THIRTEENTH SUNDAY After Pentecost

September 4, 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

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.

Bunner J. Luman, Jr. +

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.*

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

SEPTEMBER 4

Christian Education for Adults, Children's Ministry and 7-1-7 Students will not be offered today in observance of Labor Day. Please join us next Sunday, Sept. 11, for the beginning of Christian Education classes.

SEPTEMBER 5-10

St. Martins' Campus is closed Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day. We will re-open Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Adults

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Sept. 6 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, Sept. 7 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.

Church Tours

Wednesday, Sept. 7 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@stmartinsepiscopal.org.







St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Sept. 7 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 Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, Sept. 14 7-8:45 p.m. | Student Life Center

Join our young adults as they explore the Book of Philippians. There will be

discussion, praver and dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Sept. 8 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@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Sterling's Market

Saturday, Sept. 10 | Rain or Shine 9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

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.

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Sept. 8 8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center

Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Men









STERLING'S

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 "Prelude and Fugue in g" Dietrich Buxtehude

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

*HYMN 423"Immortal, Invisible"



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



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.; Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

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**.

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



Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: Lobe den Herren, melody from Erneuerten 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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Please be seated.

THE LESSONJeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

All stand.



HYMN 717 (vs. 1-2) "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895); Music: America, from Thesaurus Musicus, 1745.

Deacon:	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ	
	according to Luke.	
People:	Glory be to thee, O Lord.	
THE GOSPELLuke 14:25-33		

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

The lectionary for the day is on page 37.

HYMN 717 (vs. 1-2) "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"



Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895); Music: America, from Thesaurus Musicus, 1745.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON "Giving Up What We Cannot Keep to Gain What We Cannot Lose" *The Rev. Alex D. Graham III*

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 327) (stand)

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, Hector and Scott; 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.



Make A Joyful Noise!

Join Young Singers of St. Martin's and Sing at Family Table!

Discover how you can lend YOUR voice to this ministry!

Meet and Greet – Two dates to choose from:

September 4 | 12:30 p.m. Children's Life Center | Light lunch offered September 7 | 5 p.m. Parish Life Center | Pizza Party

Contact Carole Nelson at yssm@stmartinsepiscopal.org or call 713-335-8677 for more information.





PAINTING PEACOCK CLASSES

Wednesdays, Sept. 7 and 21 1:30–2:30 p.m. | Aerobics Room

Over the course of two classes, students will outline a peacock and learn techniques to color it with acrylic paint.

For more information about this class and the extended Activity Center calendar, visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR

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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.

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Next Service Wednesday, Sept. 7 I 5 p.m. Parish Life Center or via Zoom bit.ly/oslservice

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

STUDENT MINISTRIES

LIFEgroups

WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING SEPT. 7 6-8 P.M. | STUDENT LIFE CENTER

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to spend time with Student Ministries and their peers to share in friendship, food, and a deeper dive into scripture and how God is speaking to us through His Word today.

We will share a meal (please bring \$5 donation for dinner) and fellowship before breaking into small groups for discussion.



Saturday, Sept. 10 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain or shine | St. Martin's | Outdoors and indoors

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

For more information or to volunteer, visit sterlingsmarket.org





SATURDAY, SEPT. 10 | 10 A.M. CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

Welcome Back!

The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) will rekindle friendships, spiritual companionship and Bible study as it begins a new year. All women who are members of St. Martin's may join this Chapter, and visitors are welcome at each meeting.

For more information, please contact Tracee Tindol at tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.







WELCOME RECEPTION FOR

The Revs. John and Naomi Sundara

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

Immediately following the 11:15 a.m. Traditional Service Cloister Garden (Rain location Bagby Parish Hall)



Missionaries at St. Martin's

Sunday, Sept. 11 11:15 a.m. Riverway service Parish Life Center

Come meet some of St. Martin's missionaries! They will worship with us in the Riverway service and will follow the service with a question and answer period.

Email worldmissions@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.

CONFIRMATION

LEARN • LOVE • LIVE

SUNDAYS, SEPT. 11-OCT. 16

10:15–11 A.M.

ACTIVITY CENTER, UPPER HALL

Join the Rev. John Sundara to learn how the Episcopal Church is like other Christian churches and what makes our Anglican heritage unique. Time will be spent discussing "The Book of Common Prayer," the Sacraments, and the Church's history and polity. Adults have the opportunity to be prepared for confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church by attending confirmation class.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the Rev. John Sundara at 713-985-3842 or jsundara@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

STUDENT MINISTRIES CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

Sunday, Sept. 11 • 12:30–2 p.m. Student Life Center

Parents with not yet confirmed students in grades 8-12 are invited to learn more about Student Confirmation which begins in Jan. 2023. Through classes, discussion, fellowship and retreat, Confirmands will be led through the journey from childhood to adult faith.

Register for Student Confirmation by Friday, Sept. 30, at bit.ly/smecstudentconfirmation

FAMILY DINNERS

Sunday, Sept. 11 5-7 p.m. Student Life Center

Students in grades 6-12 and their families are invited to Sunday dinner hosted by Student Ministries. This is a great opportunity to share a meal and build community.

Please email students@stmartinsepiscopal.org to RSVP to ensure an accurate headcount for dinner.

Membership 101

Are you ready to take the next step? Be part of the St. Martin's family and join us in our mission to find your place in the life of the Church.

SEPTEMBER 12 BAGBY PARISH HALL 6-9 P.M.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY SEPT. 11

To RSVP, contact Kathy Johnson at kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3834.

<mark>Chris</mark>tian Life Study

Now Open! Registration for 2022-2023

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DAY GROUP

Begins Thursday, September 15 In person and via zoom | 9:30–11:15 a.m. Locations on Campus will be announced

EVENING GROUP

Begins Tuesday, September 13 In person and via zoom Children's Life Center | 6:30–8 p.m.





Winner of the Pulitzer Prize BARBARA W. TUCHMAN

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DAY GROUP

1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Sept. 14 Children's Life Center, Room 132 and Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom

The Faith in Literature group explores, discusses and makes relevant connections between faith and works of fiction, past and present. While operating within the framework of Christian theology, we seek to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

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





Co-creator of the Unrivaled documentary

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact the Rev. John Sundara at 713-985-3842 or jsundara@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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NOURISH RETREAT

Camp Allen Sept. 30–Oct. 2 Deadline to register: Sept. 16 For more information and to sign up, email the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

GIVE BLOOD

Monday, Sept. 19 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

FREE COVID-19 Antibody Test with Donation

Appointments are required to donate during this time. Please go online to schedule at bit.ly/smecblooddrive or contact Jessica Munoz at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center: 832-602-9350 or jmunoz@giveblood.org

EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.



Paris and Normandy River Cruise on the Seine

9 Days in France!

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



Jr. Rick Lynch

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!

For more information, visit bit.ly/2023RiverCruise

Cocking Cocking CLASSES Thursday, Sept. 22 · 6-8 p.m. Parish Life Center Kitchen

St. Martin's hosts cooking classes with professional chefs designed for all skill levels, and perfect for those interested in sharpening their culinary skills and sharing in fellowship.

Register for Mediterranean cuisine class with Chef Alex Rey bit.ly/stmartinscooking1

Joy of Giving Market



Help the Joy of Giving Market this year by donating to the Online Auction. Some items of particular interest include:

- Vacation homes
- Sports and events tickets
- Familiy activities and experiences
- Home décor items
- Designer fashion accessories and jewelry

By donating to the Joy of Giving Online Auction, you are helping raise more funds for Outreach grants that benefit many of Houston's most disadvantaged. Contact **Joyofgiving@stmartinsepiscopal.org** for more information about donating to the Online Auction.



FREE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OLDER ADULTS NAVIGATING HOSPITAL STAYS **SEPT. 15**

Thursday | Noon-1 p.m. **HHCI** Webinar

PRESENTED BY:



ABI S. PINEDA , LMSW, ACM MANAGER, CASE MANAGEMENT, MEMORIAL HERMANN HEALTH SYSTEM

CARES

Register today at hopeandhealingcenter.org/events



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THE OFFERTORY

In Christ's own flock let love be surely placed, From Christ's own flock let concord hate expel: Of Christ's own flock let love be so embraced, As we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell. Christ is the author of all unity, From whence proceedeth all felicity. O sing unto this glittering glorious King, O praises bring from every living thing: Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring. Alleluia!

Words: Francis Kinmelwershe (1540?-80?). Music: Martin Shaw. © 1953 by Martin Shaw. G. Schirmer Inc.

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.



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 (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.

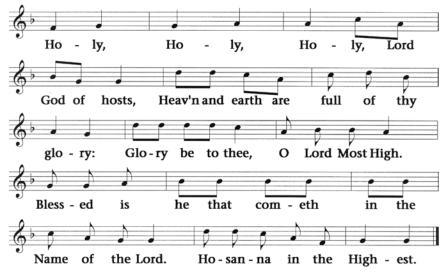
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.)



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

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.



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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)

Distribution of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

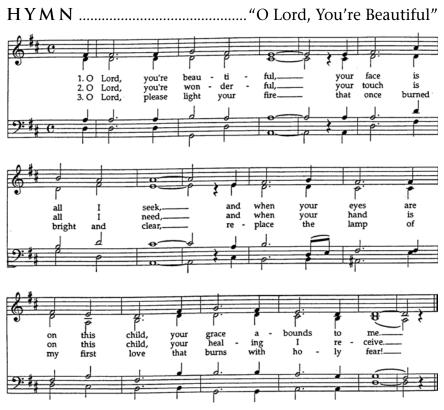
A N T H E M "Thy Perfect Love" John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, thy perfect love close in my breast that I thee love and never rest; And make me love thee of all thing best, and wound my heart in thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

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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 372 "Praise to the Living God"



Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845–1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836–1926); Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1985, alt.

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



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of Skip Adams by his loving wife Bobbie and family

In memory of William C. Miller by the Miller family

In memory of Tim A. Womack, "TT" by his grandchildren



BIRTHS

July 12 Harper Rose Rosson Daughter of Callie and Greg Rosson Granddaughter of Sharon Cantrell



BAPTISMS

Aug. 27 Dorothy Elizabeth Presley



SYMPATHY

- Aug. 23 Shirley Ann Cooper Wozencraft
- Aug. 24 Tyler Scott Irvine
- Aug. 26 Tim A. Womack
- Aug. 28 Verlinde Van den Berge Hill Doubleday

To mark a special occasion with an altar flower dedication, visit bit.ly/smecaltarflowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at 713-830-4146.

SERMON NOTES

THE PSALMPsalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well. My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them. How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

THE EPISTLEPhilemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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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Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks before Easter and All Saints' Day. Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. To put someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Anne Barbara Ben Betsey Casey Dean Elizabeth Henry Jana Jane Kathryn Laura Lauren

Leslie Lorrie Marilyn Mark Mary Jane Matthew Oran RC Sally Thomas Victor and Barbara Willie Woody

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

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