Choral Evensong

The Commemoration of All Faithful Departed

November 1, 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

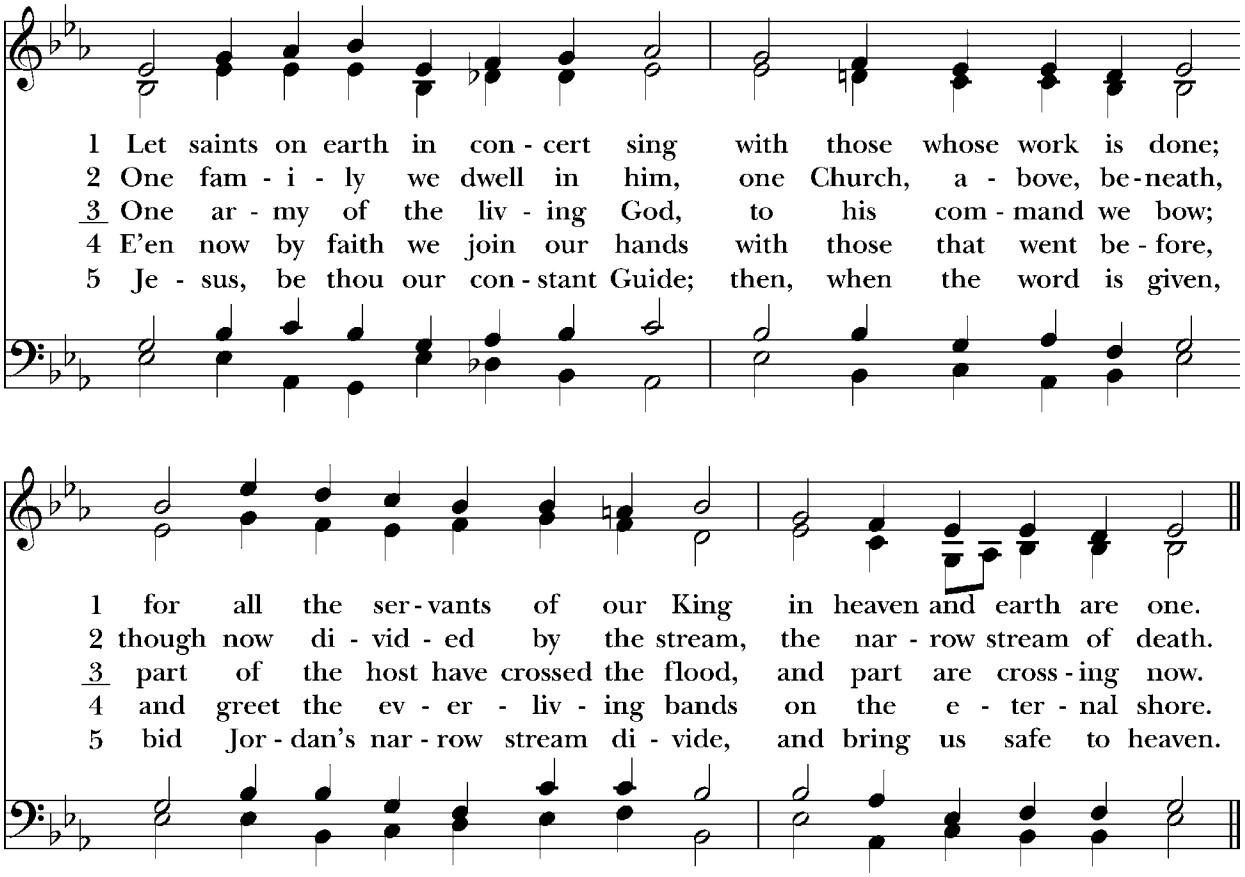
Organ Prelude

"Prélude, Fugue et Variation" Op. 18 César Franck (1822-1890)

The People stand for the Hymn in Procession

Hymn in Procession

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Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
Music: Dundee, melody from The CL Psalmes of David, 1615;
harm Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt.

Opening Sentence

WE give thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

Colossians 1:12

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 130

De profundis

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it? For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared. I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust. My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch. O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

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 Keith Lathrom (b. 1989)

All sit for the first lesson

The First Lesson

Wisdom 3:1-9

THE souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, And their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself. As gold in the furnace hath he tried them, and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign for ever. They that put their trust in him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with him: for grace and mercy is to his saints, and he hath care for his elect.

Lector: Here endeth the lesson.

All stand for the Song of Mary

The Song of Mary

"Magnificat in A-Flat" Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

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 15:50-58

NOW this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Lector: Here endeth the lesson.

All stand for the Song of Simeon

The Song of Simeon

"Nunc Dimittis in A-Flat" Basil Harwood

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

OUR 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

O GOD, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of thy Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as thy children; 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

O 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

Reading of the Parish Necrology

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

MAY the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13

Welcome and Announcements

Sermon The Rev. Dane E. Boston

The Officiant bids the Offering

Anthem at the Offering

"Agnus Dei" from *Requiem* Op. 48 Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam. Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine: Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es. Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.

LAMB of God, who takest away the sins of the world: O grant them rest for evermore. Hear us, we pray thee, Savior of all the world. O grant them eternal rest; peace be with them evermore. Light perpetual shine upon them, Lord, we pray: With all thy saints in endless glory, for thy tender mercy's sake. Rest eternal grant them, Lord our God, we pray to thee: and light perpetual forever shine on them.

Missa pro defunctis tr. John Rutter

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!

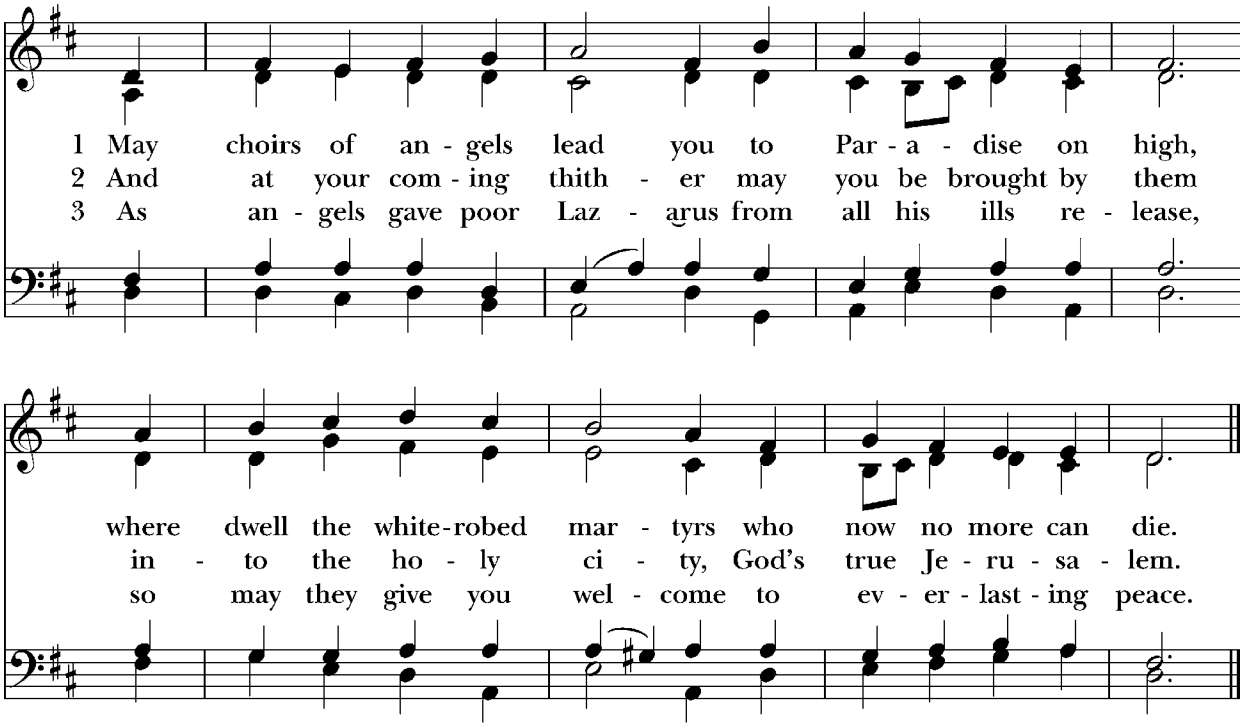
The People kneel for the Benediction

Benediction

Following the Benediction,
all stand for the final hymn

Hymn

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Words: Latin, tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
Music: *Christus, der ist mein Leben*, melody Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616); harm. after Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

Organ Postlude

"Postlude pour l'office de Complies" Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

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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Mark Your Calendar

St. Martin's Day Evensong and Veteran Recognition

Next Sunday, November 8 - 4 p.m. in the Church

Join us on our Patronal Feast Day as we commemorate with music and prayer the life of Saint Martin of Tours, the soldier who became a bishop of the Church.

Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist

Thursday, November 26 - 10 a.m. in the Church

Take a break from the turkey before the holiday season kicks into high gear with our service of traditional harvest-time hymns and Holy Communion around Our Lord's Table.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, November 29 - 4 p.m. in the Church

Ring in the New Church Year with scripture and music focused on the Advent season's joyful expectation of the coming of Christ into the world.

Houston Boychoir Winter Concert

Saturday, December 12 - 4 p.m. in the Church

This free concert will feature the youngest boys through the seasoned alumni singing a wide range of holiday music the whole family can enjoy.

Christmas Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 20 - 4 p.m. in the Church

Get into the Christmas spirit a few days ahead of the crowd at Lessons and Carols on the fourth and final Sunday of Advent.

Christmas at St. Martin's

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24

Family Table Christmas Eve Service
9:15 a.m. in the Parish Life Center

Christmas Pageant
11 a.m. in the Church

Riverway Christmas Eve Service
1:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center

Traditional Christmas Eve Services with Choir, Organ, and Brass
1 p.m. in the Church
3:30 p.m. in the Church
6 p.m. in the Church
8:30 p.m. in the Church

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25

Traditional Christmas Day Service with Choir and Organ
11 a.m. in the Church

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

Our Vestry

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