



CHORAL EVENSONG

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 11, 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

"Aria"

David Ashley White (b. 1944)

The People stand for the Hymn in Procession

Hymn in Procession

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1. Most Ho - ly God, the Lord of heaven, who in the
2. for you the daz - zling star shines forth which in its
3. The day de - parts, the eve - ning stars se - rene - ly
4. You, Ho - ly One, Cre - a - tor, Lord, you in the
5. Like sun and day, shine in our hearts; like moon and

high arched sky has placed the sun that flames up from the
gleam - ing path de - clares the won - ders of your glo - rious
light the dark - ening sky; the moon with cool re - flect - ed
pri - mal world once set the bound - aries of the day and
night, give lov - ing peace. Free us from bonds of blind - ing

east and brings the splen - dors of the dawn:
power, and beck - ons us to wor - ship you.
glow will bring the si - lenc - es of night.
night and or - dered sea - sons in their round.
sin and guide us on our path to you.

Words: Latin; tr. Ann K. LeCroy (b. 1930)
Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

Opening Sentence

I WILL BLESS THE LORD who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

Psalm 16:7,8

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 59

Eripe me de inimicis

DELIVER ME from mine enemies, O God: defend me from them that rise up against me. O deliver me from the wicked doers: and save me from the blood-thirsty men. For lo, they lie in waiting for my soul: the mighty men are gathered against me without any offence or fault of me, O Lord. They run and prepare themselves without my fault: arise thou therefore to help me, and behold. Stand up, O Lord God of hosts, thou God of Israel, to visit all the heathen: and be not merciful unto them that offend of malicious wickedness. They go to and fro in the evening: they grin like a dog, and run about through the city. Behold, they speak with their mouth, and swords are in their lips: for who doth hear? But thou, O Lord, shalt have them in derision: and thou shalt laugh all the heathen to scorn. My strength will I ascribe unto thee: for thou art the God of my refuge. God sheweth me his goodness plenteously: and God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies. Slay them not, lest my people forget it: but scatter them abroad among

the people, and put them down, O Lord our defence. For the sin of their mouth, and for the words of their lips they shall be taken in their pride: and why? their preaching is of cursing and lies. Consume them in thy wrath, consume them, that they may perish: and know that it is God that ruleth in Jacob, and unto the ends of the world. And in the evening they will return: grin like a dog, and will go about the city. They will run here and there for meat: and grudge if they be not satisfied. As for me, I will sing of thy power, and will praise thy mercy betimes in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for thou, O God, art my refuge and my merciful God.

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 Villiers Stanford (b. 1852-1924)

All sit for the first lesson



"The Prophet Jeremiah"

William James Linton (1812-1897)

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 36:1-10

AND IT CAME TO PASS in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the Lord, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book. And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the Lord: therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the Lord in the ears of the people in the Lord's house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities. It may be they will present their supplication before the Lord, and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that the Lord hath pronounced against this people. And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the Lord in the Lord's house.

And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed a fast before the Lord to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem. Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the Lord, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the Lord's house, in the ears of all the people.

Lector: Here endeth the lesson.

The Song of Mary

“Magnificat in E Flat”

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

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 4:9-16

FOR I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; and labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

Lector: Here endeth the lesson.

All stand for the Song of Simeon

The Song of Simeon

“Nunc Dimittis in E Flat”

Charles Wood

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

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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. Dane E. Boston

The Officiant bids the Offering

Anthem at the Offering

“The Spirit of the Lord”

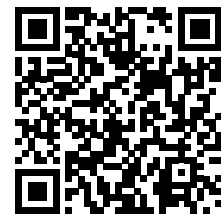
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth: So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Excerpted from Isaiah 61

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*

1 The du - teous day now clos - eth, each flower and tree re -
 2 Now all the heaven - ly splen - dor breaks forth in star-light
 3 Though long our mor - tal blind - ness has missed God's lov - ing -

pos - eth, shade creeps o'er wild and wood: let
 ten - der from myr - iad worlds un - known; and
 kind - ness and plunged us in - to strife; yet

us, as night is fall - ing, on God our Ma - ker
 we, this mar - vel see - ing, for - get our self - ish
 when life's day is o - ver, shall death's fair night dis -

call - ing, give thanks to him, the Giv - er good.
 be - ing for joy of beau - ty not our own.
 cov - er the fields of ev - er - last - ing life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) and others
 Music: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517);
 harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Organ Postlude

"Sonata No. 1 Finale"

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

The Ministers and Choir depart

*Fellowship after Evensong will take place in the Chapel Reception Hall,
accessible by exiting through the east transept doors near the Baptismal Font*

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

Music St. Martin's

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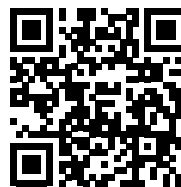
Sunday, October 25

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!

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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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