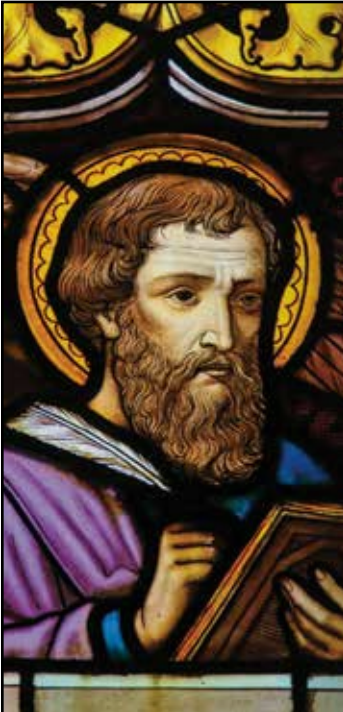
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Outreach Opportunities



 **Keeping *the* Kalendar**

ST. LUKE SERVICE

Monday, Oct. 19
6 p.m. • Parish Life Center

On the Feast of St. Luke, we give thanks for the evangelist whose Gospel reveals Christ's deep compassion, healing and love for the world. As a physician and faithful witness, Luke reminds us that caring for the whole person — body, mind and spirit — is part of God's mission in the world. This Keeping the Kalendar service will include incense, Holy Eucharist and a reception. Invite a health care worker to receive a special blessing during the service.



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/AL'TE·RA/

Sunday, Oct. 25 • 4 p.m. • The Church

Free Admission

A Nationally Acclaimed Choir Comes to St. Martin's

Experience the artistry of **Ensemble Altera**, one of the nation's leading professional chamber choirs, when the Music at St. Martin's Concert Series presents this acclaimed ensemble.

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This special performance takes the place of Choral Evensong and is open to the public. Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of music at St. Martin's!

Fall Guided Tour



Campus Gardens and Green Spaces

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 10-10:50 a.m.

Meet at The Church Plaza

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



Good Books and Good Conversation

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

THURSDAY, OCT. 29 | 6:15–7:45 P.M.

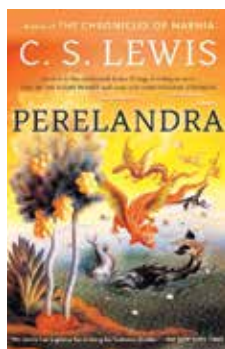
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ALL SAINTS' DAY

ALL SOULS' SUNDAY

Sunday, Nov. 1 • The Church

On All Saints' Day, we celebrate the communion of saints, the holy men and women whose faithful lives continue to inspire us. Through Baptism, we welcome new members into the Body of Christ by water and the Holy Spirit, a fitting act on one of the Episcopal Church's principal baptismal feasts.

8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Traditional spoken service with Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Traditional and Family Table combined services with the Sacrament of Baptism and Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m. Traditional and Riverway combined services with the Sacrament of Baptism and Holy Eucharist

4 p.m. Choral Evensong for All Souls' Sunday



WYCLIFFE FORUM 2026

CHRISTIAN FAITH AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES *with the Rt. Rev. N. T. Wright*

Faithful in a Divided Age

Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 7

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Parish Life Center

\$175 per person, includes coffee and pastries in the morning, plus lunch
Financial assistance available upon request

How should Christians think about national priorities in an age of polarization and division?

Delving deeper into Scripture, distinguished scholars will help us explore Christian political responsibility with hope, not hostility.



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