CONFIRMATION AND HOLY EUCHARIST

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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 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.

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 vrivera@smec.org.

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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.

SUPPORT ST. MARTIN'S

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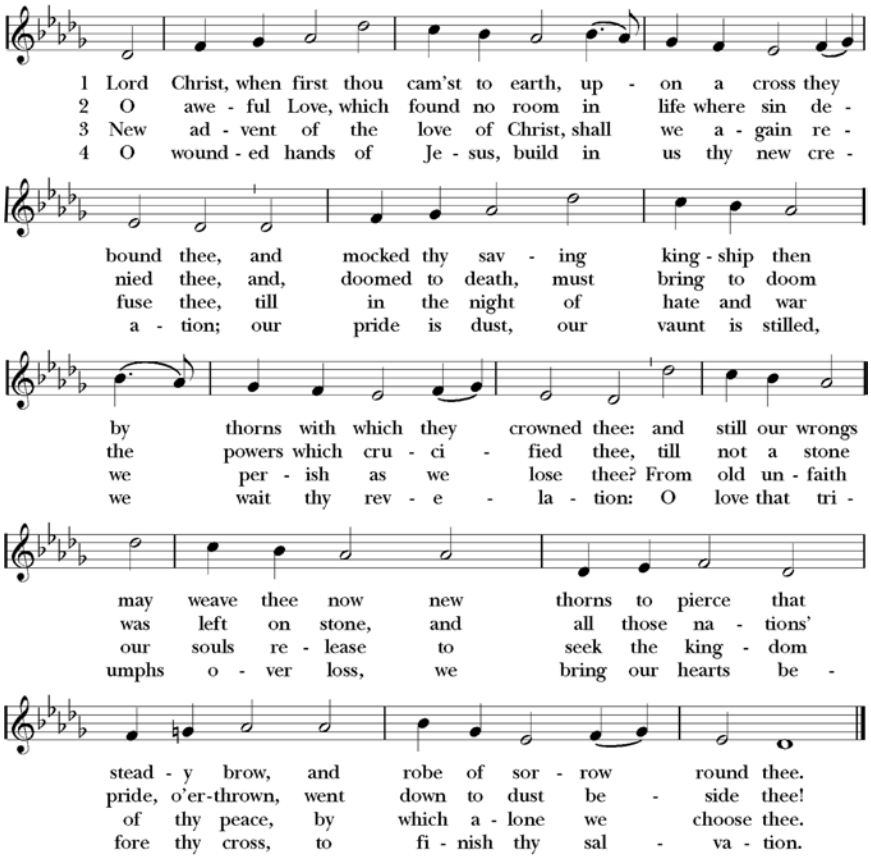
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As found beginning on page 413 in the Book of Common Prayer

VOLUNTARY ..... "Prelude in G Major, Op. 37 No. 2"
Felix Mendelssohn

The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 598 ..... "Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel"



Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882–1969), alt.; Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.); Copyright: Words: By permission of the family of Walter Russell Bowie.

The Bishop: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
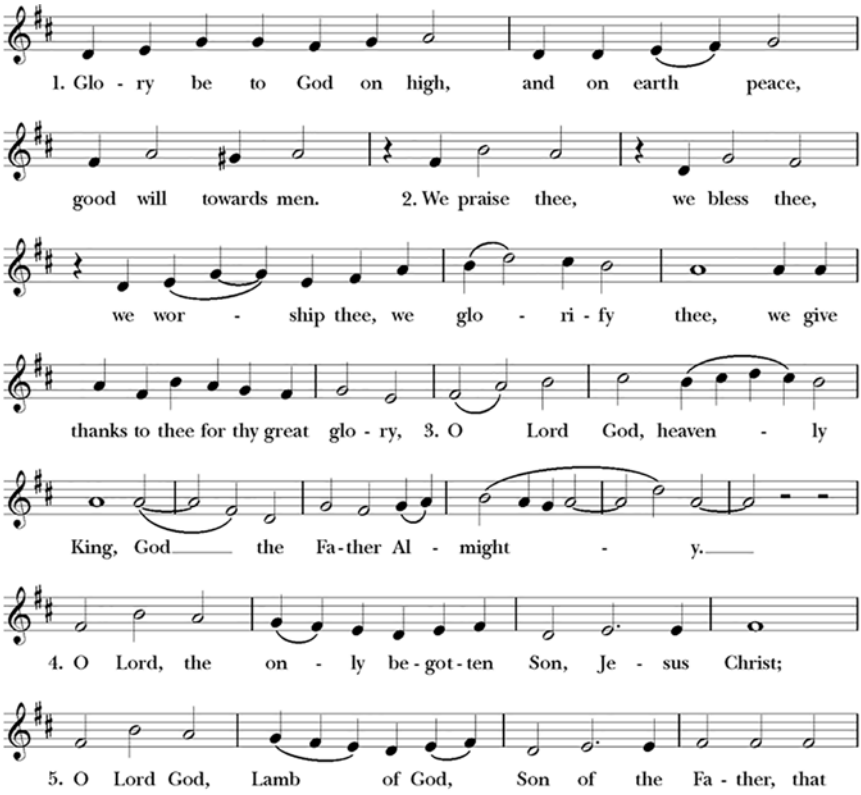
The Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: There is one hope in God's call to us;
The Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: One God and Father of all.
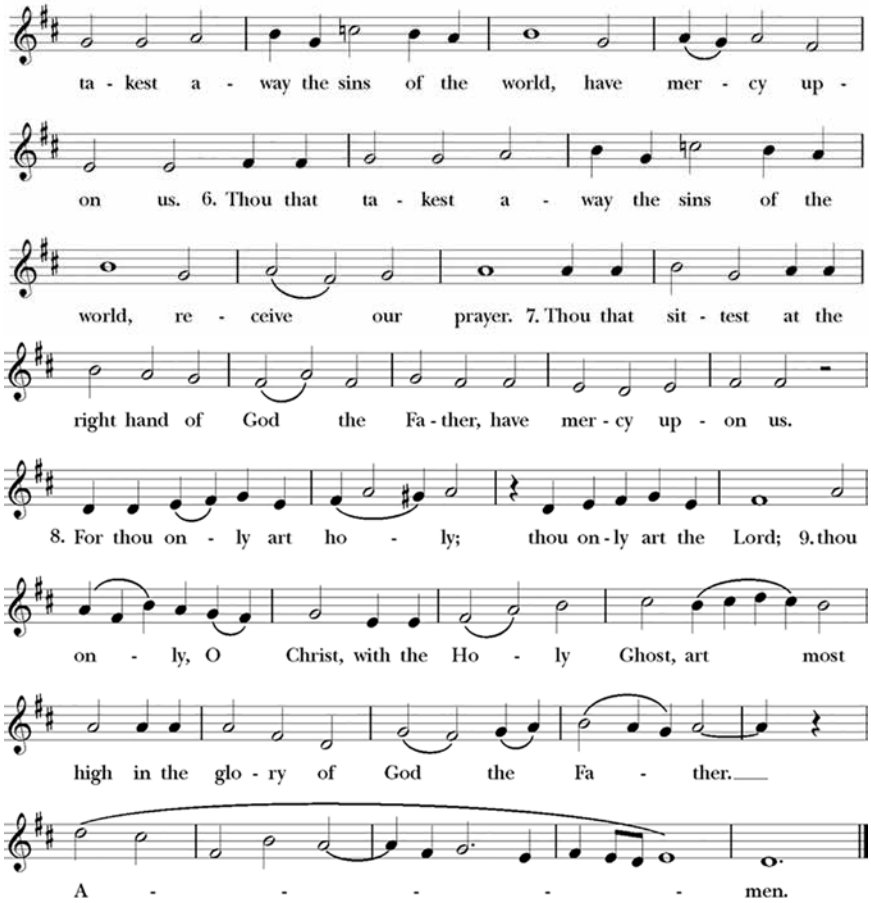
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Bishop 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





Music: Healey Willan. These words are in the public domain.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Bishop: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
The Bishop: Let us pray. *(kneel)*

The Bishop says the Collect

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in thy Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**
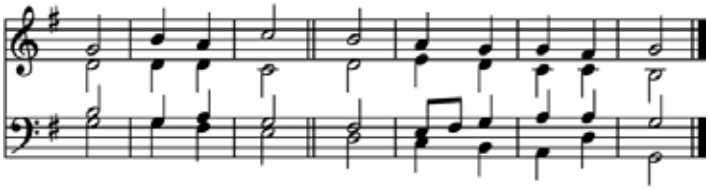
Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT ..... Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are thickening upon their lees, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill." Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring distress on men, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the Lord; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the Lord. In the fire of his jealous wrath, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full, yea, sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM.....Psalm 90, Coverdale



**1 Lord, thou hast | been our | refuge *
from one gener-| ation | to an-| other.**
**2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever the earth and the | world were | made *
thou art God from ever-| lasting, • and | world • without | end.**
**3 Thou turnest | man • to de-| struction *
again thou sayest, Come a-| gain, ye | children • of | men.**
**4 For a thousand years in thy sight are | but as | yester-day *
seeing that is | past • as a | watch • in the | night.**
**5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are | even • as a | sleep *
and fade away | sudden-• ly | like the | grass.**
**6 In the morning it is green, and | groweth | up *
but in the evening it is cut | down, dried | up, and |withered.**
**7 For we consume away in | thy dis-| pleasure *
and are afraid at thy | wrathful | indig-| nation.**
**8 Thou hast set our mis-| deeds be-| fore thee *
and our secret sins | in the | light • of thy | countenance.**
**12 So teach us to | number • our | days *
that we may ap-| ply our | hearts • unto | wisdom.**

THE EPISTLE..... 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

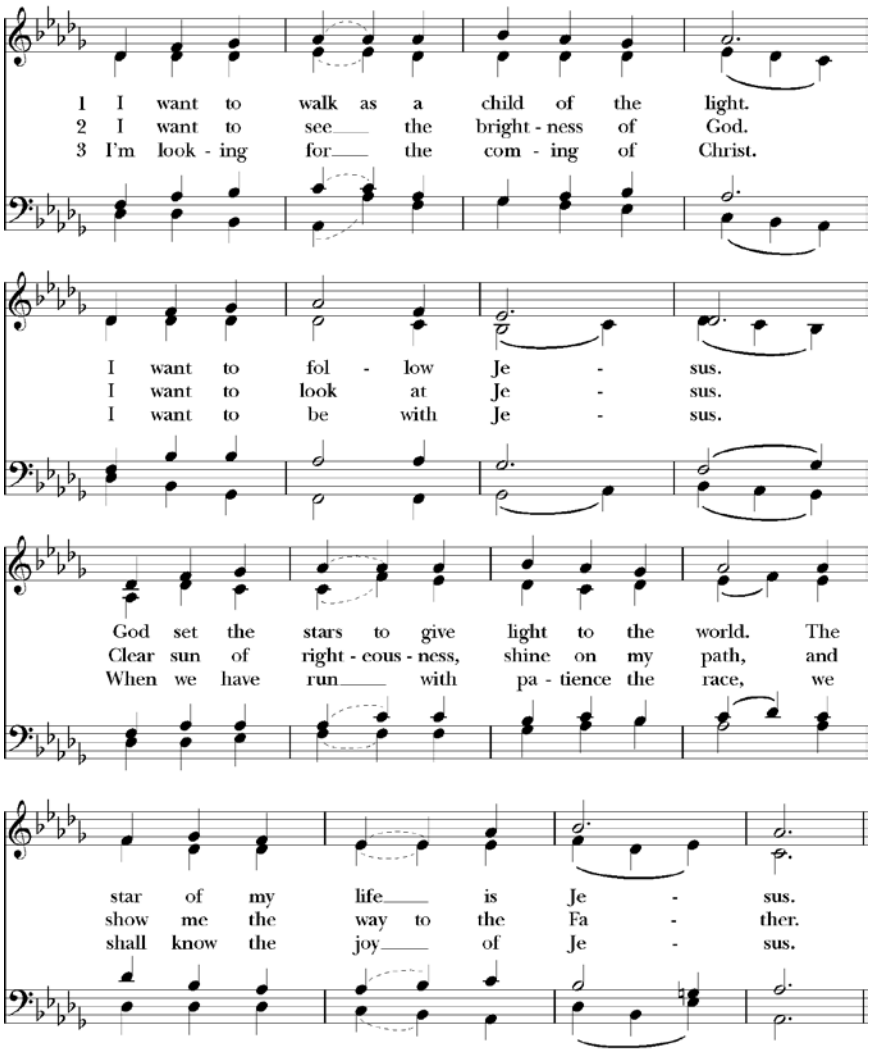
But as to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as travail comes upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape. But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But, since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a
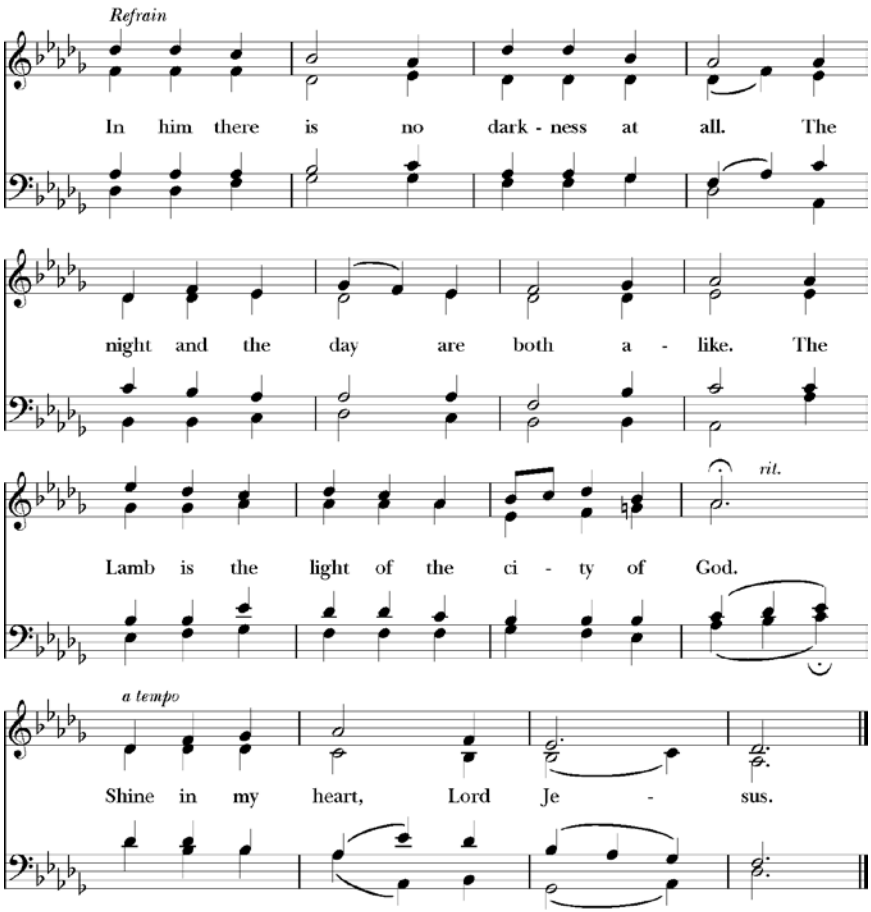
helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 490. ..... "I Want to Walk as Child of the Light"
(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel; verse 3 after the Gospel)





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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 25:14-30

Jesus said, "For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent

went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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 Rt. Rev. Héctor Monterroso

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES *(Candidates and Sponsors stand)*

The Bishop says

The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenter: I present these persons to be confirmed, received and reaffirmed.

The Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

The Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, congregation stands

The Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

The Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

The Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

The Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Minister: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Minister: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence follows.

The Bishop says
Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ thou hast overcome sin and brought us unto thee, and that by the sealing of thy Holy Spirit thou hast bound us to thy service. Renew in these thy servants the covenant thou hast made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service thou hast set before them; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated. Those being presented for Confirmation, come forward to be presented to the Bishop.

FOR CONFIRMATION

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says
Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

FOR RECEPTION

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

FOR REAFFIRMATION

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let thy fatherly hand ever be over these thy servants; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that they may serve thee in this life, and dwell with thee in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(stand)*

The Bishop: 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.....“Save Us, O Lord”

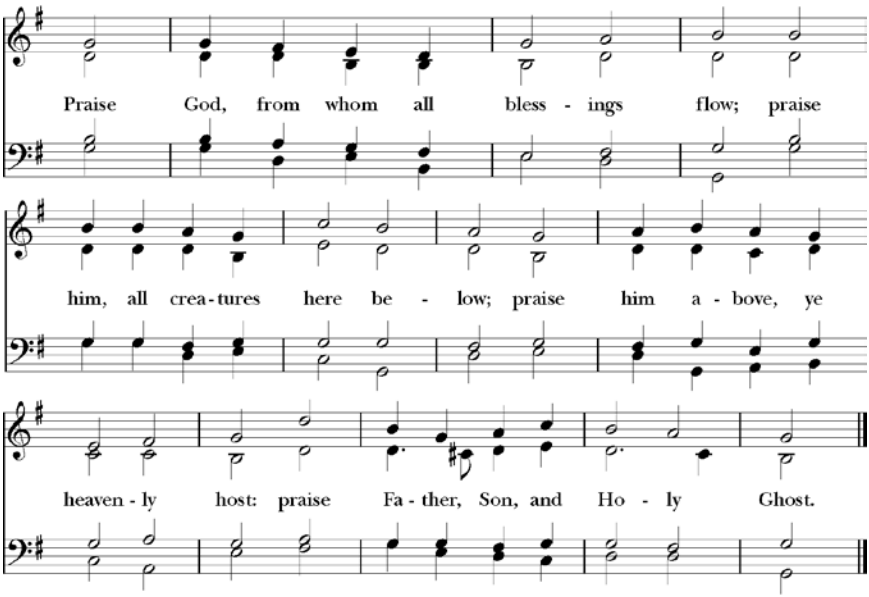
Edward Bairstow

Save us, O Lord, waking, guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

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AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY



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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(stand)*

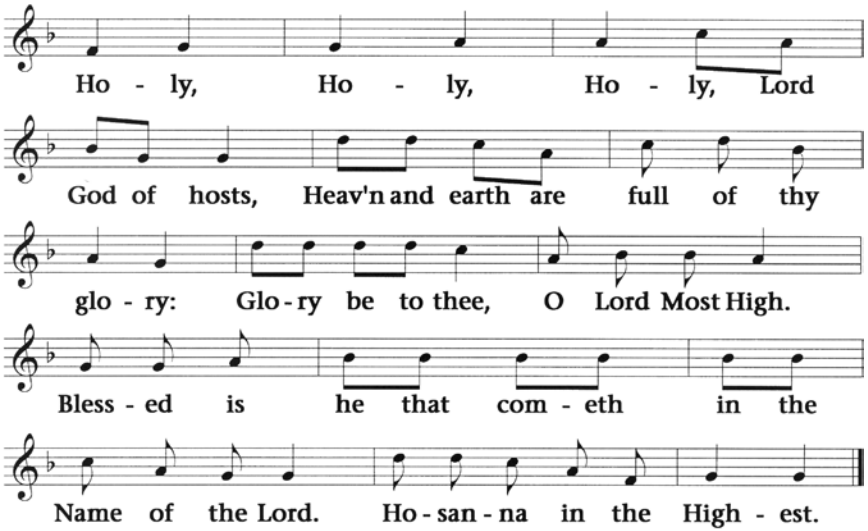
The Bishop: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
The Bishop: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.
The Bishop: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People: It is meet and right so to do.

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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord thou hast received us as thy sons and daughters, made us citizens of thy kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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



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The people stand or kneel. Then the Bishop 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
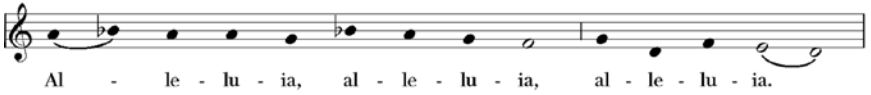
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

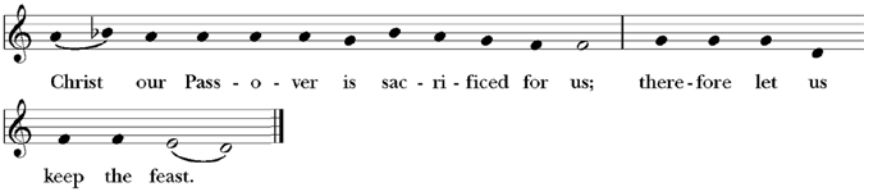
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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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 Bishop 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.
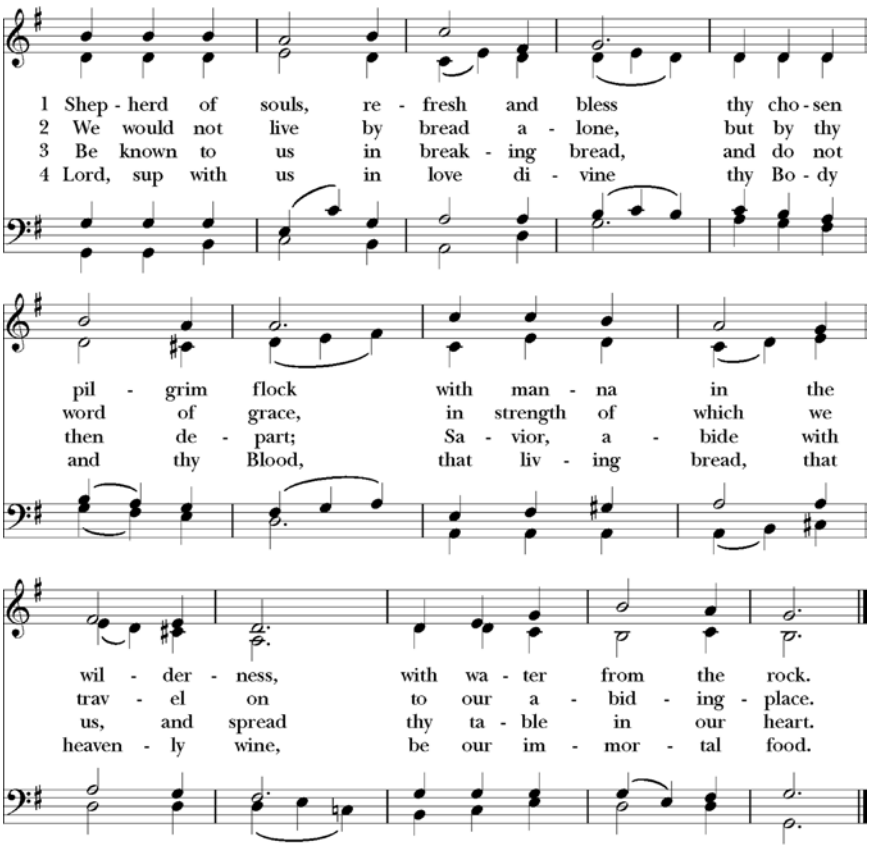
If you are unable to come to the Altar Rail, please alert an Usher and Communion will be brought to you.

ANTHEM.....“Prayer of St. Patrick”
John Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
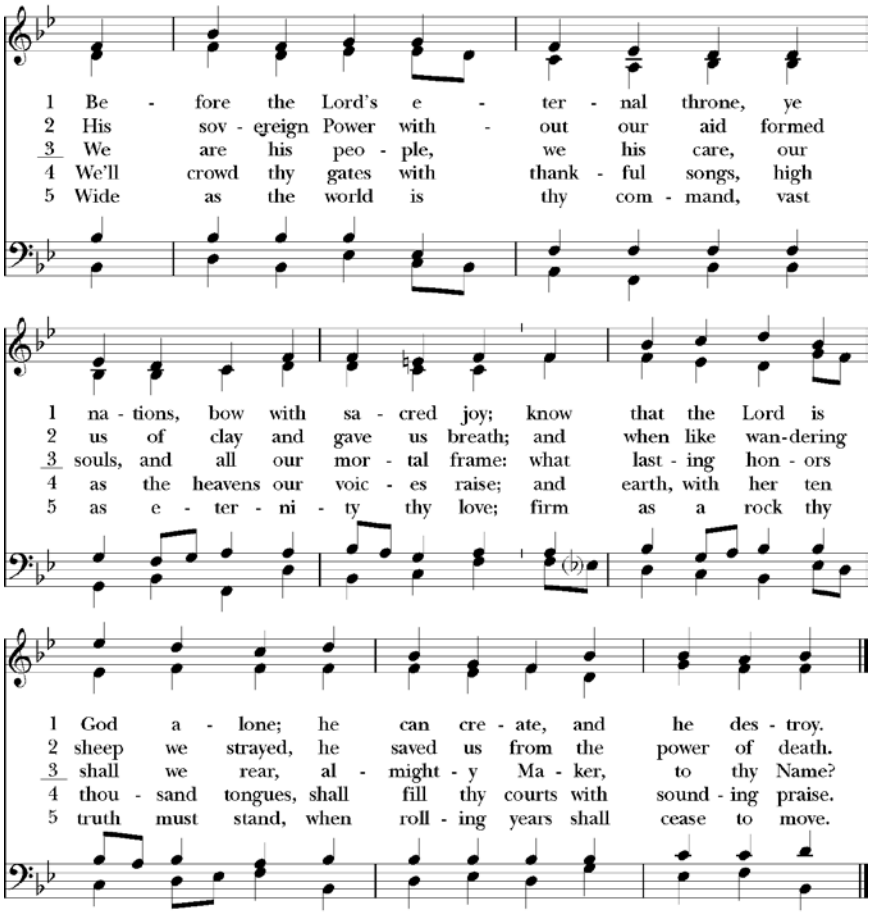
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HYMN 343 .....“Shepherd of Souls”
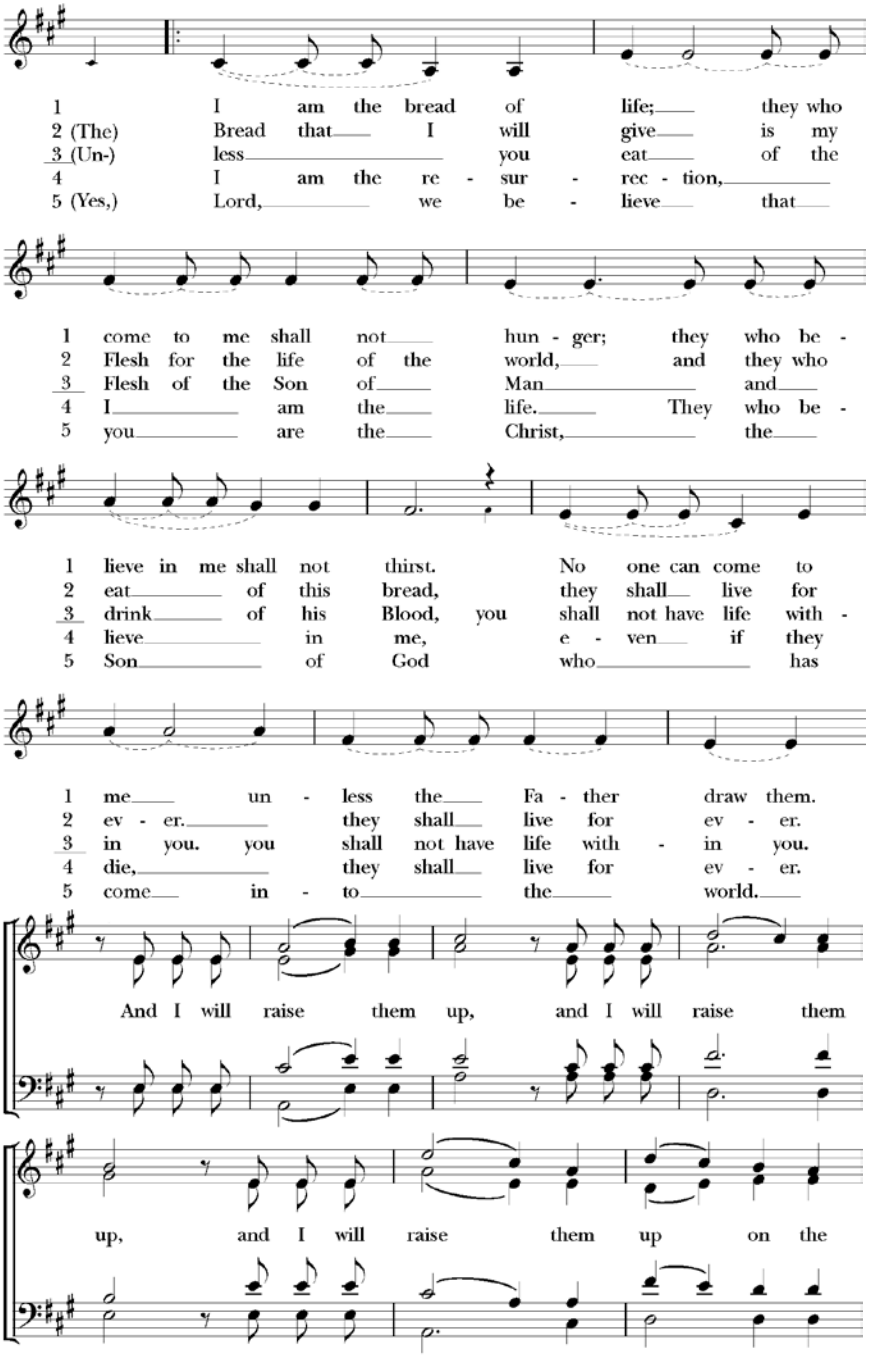


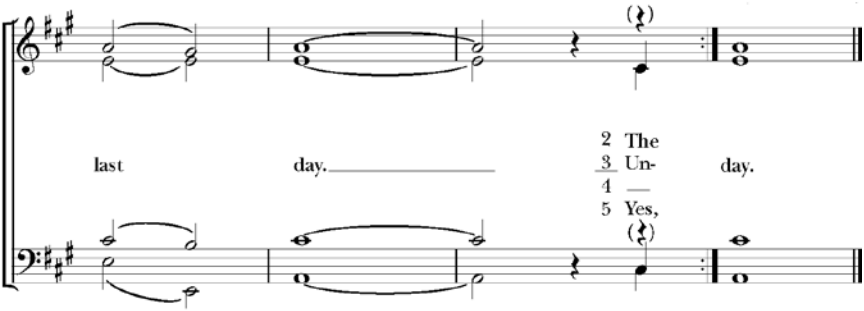
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HYMN 391.....“Before the Lord’s Eternal Throne”



Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 100; Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).


1 I am the bread of life; they who
2 (The) Bread that I will give is my
3 (Un-) less you eat of the
4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,
5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that
1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
4 I am the life. They who be -
5 you are the Christ, the
1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
5 Son of God who has
1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
5 come in - to the world.
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them
up, and I will raise them up on the



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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.

The Bishop: 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 Bishop says

Let us pray.
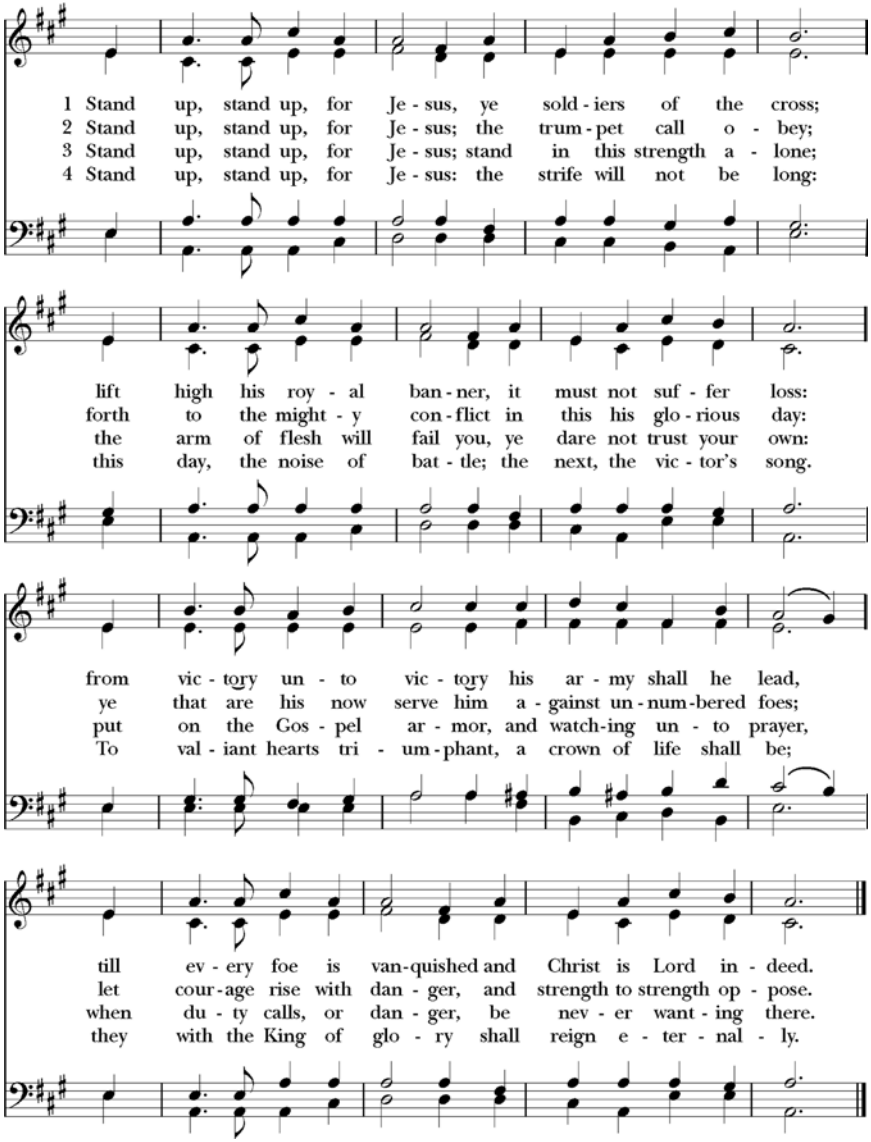
All kneel.

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 BISHOP BLESSES THE PEOPLE

All stand.

HYMN 561 ..... "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"



Words: George Duffield, Jr. (1818–1888), alt.; Music: *Morning Light*, George James Webb (1803–1887).

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY ..... "Fugue in G Major, Op. 37 No. 2"
Felix Mendelssohn

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rt. Rev. Héctor Monterroso
In thanksgiving for the baptism of Cameron Louise Cooksey
by Linda and Charles Beeman
In memory of Gregory Francisco Bogran
by Ann and Jeff Bogran



BIRTHS

Oct. 29 Henry Truman Presley
Son of Betsy and Joseph Presley



BAPTISMS

Nov. 7 Cameron Louise Cooksey
Ford Javier Hamilton
Chloe Marie Lourenço

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.
Ira Green
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
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
Angela
Abigail
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

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

ADULTS

SUNDAY

▶**8+** *Nov. 15, 22 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception 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. 15, 22 • 5 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

MONDAY

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

▶**Saintly Stitchers** *Nov. 16, 23 • 10 a.m. • Student Life Center 2nd Floor*

▶**Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group** *Nov. 16 • 3 p.m. • Hope and Healing Center Room 103*

TUESDAY

▶**Prayer Shawl Ministry** *Nov. 17, 24 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*

▶**Rector's Bible Study** *Nov. 17, 24 • Noon • Chapel Reception Hall*

▶**St. Martin's Fellows** *Nov. 24 • 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. 18, 25 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*

▶**Blanket Ladies** *Nov. 18, 25 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*

▶**St. Clare's Guild** *Nov. 18 • Noon • Student Life Center 2nd Floor*

▶**OSL Study Group** *Nov. 18 • 4:30 p.m. • Activity Center Family Room*

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

THURSDAY

▶**Parish Choir** *Nov. 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. 19 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*

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

WOMEN

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

▶**The Moms' Group** *Nov. 18, 25 • 11 a.m. • Student Life Center Living Room*

THURSDAY

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

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

▶**Choristers** *Nov. 15, 22 • 8 a.m. • The Music Center*

▶**Sunday Get-Together** *Nov. 15 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

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

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

▶**Childcare** *Nov. 15, 22 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center • Infants to pre-K*

▶**Junior Choristers** *Nov. 15, 22 • 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

▶**Sunday School** *Nov. 15 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Cente*

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St. Martin's Welcomes

The Rt. Rev. Héctor Monterroso

Bishop Assistant, Diocese of Texas

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



Bishop Monterroso, a native of Guatemala, served as the Bishop of Costa Rica for 14 years.

In his current ministry, Bishop Monterroso oversees the Southern Region of the Diocese of Texas and visits approximately 45 churches annually. He coordinates interfaith and ecumenical efforts, fosters the development of a multicultural presence within the congregations, and identifies vocational leaders within the local Hispanic ministry.

CHRISTMAS *Flowers*

Dedications close: 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16

Remember a loved one with poinsettias to decorate St. Martin's worship spaces and the Gardens of the Holy Cross.

All requests received by 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, will be included in the Christmas Flowers listing available in the worship booklets at all Christmas services. Any requests received after the deadline will be published in worship booklets in the weeks following Christmas.

Make your flower dedication online at
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