MORNING PRAYER

Feast of St. Martin's

November 8, 2026

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 worshipers.*

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.

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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.

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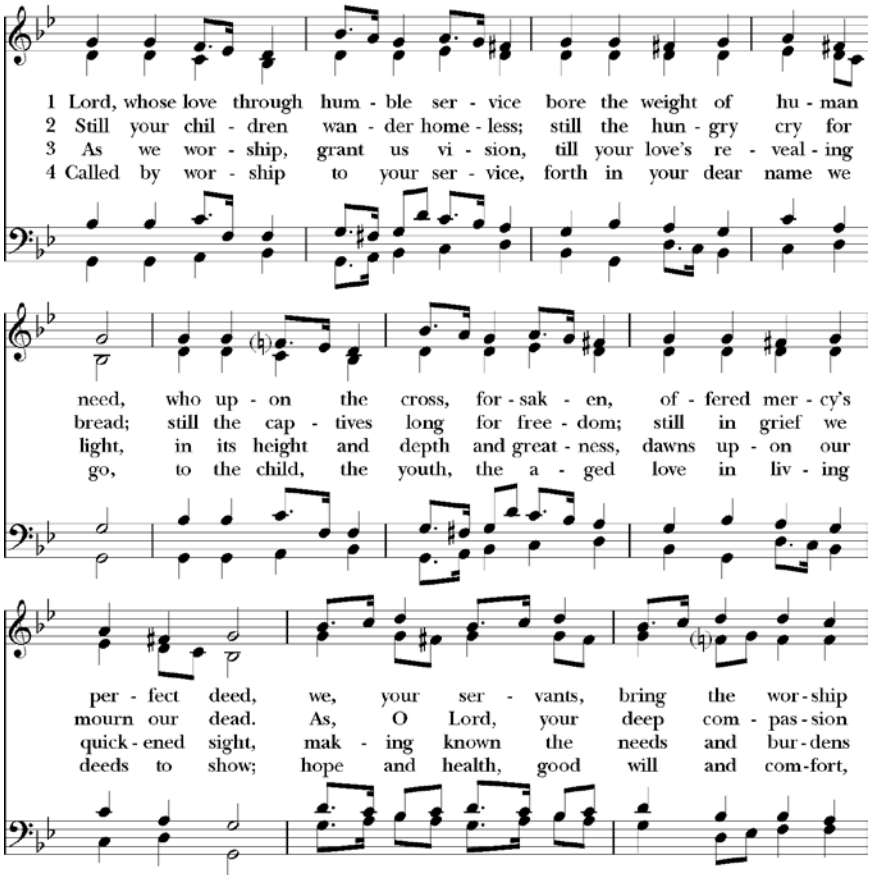
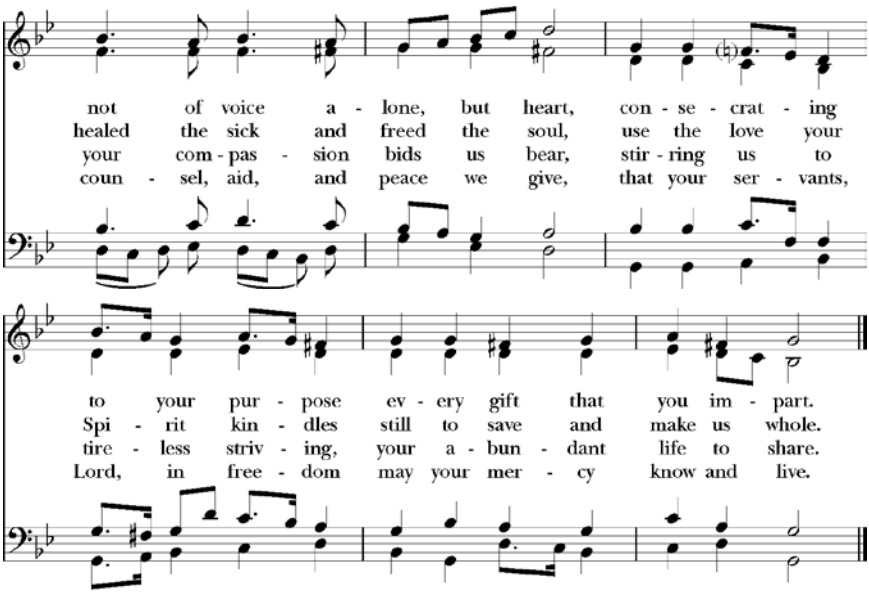
MORNING PRAYER

As found beginning on page 37 in the Book of Common Prayer

VOLUNTARY ..... "Toccata in C Major"
Johann Sebastian Bach

The People stand for the Procession and join in singing

*HYMN 610 ..... "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

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The Officiant says

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All kneel and, after a moment of silent reflection, say

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All stand for

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.
People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

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: The Lord is glorious in his saints:
People: O come, let us adore him.

All join in singing

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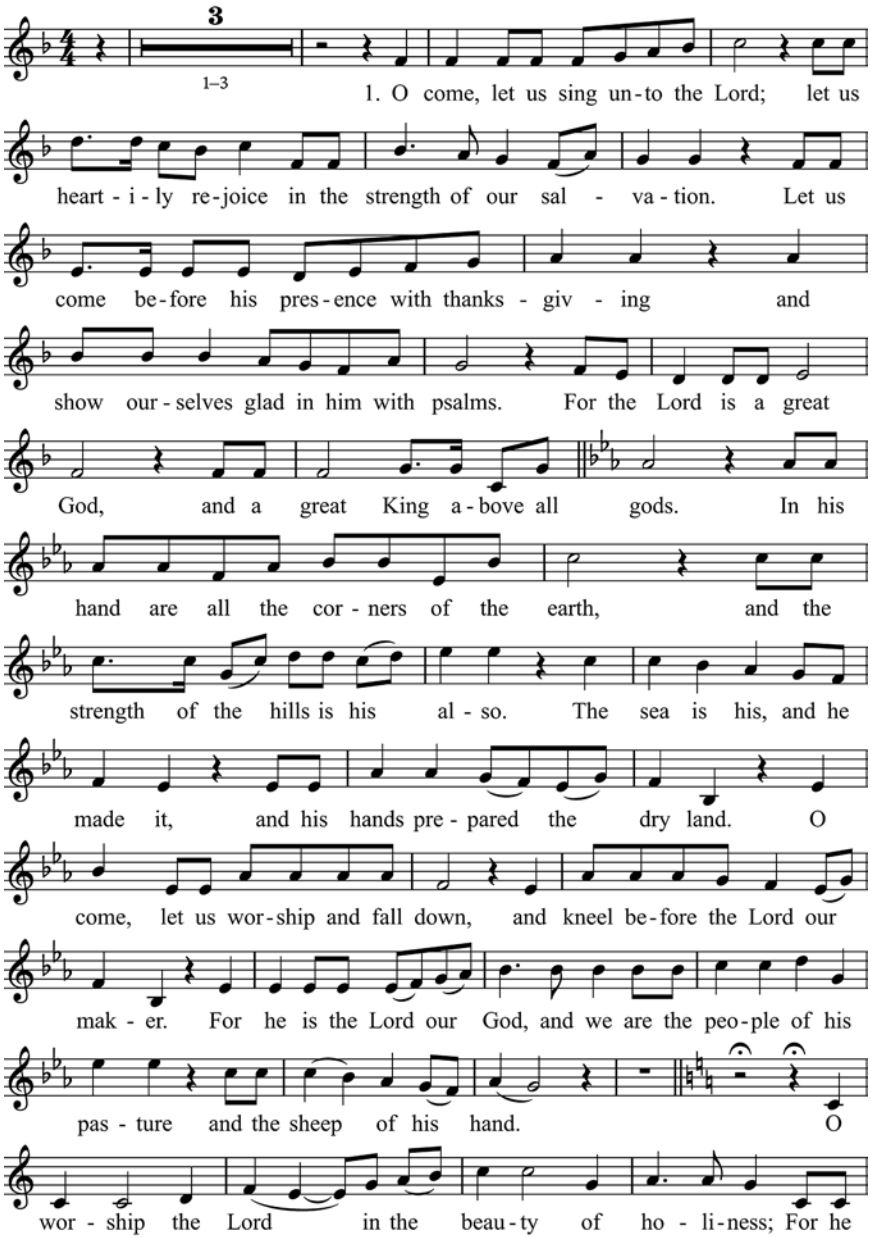
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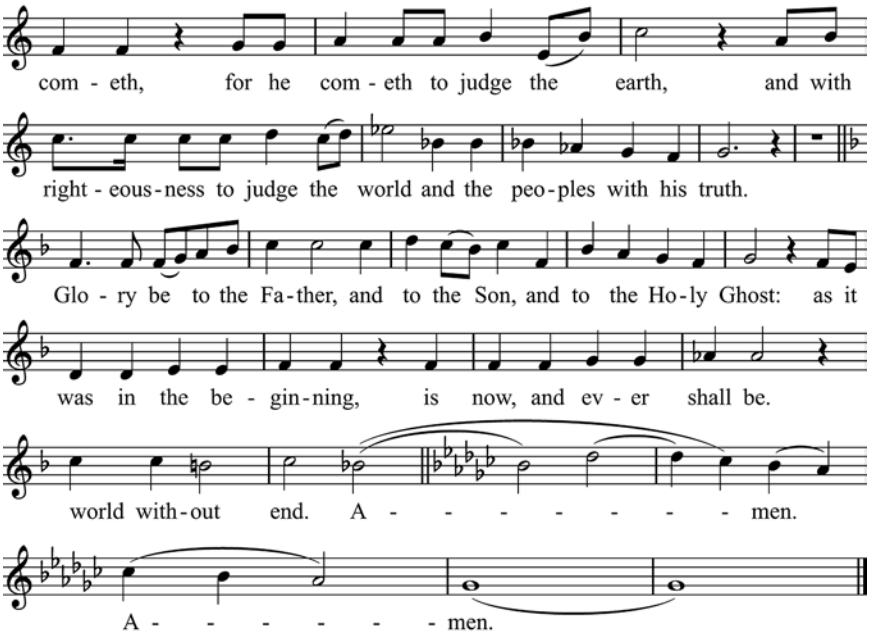
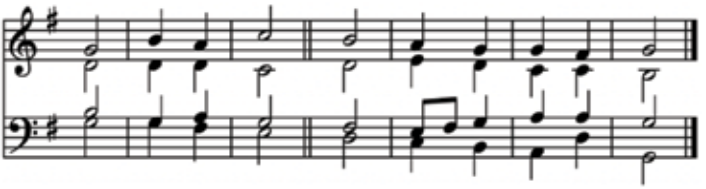
1–3
1. O come, let us sing un-to the Lord; let us
heart-i-ly re-joice in the strength of our sal - va-tion. Let us
come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks-giv-ing and
show our-selves glad in him with psalms. For the Lord is a great
God, and a great King a-bove all gods. In his
hand are all the cor-ners of the earth, and the
strength of the hills is his al-so. The sea is his, and he
made it, and his hands pre-pared the dry land. O
come, let us wor-ship and fall down, and kneel be-fore the Lord our
mak-er. For he is the Lord our God, and we are the peo-ple of his
pas-ture and the sheep of his hand. O
wor-ship the Lord in the beau-ty of ho-li-ness; For he



Text: Psalm 95, para. Music: *Venite,* Keith Lathrom (b. 1989) © Keith Lathrom, 2026.

Officiant: The Lord is glorious in his saints:
People: O come, let us adore him.

All sit and join in singing

THE PSALM.....Psalm 11, Coverdale

1 In the Lord put | I my | trust*
how say ye then to my soul,
that she should flee as a | bird un-| to the | hill?
2 For lo, the ungodly bend their bow,
and make ready their arrows with-| in the | quiver*
that they may privily shoot at them | which are | true of | heart.
3 For the foundations will | be cast | down*
and what | hath the | righteous | done?
4 The Lord is in his | holy | temple*
the | Lord's seat | is in | heaven.
5 His eyes con-| sider • the | poor*
and his eye-lids | try the | children • of | men.
6 The Lord al-| loweth • the | righteous*
but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness, | doth his | soul ab-| hor.
7 Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, | storm and | tempest*
this shall | be their | portion • to | drink.
8 For the righteous Lord | loveth | righteousness*
his countenance will be-| hold the | thing • that is | just.

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. √ A-| . . | men.

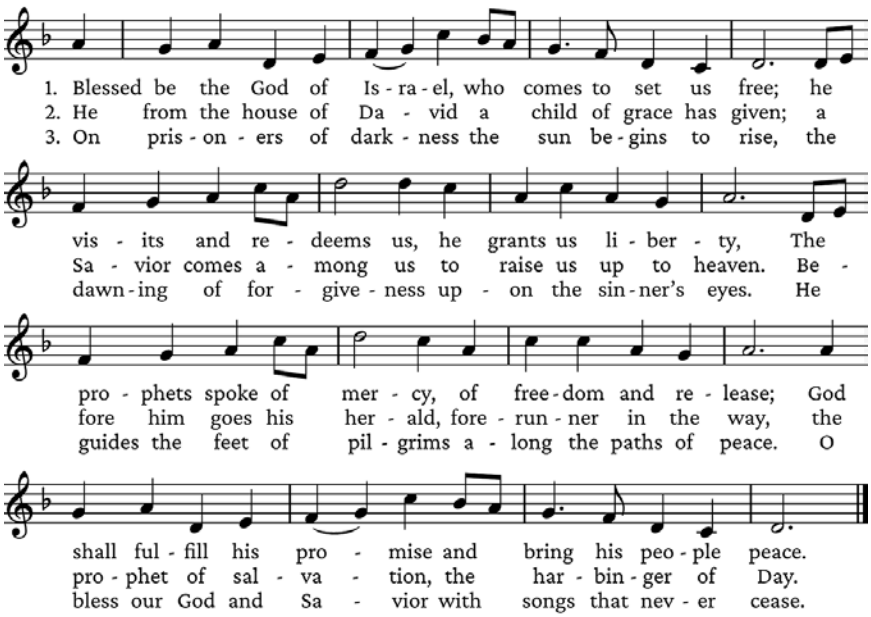
THE FIRST LESSON .....Hosea 2:18-23

And I will make for you a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the creeping things of the ground; and I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land; and I will make you lie down in safety. And I will betroth you to me for ever; I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness; and you shall know the Lord. "And in that day, says the Lord, I will answer the heavens and they shall answer the earth; and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil, and they shall answer Jezreel; and I will sow him for myself in the land. And I will have pity on Not pitied, and I will say to Not my people, 'You are my people'; and he shall say, 'Thou art my God.'"

Reader: Here endeth the Lesson.

All stand and join in singing

*THE FIRST CANTICLE .....“Song of Zechariah”



Music: *King's Lynn*, English melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

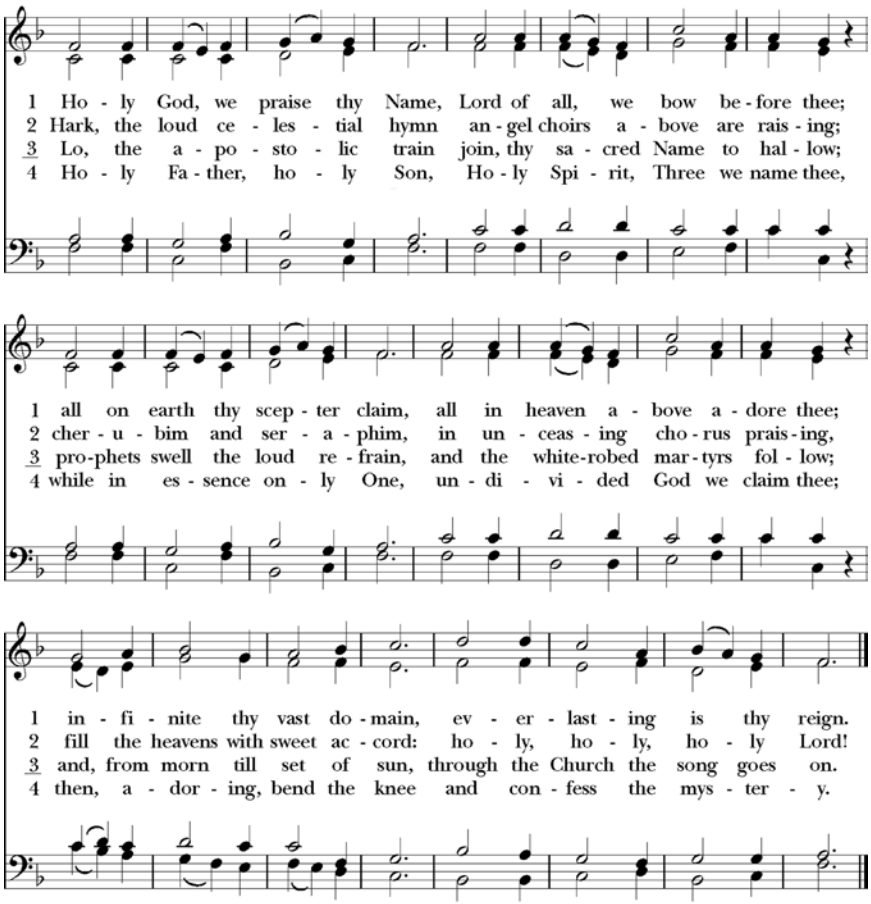
All sit for

THE SECOND LESSON ..... Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Reader: Here endeth the Lesson.

All stand and join in singing

*THE SECOND CANTICLE ..... "Te Deum"

Words: Para. the *Te Deum*, Sts. 1–4, Ignaz Franz (1719–1790), tr. Clarence Walworth (1820–1900). Music: *Grosser Gott*, melody from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1686; alt. *Cantante*, 1851; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944), after Conrad Kocher (1786–1872).

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

All say 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 SALUTATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Officiant: Let us pray.

All kneel and say together

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 SUFFRAGES, FORM A

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

The Officiant then says the following Collects

God of hosts, who didst clothe thy servant Martin the soldier with the spirit of sacrifice and set him as a bishop in thy church to be a defender of the catholic faith: Give us grace to follow in his holy steps, that, at the last, we may be found clothed with righteousness in the dwellings of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All say together

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 then says

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.**

The Officiant says

V. Let us bless the Lord.

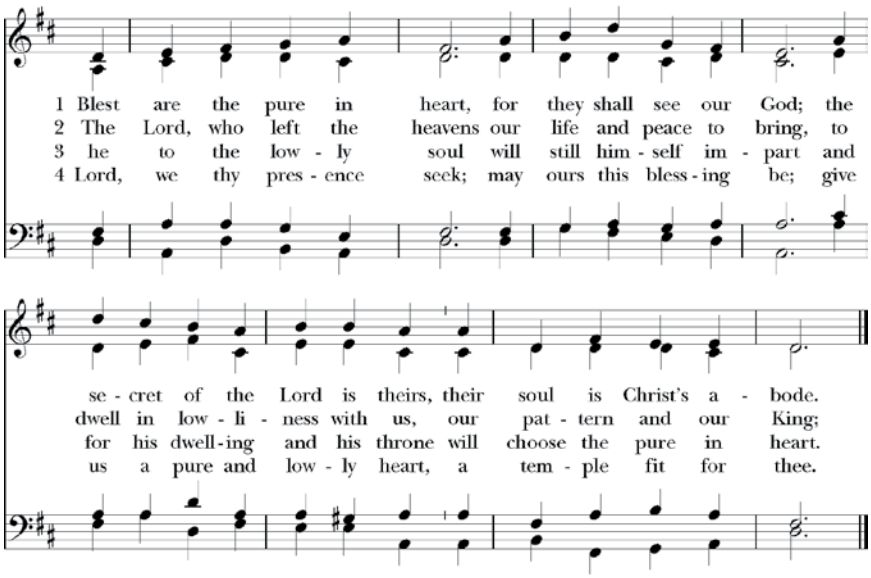
R. Thanks be to God.

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

All stand and join in singing

*HYMN 656. ..... "Blest are the Pure in Heart"

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792–1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793–1861), alt.; Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691–1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870).

THE SERMON .....The Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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..... "O How Amiable"
Ralph Vaughan Williams

O How amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy-work, O prosper thou our handy-work. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

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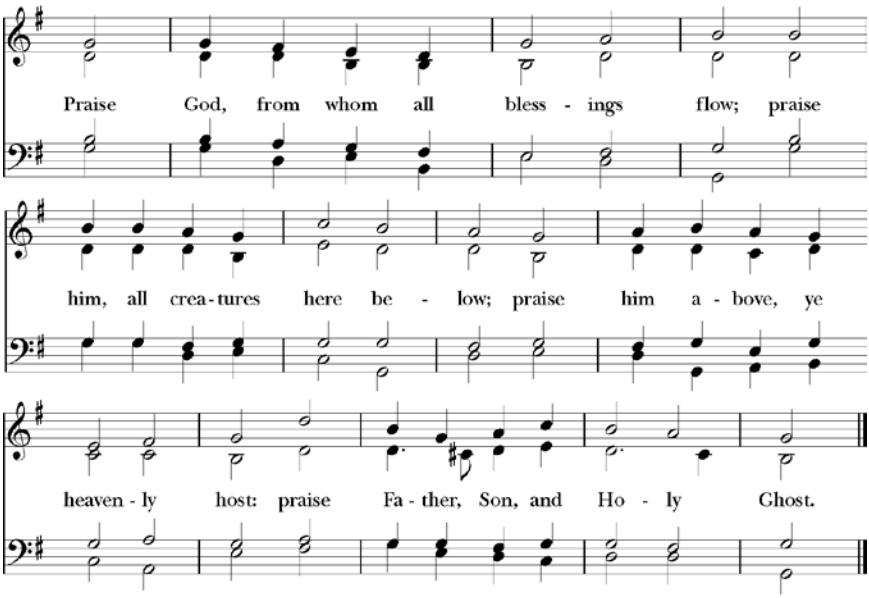
As the Offering is brought forward, all stand and sing

THE DOXOLOGY



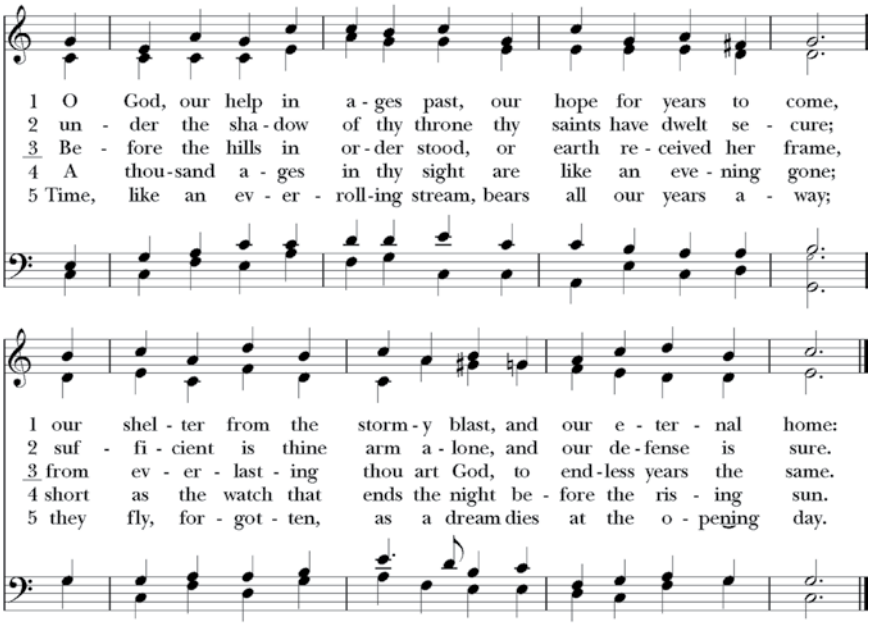
Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

THE BENEDICTION

The Officiant says

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All join in singing

HYMN 680 ..... "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90; Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678–1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

VOLUNTARY ..... "Processional, Alla Marcia"
William Mathias

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

RECOGNITIONS

FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for veterans

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Cameron Louise Cooksey
by Emilie and Ky Cooksey

In thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of Elionne Belden's confirmation at St. Martin's
by Zoé Belden and Rick Belden

In thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd

In memory of Earl Lester, Jr.
by Linda and John Griffin, Laura and Jack Schuhmacher,
and Allison and Philip Lorenzo

BAPTISMS

Nov. 1 James Allen Landry II
Anne Kathryn Menta
Robert Edward Pinard
Sutton Paige Rosson
Walter Nicholas Rosson

SYMPATHY

Oct. 11 Marshall M. Taheri

Oct. 12 Margaret Redfearn Kitchen

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

Please be advised that the weeks after Easter and All Saints' Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Col. Julian Benton
1LT. Tom Cadwallender
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender
Thomas Cochran
Capt. Casey Gainer
Lt. Col. Cameron Hartner
Lt. Cmdr. Tiffany Hartner
CDR Bradley Hoffman
LTC Wesley Hunnell
1st Lt. Stephen Jeckovich
Major Blake Kidd
Cadet George Kinder
Colonel James Korth
Lt. Jonathan Lesieur
Charles Lewis
Capt. Jack Mullen
Capt. Alex Mullen
Spc4 Parris Owen
SrA James Peoples
PFC Alex Pickett
2Lt. Thomas Pimentel
Lt. Col. Thomas Plant
CPO Brian Powell
Lt. Reagan Reitmeier
Jared Ross
1st Lt. Jeffers Shaper
MIDN Morgan Tannery
CPO Evan Tomlin
Matthew

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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

St. Martin's Welcomes

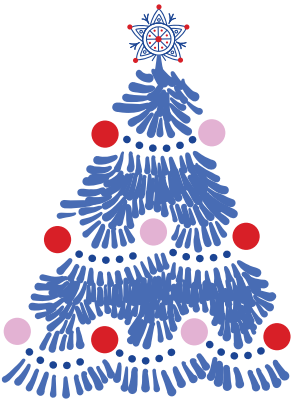
THE REV. DR. MICHAEL LLOYD

Principal, Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford

ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, Nov. 8
8, 9 and 11:15 a.m.
The Church

The Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd is Principal of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. He previously served as Chaplain at The Queen's College, Oxford, and as Chaplain and Director of Studies in Theology at Christ's College, Cambridge. He has taught theology and doctrine at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, as well as St. Paul's Theological Center in London.



DePelchin Children's Center

ANGEL TREE

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

Sponsor Sign-up and Pick-up
Sunday, Nov. 8 • 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
The Church Narthex, Activity Center Lobby and Parish Life Center Narthex

Gifts Due to DePelchin
Wednesday, Dec. 2
DePelchin Children's Center

Through the annual St. Martin's Angel Tree Project, volunteers sign up to purchase Christmas gifts for 250 children in foster care, adoption and mental health services provided by DePelchin Children's Center.

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES

Sign-up required. Contact Tracee Tindol at outreach@smec.org

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

ADULTS

SUNDAY

▶**8+** *Nov. 8, 15 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*

▶**Parish Picture/Cookie Contest** *Nov. 8 • 10:15 a.m. • The Church Plaza/ Bagby Parish Hall*

▶**Theology for Life** *Nov. 15 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

▶**Family Life Class** *Nov. 15 • 10:15 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room*

▶**Contemplative Prayer** *Nov. 15 • 10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center Bride's Parlor*

▶**Fellowship/Christian Education** *Nov. 8, 15 • 5 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

MONDAY

▶**Saintly Stitchers** *Nov. 9, 16 • 10 a.m. • Student Life Center 2nd Floor*

▶**Global Prayer Group** *Nov. 9, 16 • 1:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

▶**Blood Drive** *Nov. 16 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Game Room*

TUESDAY

▶**Prayer Shawl Ministry** *Nov. 10, 17 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*

▶**Rector's Bible Study** *Nov. 10, 17 • Noon • Chapel Reception Hall*

▶**Church in the Field** *Nov. 10 • 6:15 p.m. • St. Martin's Parking Lot Carpool*

▶**St. Martin's Fellows** *Nov. 10 • 6:30 p.m. • Student Life Center, Living Room*

▶**Faith in Literature Evening Group** *Nov. 17 • 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

▶**Morning Prayer Group** *Nov. 11, 18 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*

▶**Blanket Ladies** *Nov. 11, 18 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*

▶**Faith in Literature Day Group** *Nov. 11 • 1 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

▶**St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *Nov. 11, 18 • 6:45 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

▶**Parish Choir** *Nov. 12, 19 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center*

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

MEN

TUESDAY

▶**Kids' Meals** *Nov. 17 • 5 p.m. • Parish Life Center Kitchen*

THURSDAY

▶**Dads' Bible Study** *Nov. 12, 19 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*

▶**Men of St. Martin's** *Nov. 12, 19 • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

WOMEN

TUESDAY

▶**CLS Evening Group** *Nov. 10, 17 • 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

▶**The Moms' Group** *Nov. 11, 18 • 11 a.m. • Student Life Center Living Room*

THURSDAY

▶**CLS Day Group** *Nov. 12, 19 • 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center*

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

▶**Parish Picture/Cookie Contest** *Nov. 8 • 10:15 a.m. • The Church Plaza/ Bagby Parish Hall*

WEDNESDAY

▶**Life Groups** *Nov. 11, 18 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

▶**Childcare** *Nov. 8, 15 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center • Infants to pre-K*

▶**Parish Picture/Cookie Contest** *Nov. 8 • 10:15 a.m. • The Church Plaza/ Bagby Parish Hall*

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THANKSGIVING DAY *Service*

Thursday, Nov. 26

10 a.m. • The Church

This service will be livestreamed.

All Parishioners, family and friends are invited to celebrate Holy Eucharist and give thanks for God's bounty and our blessings.

St. Martin's offices close at noon on Nov. 25 through Nov. 27 in observance of the holiday.

ICON WRITING

with Teresa Harrison

MARCH 1–5

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.*

The Scout Center • Cost is $495

Join acclaimed iconographer Teresa Harrison for St. Martin's annual Lenten Icon Writing Retreat.

This year's retreat is especially meaningful, as participants will write an icon of our patron saint, **St. Martin of Tours**, sharing his cloak with a beggar — a powerful image of Christ's call to compassion.

Icon of St. Martin

Registation is now open!

smec.org/icon-retreat

**Friday will conclude at 2 pm.*

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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.

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