HOLY EUCHARIST

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

November 22, 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.

Contact: Katharine Perrow • 713-985-3834 • kperrow@smec.org

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.

For **birth announcements**, contact Cyndy Gubbs at 713-985-3804 or cgubbs@smec.org.

For **death notifications and funerals**, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@smec.org.

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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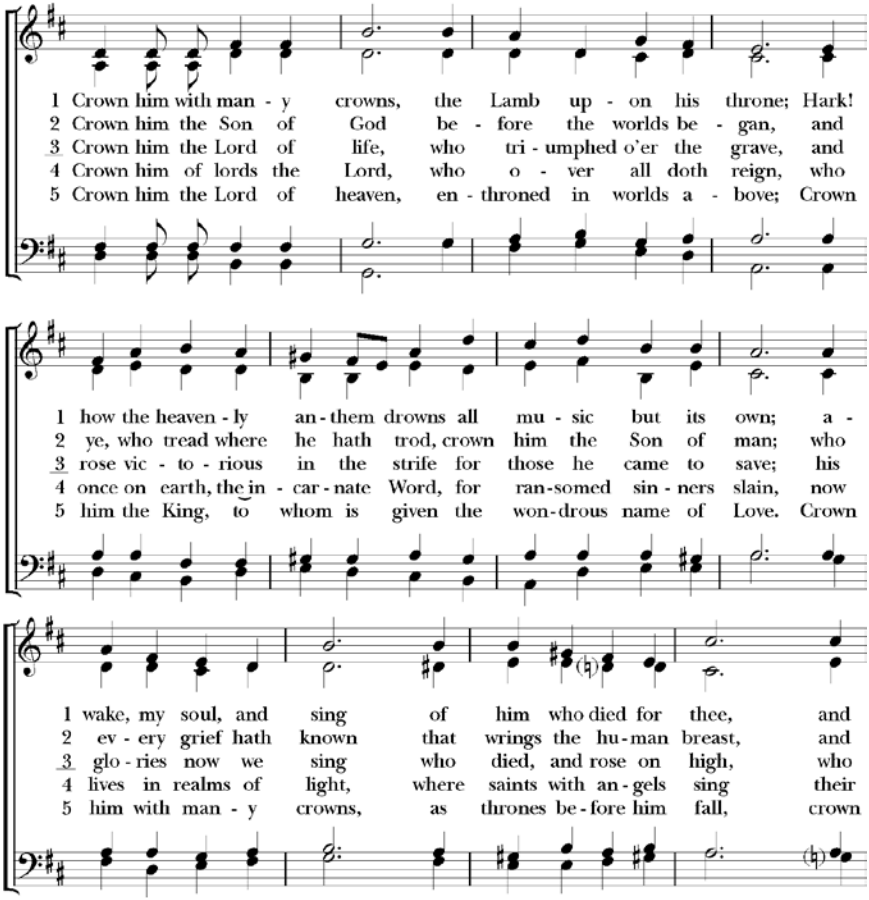
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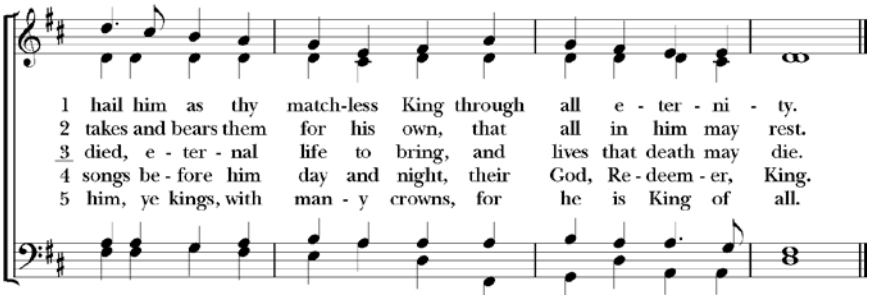
Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. are spoken services. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY ..... "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"
Johann Sebastian Bach

The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 494 ..... "Crown Him with Many Crowns"





Words: Matthew Bridges (1800–1894); Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816–1893).

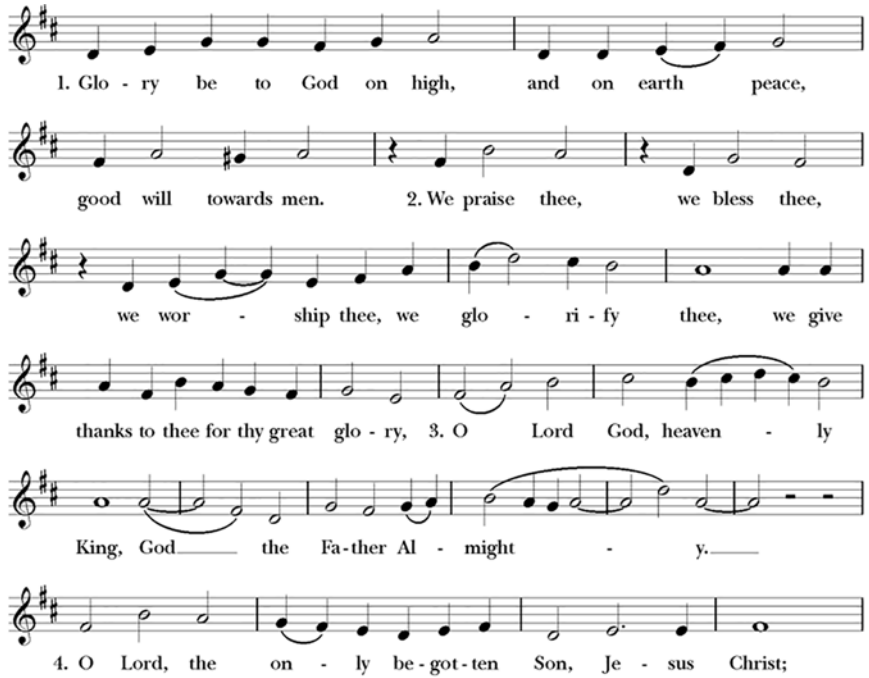
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

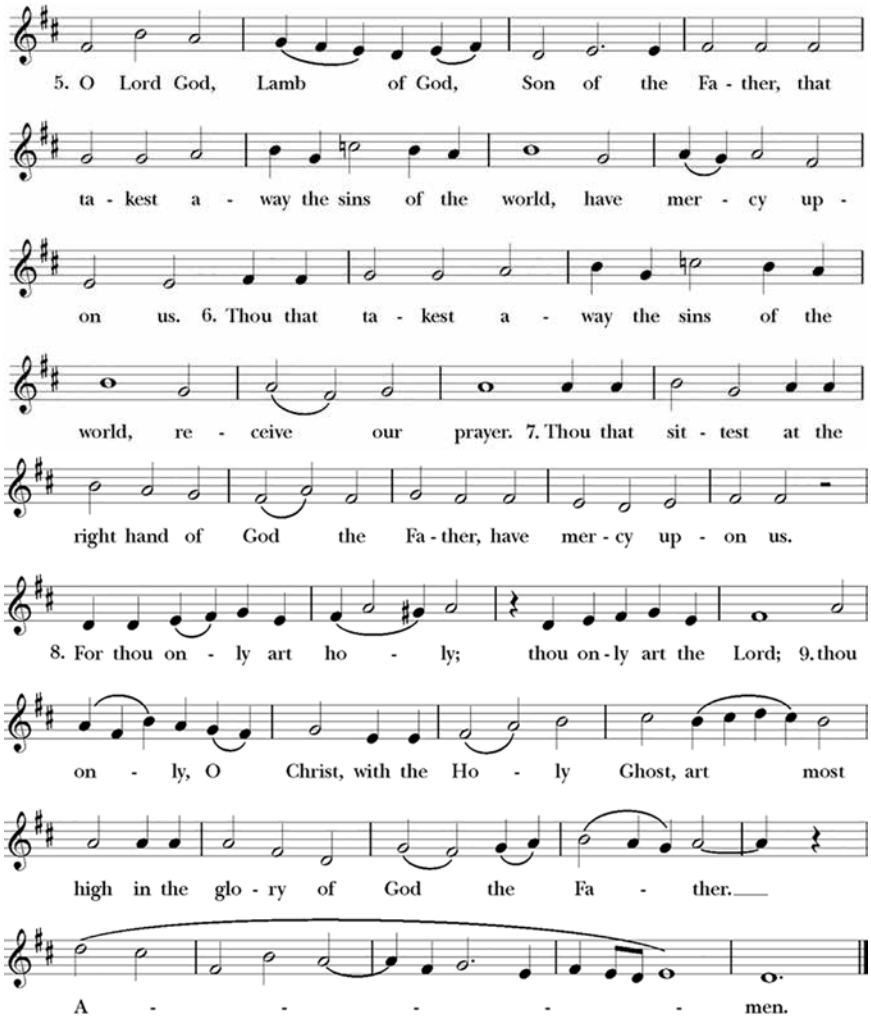
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant 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 *(said at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., sung at 11:15 a.m.)*





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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

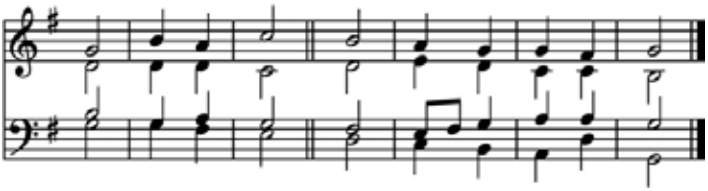
Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT ..... Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

The word of the Lord came to me: "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will save my flock, they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken."

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

THE PSALM.....Psalm 95, Coverdale
(said at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., sung at 11:15 a.m.)



**1 O come, let us | sing un-• to the | Lord *
let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal-| vation.**
**2 Let us come before his | presence • with thanks-| giving *
and shew ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.**
**3 For the Lord is a | grëat | God *
and a great | King a-| bove all | gods.**
**4 In his hand are all the | corners • of the | earth *
and the strength of the | hills is | hïs | also.**
**5 The sea is his, | and he | made it *
and his hands pre-| pared the | drÿ | land.**
**6 O come, let us | worship • and fall | down *
and | kneel be-• fore the | Lord our | Maker.**
**7 For he is the | Lord our | God *
and we are the people of his pasture, and the | shëep | of his | hand.**

THE EPISTLE.....Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and he has put all things under his

feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fulness of him who fills all in all.

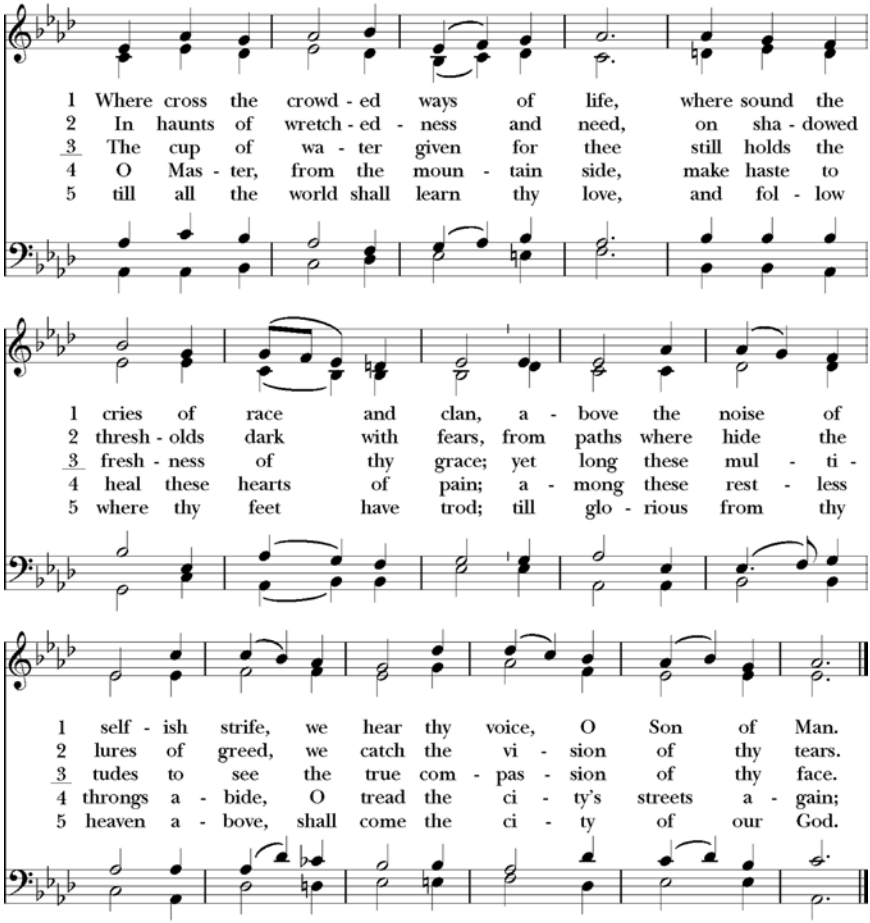
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

*HYMN 609 ..... "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel; verses 4-5 after the Gospel)



Words: Frank Mason North (1850–1935), alt.; Music: *Gardiner*, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770–1853).

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL ..... 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."

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

At 11:15 a.m., 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 Rev. Alex D. Graham III

*THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All kneel.

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, our bishops; the Clergy of this Parish; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Church of England and our ministry partner, the Diocese of Aru; for all bishops, priests and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, John, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the World;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy sight.

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially ___; for those who are hospitalized, especially ___; and for those on our continuing prayer list; have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died, especially ___; give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers, ___; and we praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

In this moment of silence, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly in the privacy of their hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of thy people, and strengthen us to do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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..... "Antiphon"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King. The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly: The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King. The Church with Psalms must shout, no door can keep them out: But above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.

Text: George Herbert.

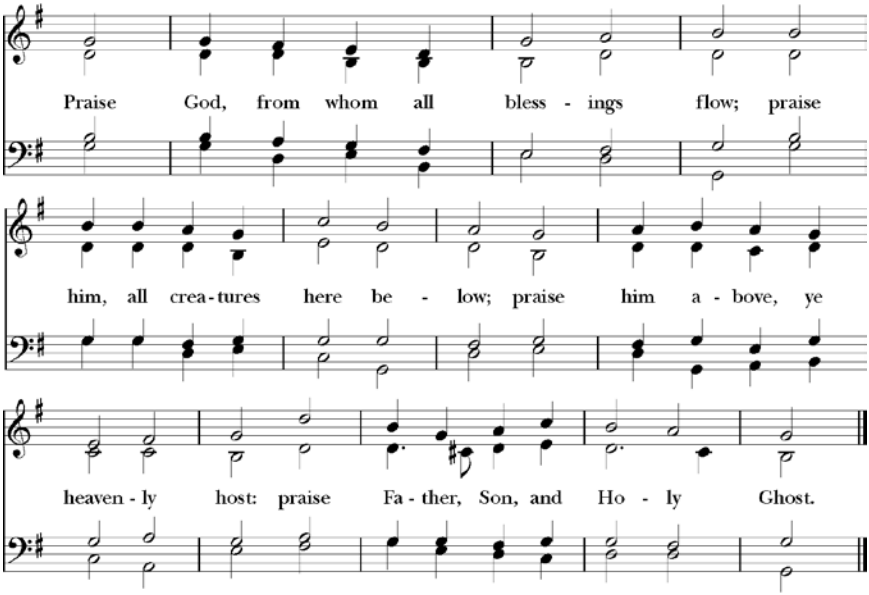
AT THE PRESENTATION

(8 a.m. and 6 p.m. in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING *(stand)*

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

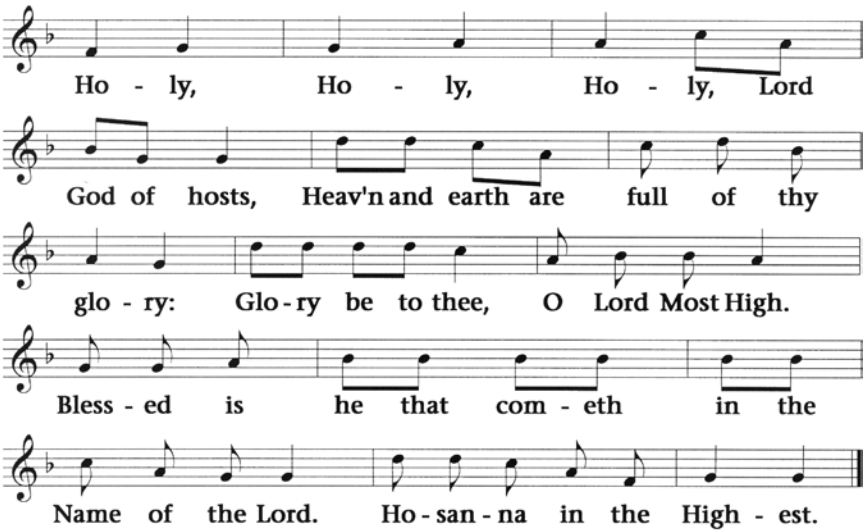
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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

(said at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.; sung at 11:15 a.m.)



John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant 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.

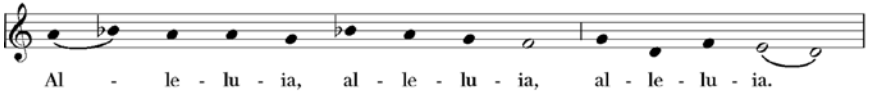
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

(8 a.m. and 6 p.m. in place of sung Fraction Anthem)
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

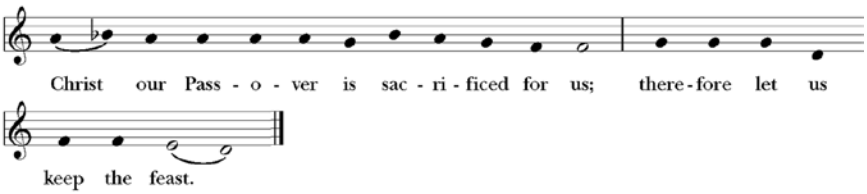
FRACTION ANTHEM

Cantor:



All: Repeat Alleluias

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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 Celebrant 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.

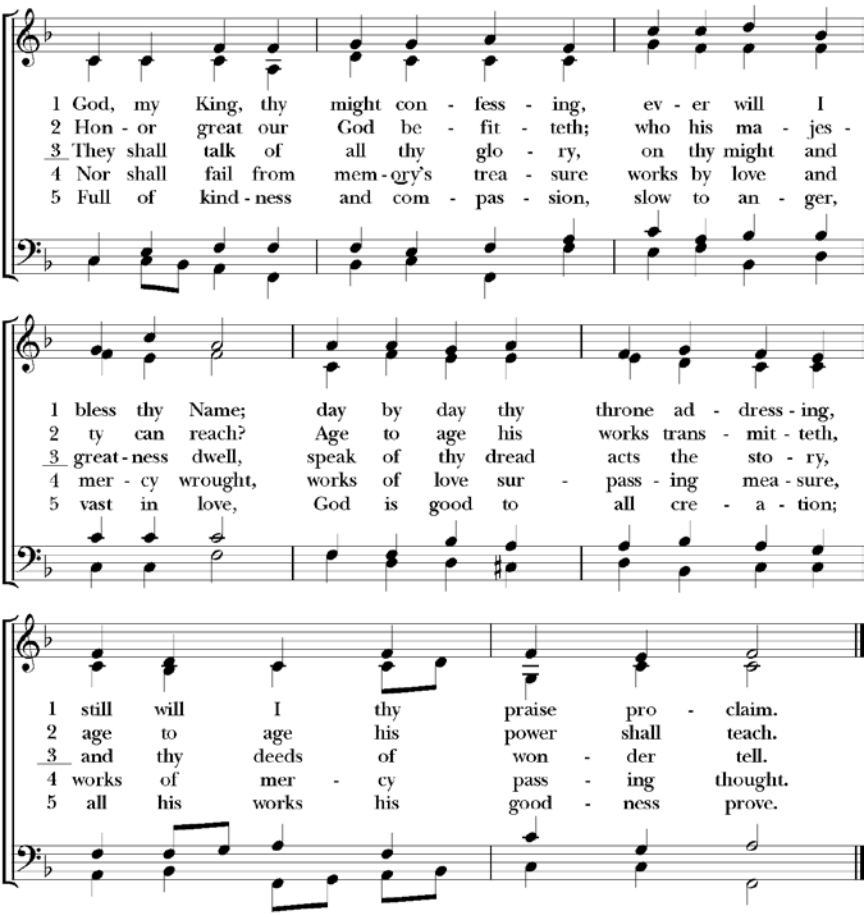
If you are unable to come to the Altar Rail, please alert an Usher and Communion will be brought to you.

ANTHEM ..... "God Be in My Head"
John Rutter

God be in my head, And in my understanding; God be in my eyes, And in my looking; God be in my mouth, And in my speaking; God be in my heart, And in my thinking; God be at my end, And in my departing.

Text: Old English Prayer. Music: John Rutter. © 1970 Oxford University Press. ARR.

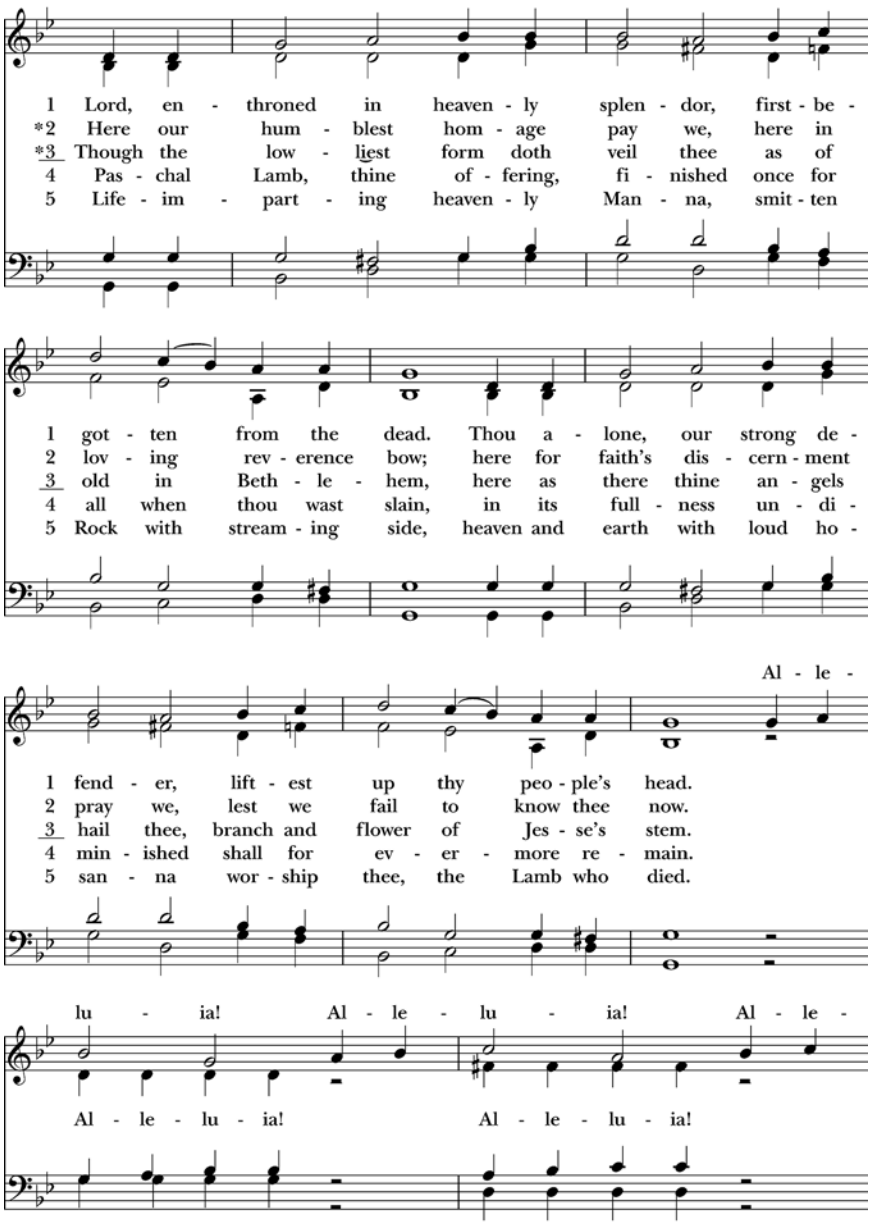
HYMN 414 ..... "God, My King, Thy Might Confessing"

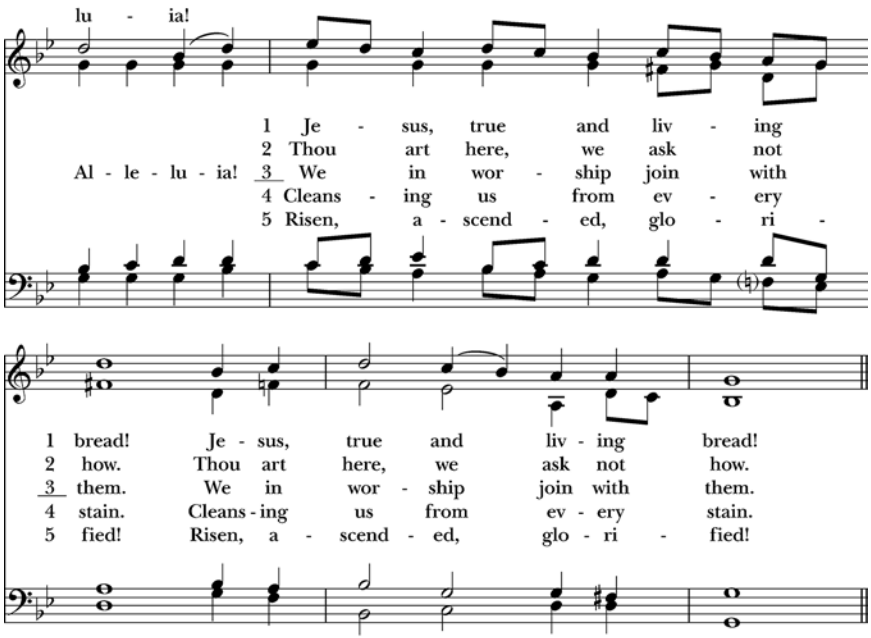


6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee;
thee shall all thy saints adore:
King supreme shall they confess thee,
and proclaim thy sovereign power.

Words: Richard Mant (1776–1848); para. of Psalm 145; Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Anächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.; desc. John Wilson (1905–1992); Copyright: Used by permission. Music: Descant by permission of Oxford University Press.

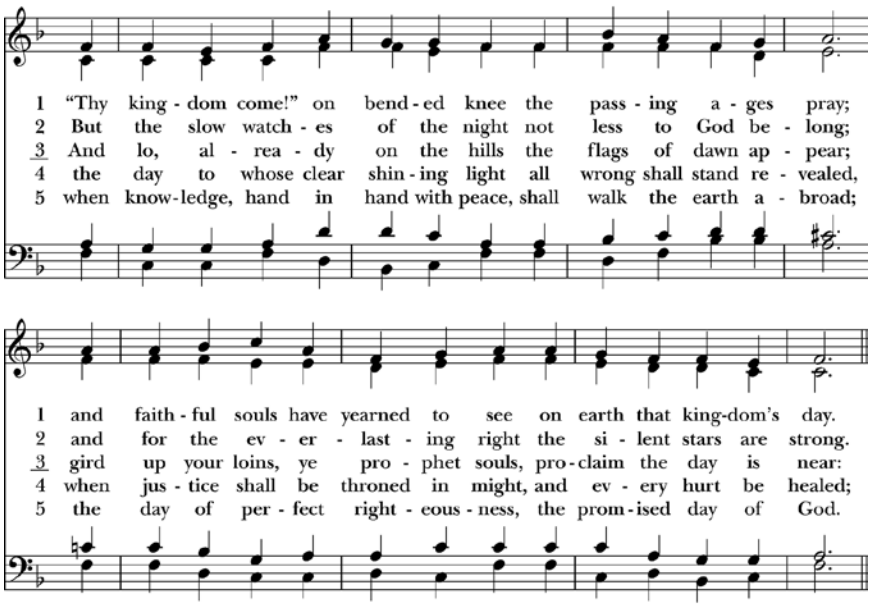
HYMN 307 ..... "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"





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HYMN 615 ..... "Thy Kingdom Come"



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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.

Celebrant: 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 Celebrant says

Let us pray.

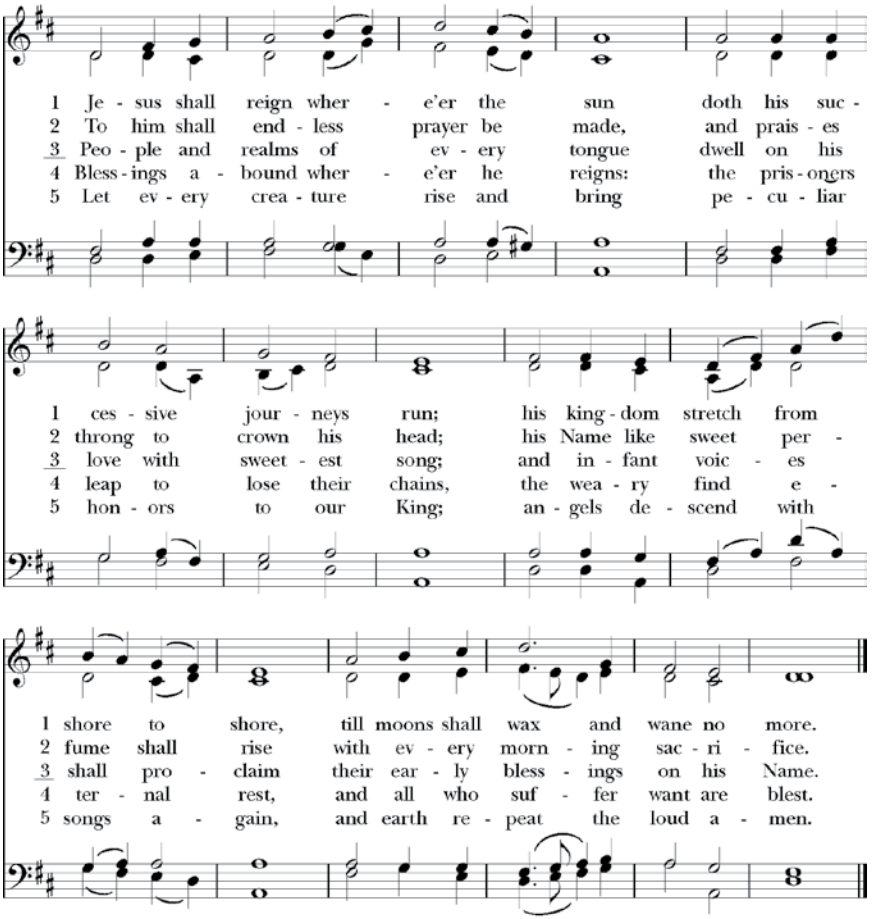
All kneel.

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 BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 544 ..... "Jesus Shall Reign"



Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY ..... "Fanfare"

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

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

RECOGNITIONS

FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage
by Lauren Elizabeth Bennett and Brooks Connor Brickley
In thanksgiving for the birth of Charlie Teal Flores
by Chad, Lila and Dale Flores
In memory of José Luis Bravo
by Deborah Bravo

BIRTHS

July 3 Robert Lodge Heston IV
Son of Maggie and Bobby Heston
Grandson of Lisa and Bob Heston
Nov. 4 Charlie Teal Flores
Daughter of Lila and Chad Flores
Granddaughter of Nancy and Gil Ontiveros

CONFIRMATIONS

CONFIRMED	*RECEIVED*	*REAFFIRMED*
Truett Akin	Davis English	Alicia Price-Bowling
Elva Akin	Kirsten Landry	James Wiggins
Morgan Bowling		Elizabeth Wiggins
Donna Echlin		Przemek Tokarski
Daniel Jones		
Kristina Little		
Bobby Pinard		
Jimmy Stacey		
Enjoli Stacey		
Christy Touchstone		

SYMPATHY

Oct. 19 John Robertson Ray, Jr.
Nov. 4 Hilda Hess Bourne
Nov. 13 Sally Bell Rutherford

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
David Monk
Trippe Nevins
Martin O'Malley
Jiann Pemberton
Colin Peoples
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
Ally Wyper
Abigail
Angela
Blair
David
Jack
Jim
Joyce
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	1st Lt. Stephen Jeckovich	PFC Alex Pickett
1LT. Tom Cadwallender	Major Blake Kidd	2Lt. Thomas Pimentel
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender	Cadet George Kinder	Lt. Col. Thomas Plant
Thomas Cochran	Colonel James Korth	CPO Brian Powell
Capt. Casey Gainer	Lt. Jonathan Lesieur	Lt. Reagan Reitmeier
Alex Gifford	Charles Lewis	Jared Ross
Lt. Col. Cameron Hartner	Capt. Jack Mullen	1st Lt. Jeffers Shaper
Lt. Cmdr. Tiffany Hartner	Capt. Alex Mullen	MIDN Morgan Tannery
CDR Bradley Hoffman	Spc4 Parris Owen	CPO Evan Tomlin
LTC Wesley Hunnell	SrA James Peoples	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



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. 13

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.

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

ADULTS

SUNDAY

▶**8+** *Nov. 22, 29 • 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall*

▶**Theology for Life** *Nov. 29 • 10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

▶**Fellowship/Christian Education** *Nov. 22 • 5 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

▶**Spiritual Formation** *Nov. 29 • 10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center, Bride's Parlor*

MONDAY

▶**Saintly Stitchers** *Nov. 30 • 10 a.m. • Student Life Center 2nd Floor*

▶**The Gathering** *Nov. 23 • 10 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

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

TUESDAY

▶**Prayer Shawl Ministry** *Nov. 24, Dec. 1 • 9 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*

▶**Rector's Bible Study** *Nov. 24, Dec. 1 • Noon • Chapel Reception Hall*

▶**St. Martin's Fellows** *Nov. 24 • 6:30 p.m. • Student Life Center, Living Room*

▶**Kids' Meals** *Dec. 1 • 4 p.m. • Student Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

▶**Morning Prayer Group** *Nov. 25, Dec. 2 • 8 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*

▶**Blanket Ladies** *Dec. 2 • 10 a.m. • Activity Center Family Room*

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

▶**OSL Study Group** *Dec. 2 • 4:30 p.m. • Activity Center Family Room*

▶**St. Martin's 20s & 30s** *Dec. 2 • 6:45 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

THURSDAY

▶**Parish Choir** *Dec. 3 • 7 p.m. • The Music Center*

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARTIN'S

MEN

THURSDAY

▶**Dads' Bible Study** *Dec. 3 • 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*

▶**Men of St. Martin's** *Dec. 3 • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall*

WOMEN

TUESDAY

▶**CLS Evening Group** *Dec. 1 • 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

▶**The Moms' Group** *Nov. 25, Dec. 2 • 11 a.m. • Student Life Center Living Room*

THURSDAY

▶**CLS Day Group** *Dec. 3 • 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center*

STUDENTS

SUNDAY

▶**Choristers** *Nov. 22, 29 • 8 a.m. • The Music Center*

▶**Sunday Get-Together** *Nov. 29 • 10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center*

WEDNESDAY

▶**Life Groups** *Dec. 2 • 6 p.m. • Student Life Center*

CHILDREN

SUNDAY

▶**Childcare** *Nov. 22, 29 • 8 a.m. • Children's Life Center • Infants to pre-K*

▶**Junior Choristers** *Nov. 22, 29 • 8:30 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

▶**Sunday School** *Nov. 29 • 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

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First Sunday *of*

ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

Advent Lessons and Carols

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.

Advent Celebration

5 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Join us following Lessons and Carols for a fun, family-friendly night to kick off the season by making Advent wreaths and enjoying a yummy pancake dinner. Attendance is free; we welcome cash donations upon arrival.

ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ADVENT QUIET DAY

The Canticles of Advent

The Song of Mary | The Song of Zechariah | The Song of Simeon

Members of St. Martin's Clergy will offer meditations on these ancient songs that give voice to praise, thanksgiving and hope in response to God's saving work.

The morning includes time for silence, prayer and reflection, concluding with Noonday Prayer.

Saturday, Dec. 5
9 a.m.-noon
Parish Life Center

For information, contact Deanna Lawson at 713-985-3807 or dlawson@smec.org.

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