

THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

June 26, 2022



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

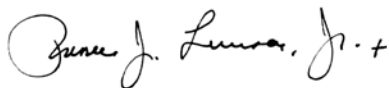
FROM THE RECTOR

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD,
JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

I want to personally invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.



The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., Rector

Prayers Before Worship

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

NOTICE: St. Martin's is a gun-free campus.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

JUNE 26

Gathering

Contemplative Hour

10:15-11 a.m. | Bride's Parlor

Those who wish to deepen their contemplative walk can gather between services for prayer and sharing. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Adults

8+ with Mr. Gregory Cross

8:55-9:25 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall



This class is a Clergy-led coffee and discussion following the 8 a.m. service. Each class focuses on one of the lectionary readings for the day.

The Word Inspires: Clergy Favorites from Genesis to Revelation

Ezekiel with the Rev. Jane P. Ferguson

10:15-11 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



St. Martin's Clergy will walk through different books that they particularly love, giving an overview of the book's purpose and explaining how it fuels the fire of faith.

Seekers with the Rev. Nick Dyke

10:15-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room



This class is for more senior parishioners for fellowship and lectionary-based Bible study.

*For more information about Adult Christian Education,
email Amanda DeViney at adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

7-1-7 Students

Episcopal Youth Community

10:15-11 a.m. | Student Life Center



Grades 6-12 are welcome to join Student Ministries for coffee, lemonade, donuts and conversation about the Scriptures shared in worship.

*For more information about 7-1-7 Students
email Student Ministries at students@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School

10:15-11 a.m. | Children's Life Center



Over the summer pre-K through fifth grade children will discuss, play and sing about the power of that comes from the Holy Spirit. Childcare is available during all morning services for infants through four-year-olds as well.

*For more information about Children's Ministry
email Ursella Rylander at urylander@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

JUNE 27-JULY 2

Adults

Total Body Tone with Angela

Monday, June 27

8:30-9:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, Second Floor

This is a terrific way to define, sculpt and build lean muscle that focuses on intense isolation exercises with free weights and resistance, ending with abs. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.



Senior Strength Training with Angela

Monday, June 27

9:45-10:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, Second Floor

This class is a combination of strength training and basic movements to improve balance, flexibility and overall strength. We have designed this class for those who prefer a workout without the added impact to joints. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.



Saintly Stitchers

Monday, June 27

10 a.m.-noon | Activity Center, Upper Hall East



Saintly Stitchers fill St. Martin's with pew kneelers and other gifts for worship spaces. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at lnilson@smartinsepiscopal.org.

Line Dancing with Britt

Monday, June 27

1-2 p.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall West, Second Floor



Let's cha-cha! Line dancing is for everyone! It is a great activity, and you will meet people in a fun and relaxed environment. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

High-Impact Interval Training with Johnny

Tuesday, June 28

9-10 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, Second Floor



If you are ready to work up a sweat, this class is for you! This is a high-intensity interval training class that targets every muscle in your body! Come get your sweat on! Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

ZUMBA Gold with Janaira

Tuesday, June 28

10:45-11:45 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, Second Floor



This class is designed for the active adults who are looking for a modified version of ZUMBA. Come ready to sweat, and prepare to leave empowered and feeling strong! Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Boot Camp with Johnny

Tuesday, June 28

5-6 p.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, Second Floor



Do you need an extra push? Our boot camps will keep you on your toes! We want to keep you guessing, so each class is different and will push you out of your comfort zone! We will challenge you during every class! We want you to have tons of fun – but be prepared to enjoy this high-intensity training! Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Yogalates with Angela

Wednesday, June 29

8:30-9:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, Second Floor



Get a taste of this power-paced Pilates class that will mix traditional yoga flows and stretches. Improve your strength, lengthen your muscles, realign your body and rejuvenate while releasing the stress from your day. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

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Church Tours

Wednesday, June 29

10:45-11:15 a.m. | Christ Chapel

11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | The Church



The Church and Christ Chapel will be open for visitors. The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a group tour, please contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinseiscopal.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, June 29

Noon-3 p.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall East



St. Clare's Guild undertakes a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at lnilson@stmartinseiscopal.org.

OSL Healing Ministry Study Group

Wednesday, June 29

4:30-6 p.m. | Chapel Reception Hall and via Zoom



Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as an OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinseiscopal.org.

Family Line Dancing with Britt

Wednesday, June 29

7-8 p.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall West, Second Floor



Let's cha-cha! Line dancing is for everyone! It is a great activity, and you will meet people in a fun and relaxed environment. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Throwback Thursday Aerobics with Angela

Thursday, June 30

9-10 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, Second Floor



Old-school aerobics is a throwback from the Jane Fonda days incorporating cardio and toning exercises to great hits. This class is a great calorie burner and mood lifter. You will find it upbeat and enjoyable. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Balletone with Janaira

Thursday, June 23

10:45-11:45 a.m. | Activity Center, Fellowship Room, First Floor



Join us for a full body, non-equipment workout that combines high-intensity and low-impact exercises. It blends workout techniques from dance, Pilates, fitness and yoga. You will work on core strength, muscular endurance, dynamic balance and flexibility, leaving no muscle untouched. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Line Dancing with Britt

Thursday, June 30

1-2 p.m. | Activity Center, Gym, First Floor



Let's cha-cha! Line dancing is for everyone! It is a great activity, and you will meet people in a fun and relaxed environment. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 30

7-9 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal Hall



Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation. For more information, contact Dr. David Henning at dhenning@stmartinsepiscopeal.org.

Fri-YAY Full Body Strength with Johnny

Friday, July 1

10-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall East, Second Floor



This is a terrific way to define, sculpt and build lean muscle that focuses on intense isolation exercises with free weights and resistance, ending with abs. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Weekend Kick-Off Zumba with Neus

Friday, July 1

6-7 p.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room, First Floor



It's an easy-to-follow, high energy, calorie burning, total body dance-based workout. This class fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms with interval training to tone and sculpt, getting you closer to the body you have always dreamed about. Zumba is an awesome choreographed workout that feels more like a night on the town instead of a workout at the gym. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Sterling's Market

Saturday, July 2 | Rain or Shine

9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Corner of Woodway and Sage



The mission of Sterling's Market at St. Martin's Episcopal Church is to glorify God through sharing the Gospel and the bounties of the earth with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors. For more information and to volunteer, contact info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Women

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, June 28

9-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room



Knit and crochet shawls to be blessed for those in need of prayer. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Blanket Ladies

Wednesday, June 29

10-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room



Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Mommy and Me with Angela

Thursday, June 30

10-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Fellowship Room, First Floor



Join us for a fun mommy-and-me class that enhances socialization with mommy during the beginning of a child's mobility! The environments created in this class facilitate sitting, rolling, crawling, creeping, climbing and walking. The social bond that develops through group interaction is a key part of child development, and allows mommy an opportunity to share ideas and new experiences with baby. For moms and babies 0-12 months old. Register at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY "Tocatta in F" Johann Sebastian Bach

The Celebrant greets the People. Following the greeting, all stand.

*HYMN 525 "The Church's One Foundation"

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid - toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

**indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshipers*

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839–1900); Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818–1876).

Begin on page 323 of "The Book of Common Prayer" (BCP)

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

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.**

G L O R I A (*said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.*)

Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre -
 a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for
 he is thy health and sal - va - tion;
 join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan and
 song, sound - ing in glad a - do - ra - tion.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

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 God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONActs 17:24-30

The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being;” as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 711 (vs. 1)..... “Seek Ye First”

1

Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
 and his right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
 seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be
 add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL..... John 14:1-7

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The lectionary for the day is on pages 36-37.

HYMN 711 (vs. 1) “Seek Ye First”

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 Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
 and his right-eous-ness, and all these things shall be
 seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be
 add-ed un-to you; Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!
 o-pened un-to you; Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Refrain
 2
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “*The Step of Seeking*”
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

STEPPING STONES *to* THE SAVIOR

About this week...

Acts 17:24–30 and John 15:1–7

THE STEP OF SEEKING

Jesus teaches, “...seek, and you will find...” (Matthew 7:7) Neuroscientist Jaak Panksepp argues that of seven core instincts in the human brain (anger, fear, panic-grief, maternal care, pleasure, play and seeking), seeking is the most important, but seeking without some end game can create a restless heart. Augustine wrote of the greatest satiation for the “seeker,” God – “*My heart is restless, until it rests in Thee,*” he penned to God. Jesus said He was “*the Way, the Truth and the Life,*” but can those words be trusted? Is what is offered in them true, and will they mean our “search” is over? Let us explore together “*The Step of Seeking.*”

Next Sunday, July 3, we will explore...

THE STEP OF SURRENDER

*Philippians 2:6-11 and
Matthew 4:18-22*



ST. MARTIN'S
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THE NICENE CREED (*BCP p. 327*)

Celebrant and People

**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 (*BCP p. 387,
Form III*) (*kneel*)

Minister and People pray responsively

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 our Anglican Communion; for the Archbishop
of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael;
for our Bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector; for all bishops,
priests and deacons;
**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word
and Sacraments.**

We pray 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.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief
or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; for all who serve in our armed forces and their families; for persecuted Christians; for the security and safety of all those in Ukraine; for victims of terror attacks; for an end to war and conflict; for victims of natural disasters; for first responders; for those suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus; for health care workers; for those in the hospitals,__; for those for whom our prayers have been requested,__; for those on our Continuing Prayer List; for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers,__; for the dearly departed,__; and we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind.

I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

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

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (BCP p. 394)

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People (BCP p. 331)

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.

Priest stands and says (BCP p. 332)

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 *(stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.



YELLOWSTONE RELIEF

St. Martin's and other local churches are supporting families recovering from devastating 500-year floods in and around Yellowstone National Park.

We know that Houstonians understand the long-term effects of floods more than most. We ask that you prayerfully consider a financial gift.

Text SMEC to 73256 and select Wyoming from the drop-down menu.

Give at bit.ly/givetosmec and choose Wyoming.

Place your check in the collection plate, designating it for Wyoming.

Christian Community Service Center

BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Your \$50 donation will provide an underserved child with a uniform, shoes and school supplies.

Options to Donate:

Use the C.C.S.C Back to School envelope in the pew.

Text SMEC to 73256 and select C.C.S.C. from the drop-down menu.

Visit bit.ly/givetosmec and select C.C.S.C. from the drop-down menu.

This is a secure mobile and online giving site.



For more information, contact Outreach Ministries at 713-985-3811 or outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



THE GATHERING

For church members and others in our community who experience memory loss

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 This program meets on the fourth Monday of each month 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Bagby Parish Hall.



For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen at 713-301-4786 or kattellepsen@me.com.



Saturday, July 2 | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Rain or shine | Corner of Sage and Woodway

**Proceeds benefit St. Martin's Outreach
Ministries in our community.**

346-335-8650
info@sterlingsmarket.org



SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR

*Healing and
Wholeness*



St. Martin's International OSL Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

Next Service
Wednesday, July 6 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center or via Zoom
bit.ly/oslservice

For more information, please contact Amanda DeViney
at adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



ASHLEY MONACHELLI

Director of Children's Ministry

Come welcome our new Director of Children's Ministry Ashley Monachelli at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 10, in the narthex of the Parish Life Center. The Rev. Alex D. Graham III will introduce the newest member of the Children's Ministry team. All are welcome!



6th Graders - Join us for EYCC!

Sundays, July 10, 17, 24 and 31 | 10:15-11 a.m.

(Parents please join us on July 24 to hear more about Student Ministries.)

Student Life Center Living Room

We especially invite incoming 6th graders to join us Sunday mornings for donuts and discussion.

Contact T.D. Davis at 302-858-3824 or email at td@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.

SEASONAL BOOK BY THE REV. DR. RUSSELL J. LEVENSON, JR.

A portion of proceeds goes to support Outreach Ministries at St. Martin's



Bits of Heaven *A Summer Companion*

"In this wonderful, refreshing, and powerful book, an experienced Rector holds your hand and takes you through the eternal truths that can shape and enhance a life. With humor and anecdote, he helps you understand the gift of faith. As you plan your summer, this is a must read addition. With this book, Russ Levenson is becoming the finest writer of devotional texts in the Episcopal Church today."

– *The Very Reverend Ian Markham, Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary*

"The traditional Anglican term for the days and weeks of summer is 'Ordinary Time,' but this small but potent book is anything but. It is an extraordinary gift to all of us from Russ Levenson, priest and pastor."

– *Jon Meacham, Former Editor and Chief of Newsweek and Executive Editor and Executive Vice President of Random House*

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with Guest Speakers the Rev. Dr. Russell Levenson, Jr. and Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

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Join Guest Speakers Rev. Dr. Russell Levenson, Jr. and Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch on a nine-day Paris and Normandy River Cruise on the Seine, starting at \$4,198 departing on May 24, 2023. Journey to places such as Paris, Normandy Beaches, Vernon and much more!

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ANTHEM *Missa Brevis*, “Sanctus and Benedictus” Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Glory to the Lord in the highest.

Words: from the Mass, translation from the Book of Common Prayer; Music: *Missa Brevis*, K. 194, composed 1774. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791).

AT THE PRESENTATION

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(BCP p. 340) (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.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Celebrant and People (said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

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The Celebrant continues (BCP p. 341) (kneel)

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 *(BCP p. 336)*

People and Celebrant

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. only 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 *Celtic Alleluia*



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (*BCP p. 337*)

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.

The Celebrant says the Invitation. (BCP p. 338)

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ANTHEM "O Nata Lux" Morten Lauridsen

O Nata Lux de lumine Jesu redemptor saeculi Dignare Clemens supplicum Laudes preces que sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi Dignatus est pro perditis Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis.

O born light of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deem worthy and accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones, grant us to be made members of your holy body.

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HYMN "Seek My Face"

1. Seek My face, seek My face.
 2. I will seek. I will seek.
 3. We worship You, we worship You,
 4. Al le lu, Al le lu,

Seek My face, the face of God.
 I will seek the face of God.
 We worship You, the living God.
 Al le lu ia. *repeat: 'Alleluia' ad lib.*

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HYMN "Blessed Assurance"

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, Vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 burst on my sight: An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
 hap - py and blest: Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

Born of his Spir - it, wash'd in his blood.
 Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry, this is my
 Fill'd with his good - ness, lost in his love.

song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry,

this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908).

HYMN“Let Us Break Bread Together”

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 2. Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me.)

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual, arr. by Keith Phillips. © 1986 Word Music.

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray. (BCP p. 339)

The People may join in saying this prayer

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.

At 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

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. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 518“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818–1856), alt.; Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659–1695).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Personal prayers are available at the west Side Chapel after this service.

RECOGNITIONS



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BIRTHS

April 5 Owen Franklin Powell
Son of Mary and Thomas Powell
Grandson of Anya and Kevin McInnis

June 2 William Shepherd "Shep" Carpenter II
Son of Marika and William Carpenter



SYMPATHY

June 3 Betty Workman

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SERMON NOTES

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

THE PSALMPsalm 77:1-2, 11-20

I will cry aloud to God; I will cry aloud, and he will hear me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted. I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind your wonders of old time. I will meditate on all your acts and ponder your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy; who is so great a god as our God? You are the God who works wonders and have declared your power among the peoples. By your strength you have redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; the very depths were shaken. The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed to and fro; the sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook. Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, yet your footsteps were not seen. You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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:

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