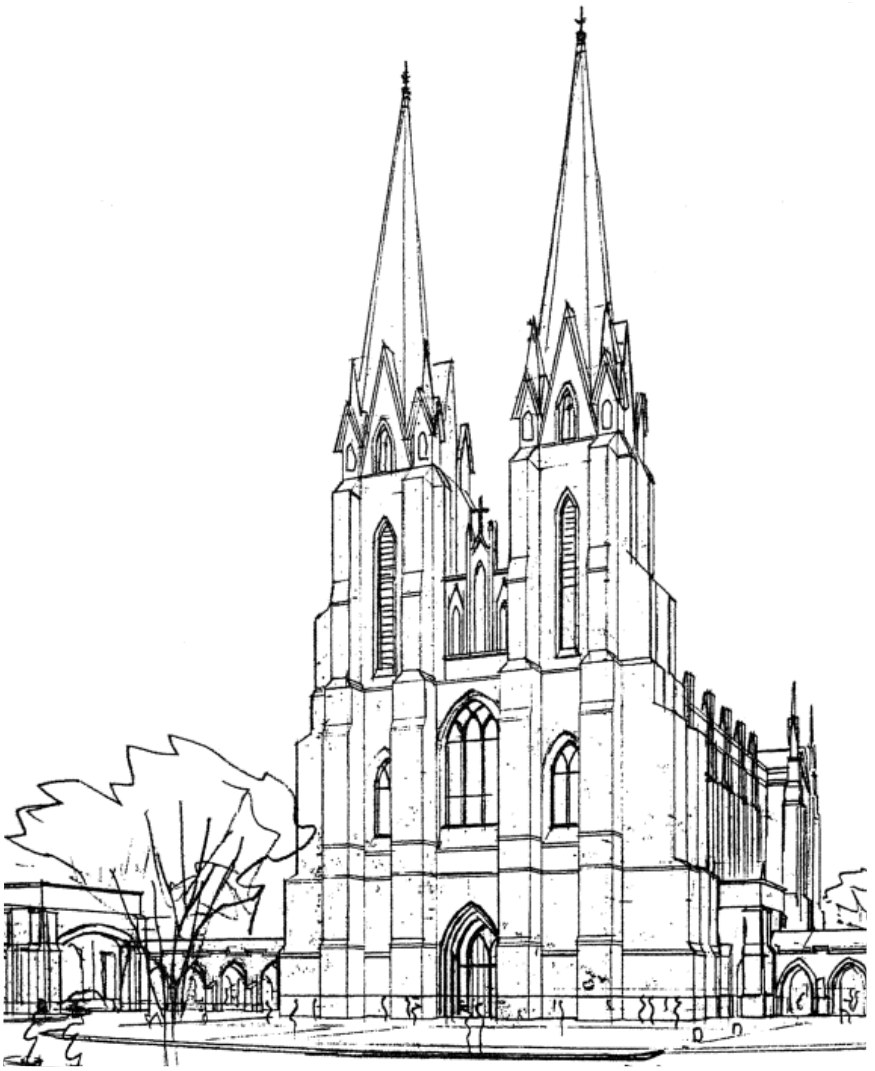
MORNING PRAYER

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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.*

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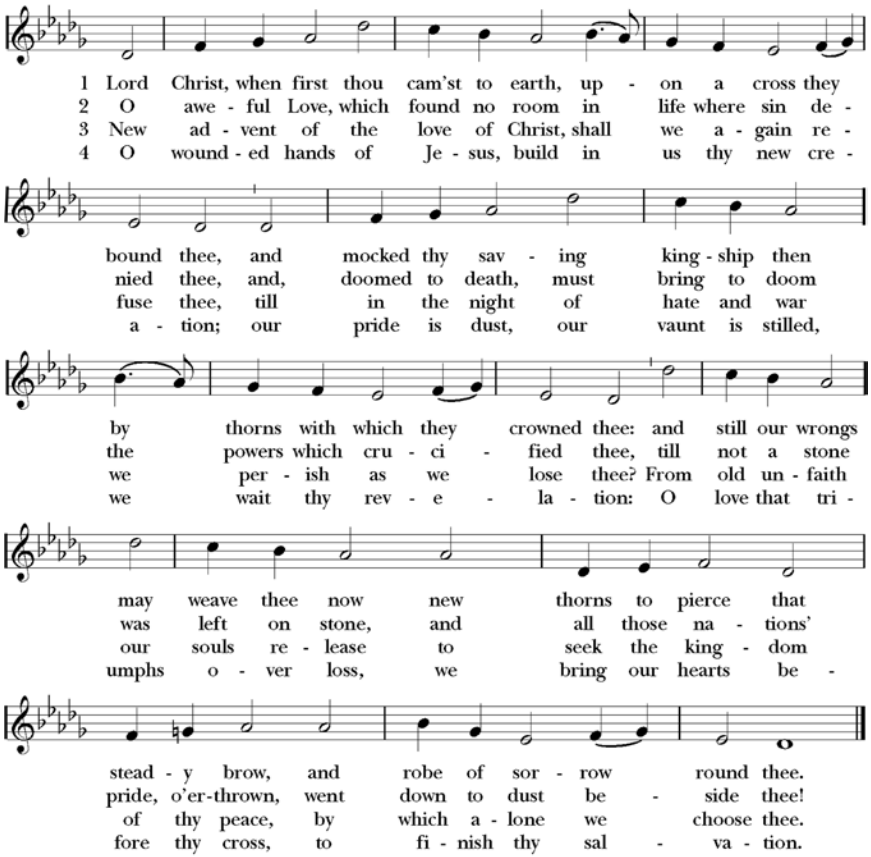
MORNING PRAYER

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

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

The People stand for the Procession and join in singing

*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 Officiant says

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

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.
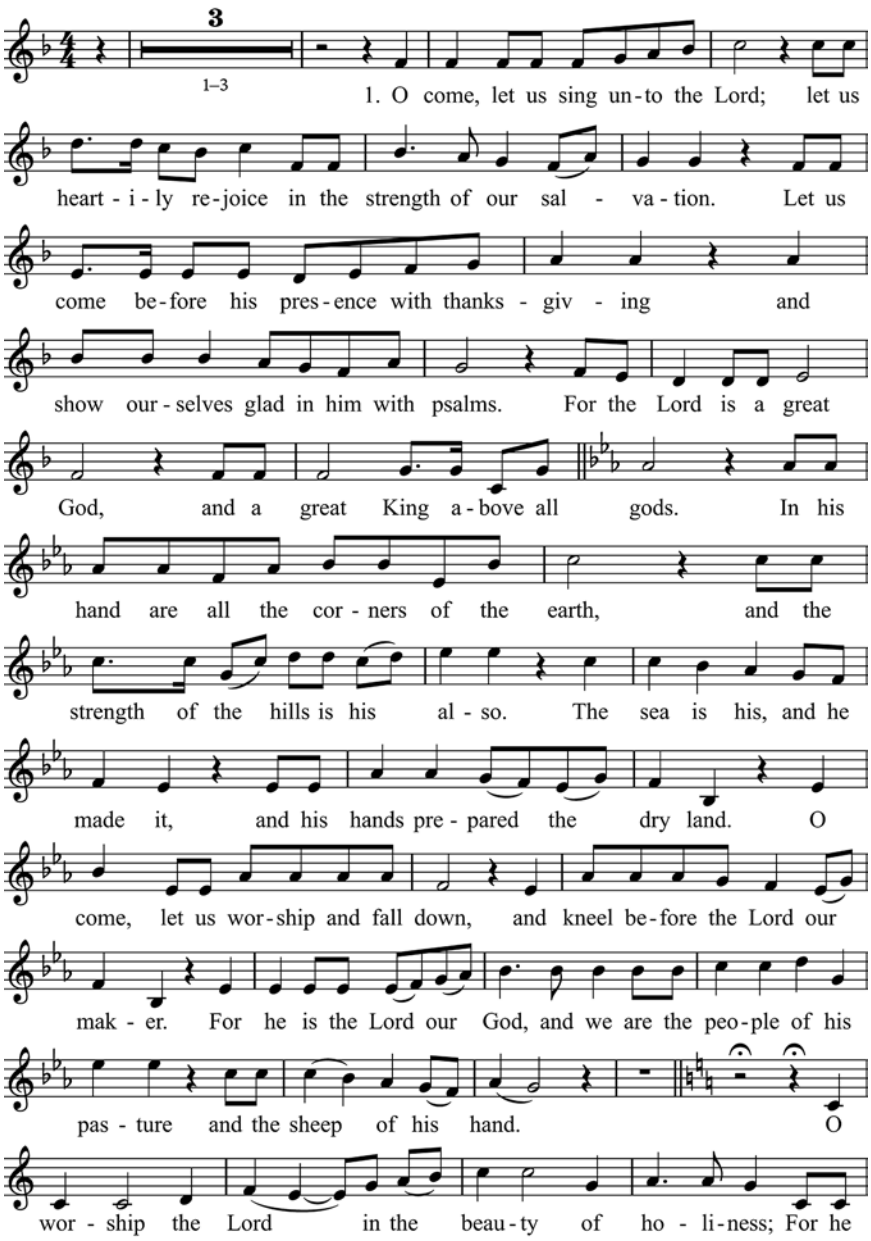
Officiant and People

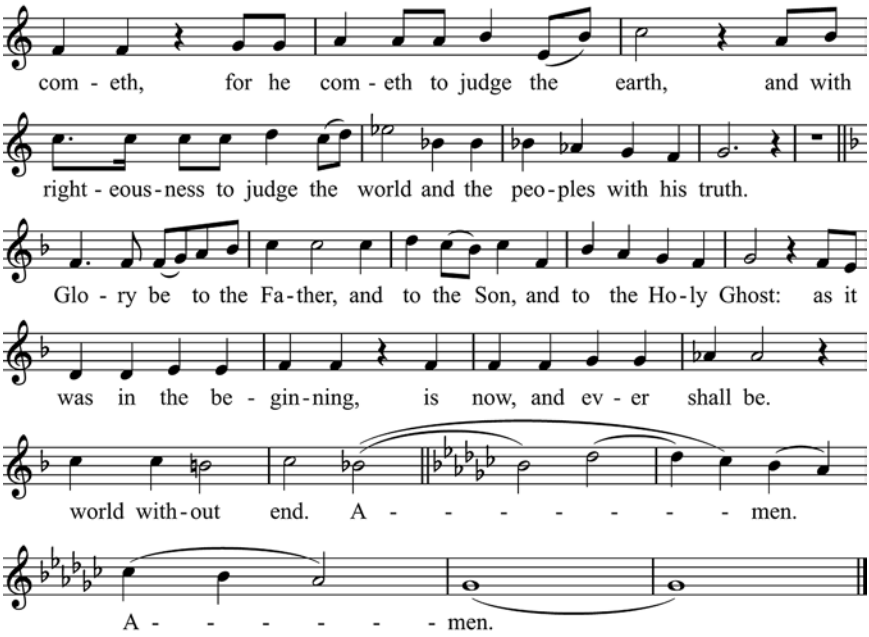
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
People: O come, let us adore him.

All join in singing

*VENITE
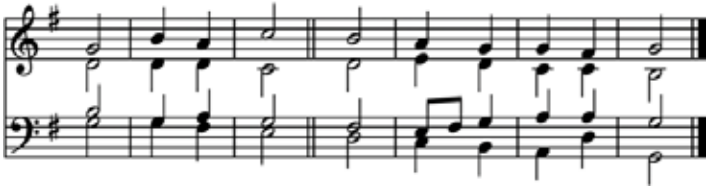




Text: Psalm 95, para. Music: *Venite,* Keith Lathrom (b. 1989) © Keith Lathrom, 2026.

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
People: O come, let us adore him.

All sit and join in singing

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.

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 ..... Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

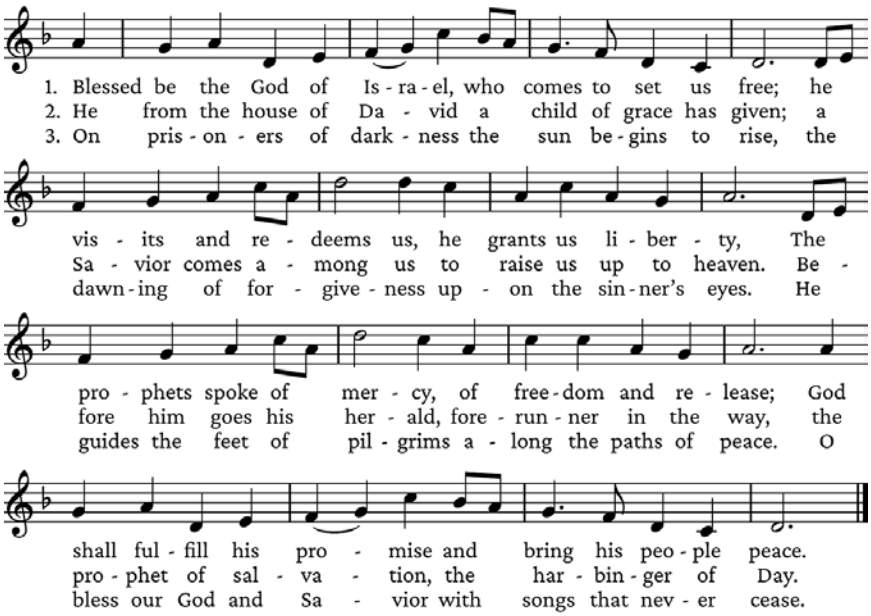
Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are thickening upon their lees, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor 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: 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
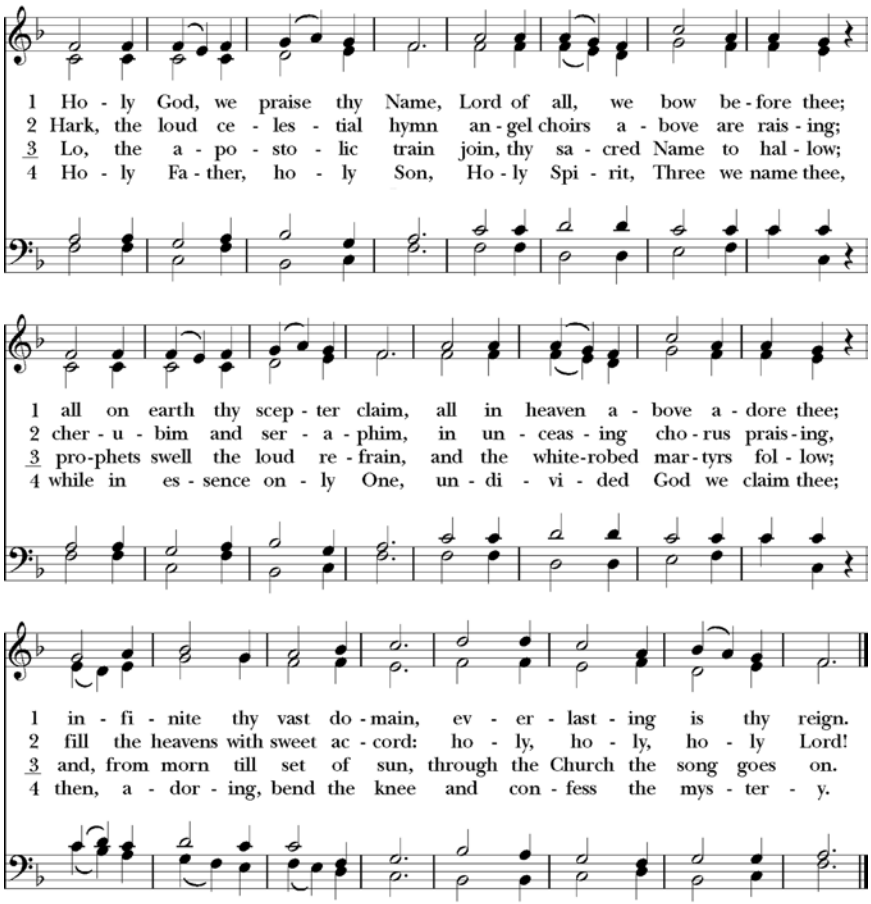
THE SECOND LESSON ..... Matthew 25:14-30

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.'"

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

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, 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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **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.

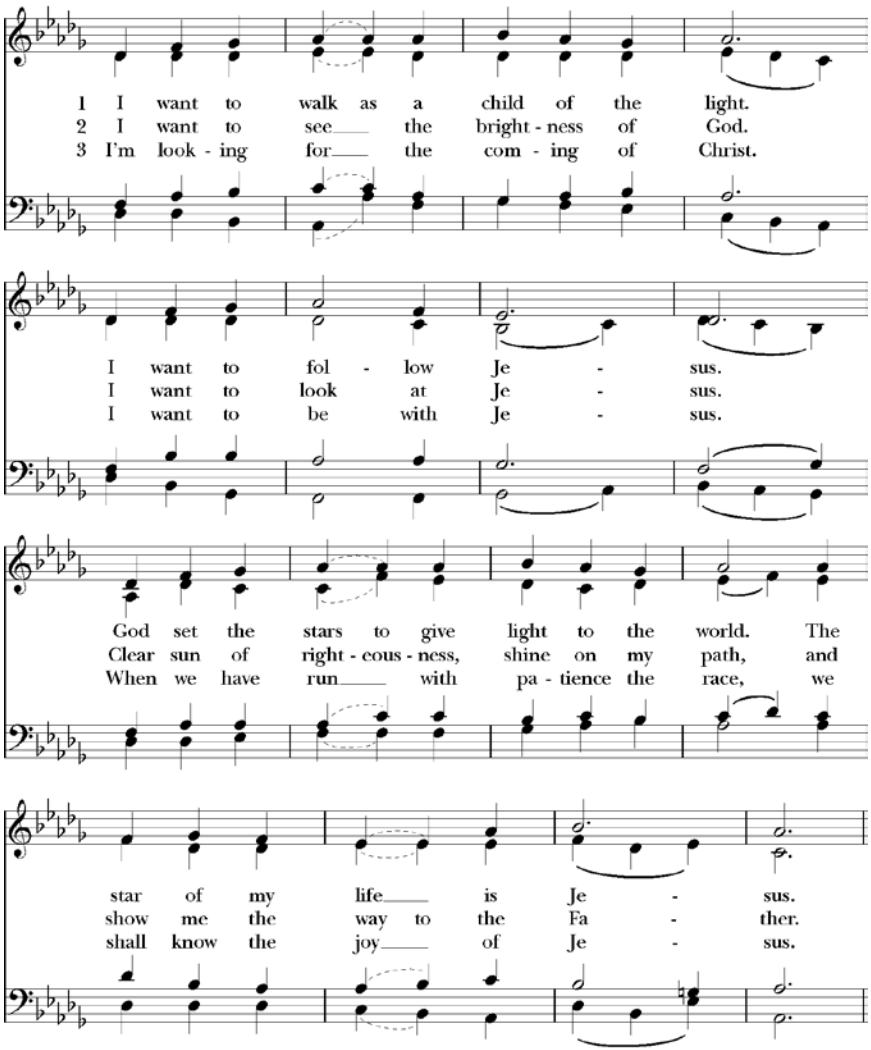
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**
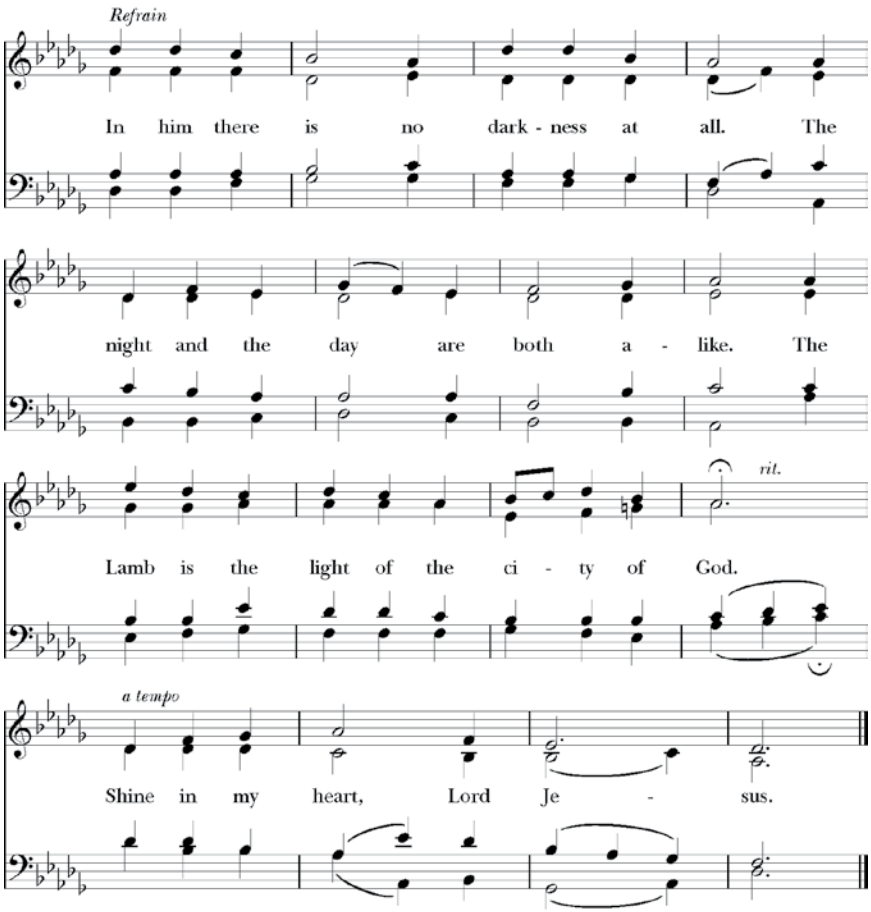
2 Corinthians 13:14

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand and join in singing

*HYMN 490. ..... "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"





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THE SERMON ..... The Rt. Rev. Héctor Monterroso

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.....“Save Us, O Lord”

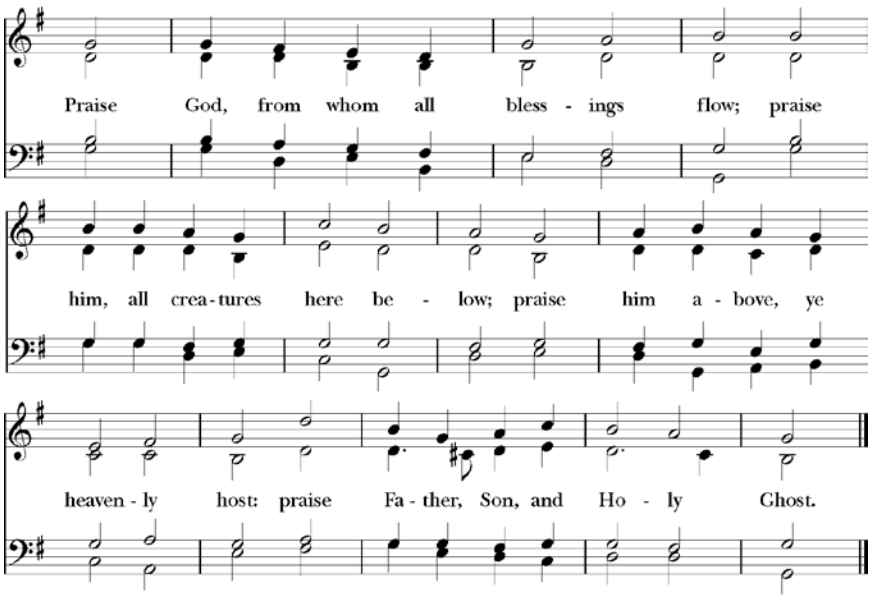
Edward Bairstow

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

Text: Antiphon for the Office of Compline. Music: Edward Bainton (1880-1956). © 1902 Novello and Company, Limited.

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?).
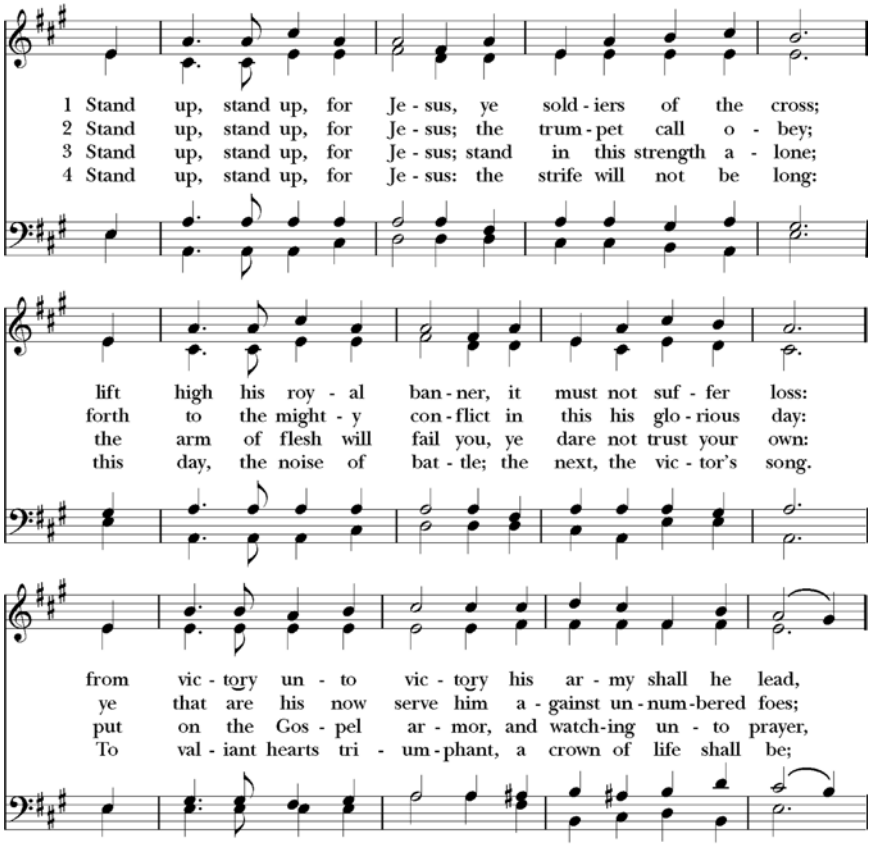
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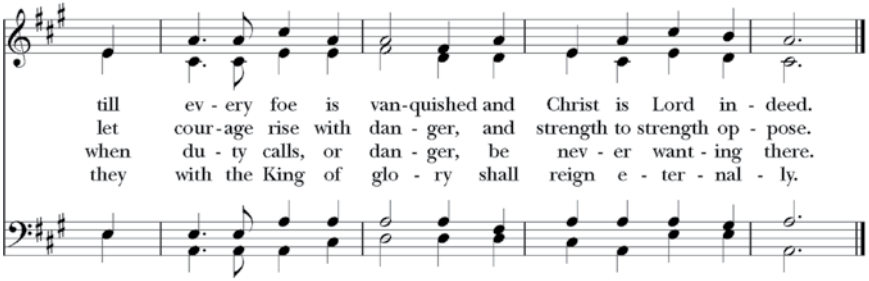
The Bishop says

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





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

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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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.

Theology for Life

What Story are We In?

Christian Hope and Its Alternative

Sundays, Nov. 29–Dec. 20

10:15–11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall



Advent is an expectant season of hope, as we train our hearts to look ahead for the coming kingdom of God where Christ is Lord of all. But have we trained our minds and hearts to differentiate that hope from other counterfeit hopes on offer in the modern world? For instance, can we ever hope to bring about God's eternal kingdom through politics, wealth, or AI and other forms of technology?

Join us this season as we sift through what Christian hope really is, amid other hopes and kingdoms that try to claim our hearts.



SUNDAY, NOV. 29 • 4 P.M. • 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.

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Good Books and Good Conversation

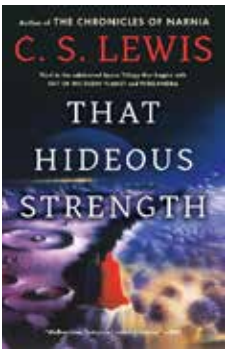
Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

THURSDAY, DEC. 3 | 6:15–7:45 P.M.
STUDENT LIFE CENTER, LIVING ROOM

Join in the dialogue!

"That Hideous Strength" by C.S. Lewis

This fall in our monthly series on the great books, we turn to C.S. Lewis's "Space Trilogy" — three science fiction novels asking what it means to be human, a question as urgent in the age of A.I. as it was in Lewis's time of world war. Books available at St. Martin's Gift Shoppe or your favorite bookseller.



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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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