

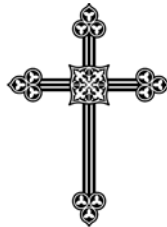
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023



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

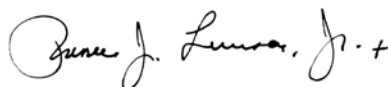
FROM THE RECTOR

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.

NOTICES

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

St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

JANUARY 29

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Lisa Neilson

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.

Christian Education for Adults at 10:15 a.m. will not be offered so all may participate in the Annual Parish Meeting in Bagby Parish Hall.

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.

Student Confirmation

12:30-2 p.m. | Student Life Center

This class is a chance for students in 8th grade or above to confirm their faith and the promises made over them at their baptism. It is offered each school year and requires pre-registration. The class is currently full.

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

We have engaging lessons, curriculum and content for both preschool and elementary school. Childcare is available during all morning services for infants through four-year-olds.

For more information about Children's Ministry, email Rocio Velazquez at rvelazquez@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Music Ministry

Young Singers of St. Martin's

8:15 a.m. | Rehearsal in Children's Life Center

9:15 a.m. | Family Table service in Parish Life Center

Young Singers of St. Martin's, for grades 1-12, make joyful and beautiful music while affording them a special place in the worship services at St. Martin's.

For more information about Young Singers of St. Martin's, email yssm@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 4

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Jan. 30

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 Ineilson@stmartinsepiscope.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Jan. 31

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@stmartinsepiscope.org.

Blanket Ministry

Wednesday, Feb. 1

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@stmartinsepiscope.org.

Church Tours

Wednesday, Feb. 1

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@stmartinsepiscope.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Feb. 1

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@stmartinsepiscope.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, Feb. 1

7-8:45 p.m. | Children's Life Center

Join our young adults for discussion, prayer and dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscope.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb. 2

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@stmartinsepiscope.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Feb. 2

7-8 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

This men's group meets for fellowship, mutual support and Bible study. For more information, contact the Rev. John Sundara at jsundara@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Feb. 2

8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center

Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Women

Christian Life Study

Tuesday, Jan. 31 – Evening Group | 6:30–8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, Feb. 2 – Day Group | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | Parish Life Center and via Zoom

This friendly and loving group of women meets over the course of the year to target various topics in the Bible to deepen faith. For more information, contact the Rev. Marty Bastian at lgallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, Feb. 1

9:15–10:30 a.m. | Student Life Center Living Room

Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for a book study and fellowship. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Feb. 1

6–8 p.m. | Student Life Center

Students in grades 6-12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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 “Concerto”

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 worshippers*

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).

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., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.*)

Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven;
 to his feet thy tri - bute bring; ran - somed,
 healed, re - stored, for - gi - ven, e - ver - more his
 prai - ses sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia! Praise the e - ver - las - ting King.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847); Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800–1880).

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, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 LESSON (*morning services*)1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

THE LESSON (*evening service*) Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord. With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 671 (vs. 1-3).....“Amazing Grace”

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 *5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining reading for the day is on page 25.

HYMN 671 (vs. 4-5).....“Amazing Grace”

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Christopher Beeley
Morning services

Please see page 29 for more about our guest preacher.

THE SERMON The Rev. R. Wesley Arning
Evening service

THE NICENE CREED (*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 *(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 Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our
Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our bishops; the Clergy
of this Parish; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the
Church of Pakistan; for all bishops, priests and deacons.

That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, 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 your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence may be kept.

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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.

Priest 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 *(stand)*

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

People: And with thy spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 28 for upcoming events.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Blessed are the Men Who Fear Him”
Felix Mendelssohn

Blessed are the men who fear Him, they ever walk in the ways of peace;
Through darkness riseth light, light to the upright, He is gracious,
compassionate; He is righteous.

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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 blessings flow; praise
 him, all creatures 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 (*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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son 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., 11:30 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.

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus and Benedictus. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord'. The second line is 'God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy'. The third line is 'glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.'. The fourth line is 'Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the'. The fifth line is 'Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.'.

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The Celebrant continues (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

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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Then may be said

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

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.

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, the Son and 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 a gluten-free wafer.

ANTHEM “Sicut Cervus”
 Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum ita desiderat. anima mea ad te Deus.

As the wild deer long for running streams, so longs my soul for thee,
 O God.

Text: Psalm 42:1.

HYMN “Alleluia, He is Coming”

1 I looked up and I saw the Lord a-com-ing,
 2 I looked up and I saw my Lord a-weep-ing,
 3 I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dy-ing,
 4 I looked up and I saw my Lord a-ris-ing,

I looked up and I saw the Lord a-com-ing down the road.
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a-weep-ing for my sins.
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dy-ing on the cross.
 I looked up and I saw my Lord a-ris-ing from the grave.

Al - le - lu - ia, He is com-ing, _____
 Al - le - lu - ia, He is here. Oh! _____ Al - le -
 lu - ia, He is com-ing, _____ Al - le - lu - ia, He is here. _____

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HYMN 516“Come Down, O Love Divine”

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the year - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing,
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing,
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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HYMN "Here I Am, Lord"



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



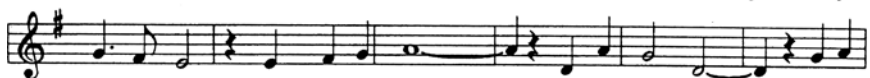
peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will



save,
 way. save. I who made the stars of night,
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My



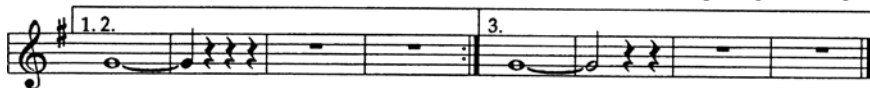
light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____ Here I am, Lord, _____ Is it
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____



I, Lord? _____ I have heard You calling in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____



_____ if you lead me. _____ I will hold Your peo - ple in my



heart. _____

heart. _____

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

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 and 11:30 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 371“Thou, Whose Almighty Word”

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

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THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage

by Allison McCarter Gorden and Travis Lee Marshall

In thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Christopher Beeley, Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Dallas

In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Jackson and Ashby Scully
by their parents, Elizabeth and Patrick

In memory of Pat Gilbert
by Leila Gilbert and family

In memory of Betty Paul
by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

In memory of Jim Weatherly
by Cindy Weatherly



BIRTHS

Aug. 24, 2022 Rose Kathryn Johnson
Daughter of Margaret and Zac Johnson
Granddaughter of Laurie and Scott McDonough

Sept. 22, 2022 Madeline Rose Bock
Daughter of Glyn and Matt Bock
Granddaughter of Fran and Bill Tower

Dec. 22, 2022 Wilson Kirkland Bruce Denby
Son of Katharine and Tim Denby
Grandson of Clare and Bill Bruce, Jr.



BAPTISMS

Jan. 21 Lee Samuel Francis
Rose Catherine Francis
Colette Claire Helms



SYMPATHY

Jan. 6 Patrick Lee Marymee

To mark a special occasion with an altar flower dedication,
visit bit.ly/smecaltarflowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam
at relhakam@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

OTHER READING

THE PSALM Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill? Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart. There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor. In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the Lord. He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word. He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

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:

Bobbie Adams	Mary Anne Kannard	Mimi Thobae
Carolyn Alban	Muriel Kearby Albaral	Carlotta Thomas
Harvey and Katie Altmann	Paige Laird	Millie Tonn
Patsy Angel	Sherman Lasker	Jane Touchstone
Shelly Bain	Stan Leong	Sue Uthe
Anne Berry	McKenna Letsos	Randy Vander Naillen
Cory Blackman	Shawn Levenson	Mae Joyce and Grant Wagner
Dianne Brock	Patricia Levy	Janice Waits Murphy
Don Cheatham	Nancy Liles	Charles Werlla
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Ryan Logan	Roger Williams
Beth Costa	Marie Lord	Vern Wilson
Gail Davis	Greg Martin	Eric Zoerb
Mac Davis	Pat Marymee	Angela
Sue Davis	Janet McDaniel	Anne
Tommy W. Davis	Patricia McDonald	Barbara
Arlo Dayanand	Christine Nguyen	Betsey
Bobby deSosa	Nwora Onwuzulu	Dean
Linda deSosa	Jim Paddock	Elizabeth
Rosemary Doupe	Russell Pae	Eric and family
Ross Dunn	Jimmy Prentice	Henry
Kiersten Dyke	Stephen Preston	Jana
Jim Easterling	Michael Reade	Landry
Stacey and John Elliott	Ted Reed	Laura
Mayfield Family	Susan Rovello	Leslie
Charles Flores	Baker Rudolph	Marilyn
Brad Gallion	David Samuelson	Mary Jane
Catherine Gonzales	Helen and Jim Shaffer	Naomi
Nancy Gore	Caroline Shanahan	Willie
Shea Guinn	Megan Sharkey	
Gladys Halbouty	Clif Shoemake	
Dow Hamm III	Ryan Smith	
Connie Haney	William and Betsy Smith	
Susie C. Hatfield	Mark Solomons	
Mollie Hill	Bob Spencer	
Jeff Holden	Jim and Jan Stokes	
Marilyn Ingham	James Swann	
Nicole Jabbari	Nancy Talbot	
Ronnie Jacobe, Jr.	Martin Taylor	
Lynda Jones	Paul Therrien	

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 vriviera@stmartinsepiscopeal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme
Lt. Col. Julian Benton
1st Lt. Benjamin Brown
Lt. Col. Chris Davis
Wesley Dodd
Sgt. James Drury III
James Eilers
Major Parker Firestone
Capt. Dom Flatt
1st Lt. Will Golinkin
LCDR Bradley R. Hoffman

Capt. Cody Horr
Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell
Dallas Wayne Hunter
Staton Jobe
Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs
Krystal Martinez
PV2 Wills Masterson
1st Lt. Ben Matthews
Ensign Ben Morris
1st Lt. Jack Mullen
2nd Lt. Alex Mullen

Lt. Cmdr. Holly E. Pace
James W. Peoples
Lt. Paul Piana
LCMR David A. Pilko
Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
PO1 Brian M. Powell
SPC Joel Rowell
Maj. Christian Schleider
1st Lt. Grant Suter
1st Lt. Luke Voss

SERMON NOTES

GUEST PREACHER – ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING SUNDAY

The Rev. Dr.

CHRISTOPHER BEELEY

*Rector of The Episcopal Church of
the Incarnation, Dallas*



**Sunday, Jan. 29
8, 9 and 11:30 a.m.**

The Church

Don't miss the Rev. Dr. Christopher Beeley on Annual Parish Meeting Sunday at the morning traditional services.

Dr. Beeley grew up attending St. Martin's, holds a bachelor's degree from Washington and Lee University, a Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School and a doctoral degree from the University of Notre Dame.

*For more about Dr. Beeley, visit:
incarnation.org/about/our-staff/member-detail/1666825*

70th
Annual
**PARISH
MEETING**



**Sunday, Jan. 29
10:15 a.m.
Bagby Parish Hall**

Parishioners are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to learn about progress in the preceding year and plans for 2023. Sunday School for adults will not be offered on this Sunday so that all will have the opportunity to attend. ***The 11:15 a.m. services in The Church and Parish Life Center will begin at 11:30 a.m. to accommodate the Annual Parish Meeting.*** Please join us!



Communion INSTRUCTION CLASS

This is a four-week class designed to introduce 2nd graders and their parents to the sacrament of communion. The class will meet in the Children's Life Center during the Sunday School hour.



For class schedule and registration, visit bit.ly/2023kidscommunion

BIG SUNDAY **SAFARI** EDITION

Jan. 29 • 5–7 p.m. • Student Life Center



It's Frog Month! All students in grades 6–12 are invited and welcome to bring a friend!





Activity Center

LEARN TO DRAW

Every Tuesday
2 p.m. | Fellowship Room

Explore a range of drawing tools, topics and techniques in this fun and challenging art class! Beginner to advanced levels welcome.

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

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



MOSM Kids' Meals

Tuesday, Jan. 31 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center Kitchen

Come prepare sandwiches with Men of St. Martin's to help Kids' Meals, which provides and distributes nutritious lunches to hungry children throughout Houston. For more information about Kids' Meals, visit kidsmealshouston.org.

Contact outreach@smartinsepiscopal.org for more information.



**JUST
FOR
FEBRUARY**



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS RESUME IN FEBRUARY

St. Martin's new small group ministry, "Just For," continues with a new series starting in February focused on the Book of Jonah. Beginning Jan. 15, interested Parishioners will be able to sign up on St. Martin's website and choose a group to join based on the location, day and time it meets. Groups will meet throughout the city once a week for four weeks. Each group will follow a curriculum and videos produced by St. Martin's Clergy.

For more information, please contact the Rev. Wesley Arning, or Kathy Johnson, Director of Membership, at smallgroups@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR *Healing and Wholeness*



St. Martin's International Order of St. Luke (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, Feb. 1 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center or via Zoom
bit.ly/oslservice

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

HOUSTON
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Friday, Feb. 3
7 p.m.
The Church
Free admission



The Houston Civic Symphony returns to St. Martin's for a special concert featuring Sibelius' Symphony No. 3, and a new work by Hsiao-Lan Wang who composed the piece to be performed in The Church.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 4 | 10 A.M.
CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

The Landing Outreach Project

We will spend the morning assembling "survivor snack bags" for The Landing. The Christian non-profit serves women, men and children who have experienced human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.

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



CELEBRATE
SCOUT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

9 A.M.
THE CHURCH

St. Martin's will recognize our Scouts and leaders during this special service during which Scouts act as readers and flag bearers.





TOUR A GOTHIC-STYLE CHURCH WITHOUT LEAVING HOUSTON!

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

Following the 11:15 a.m. service

Meet in the Narthex

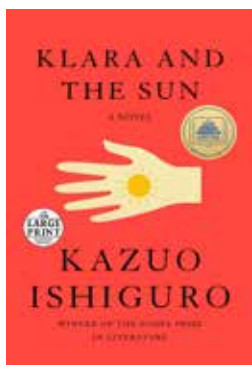
St. Martin's docents offer free, public and private tours.

Everyone is welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

To schedule a tour, please call St. Martin's Docent Guild at 713-830-4117 and leave a contact name and number for a return call.



DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Feb. 8
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.



The Giving Tree

Celebrate St. Valentine's with an Outreach Card

VALENTINE'S CARD PROGRAM

The Giving Tree is a branch of St. Martin's Outreach Ministries, offering Parishioners and the surrounding community the opportunity to honor a loved one on a special occasion through a heartfelt gift that empowers a worthy organization while touching hearts and changing lives.

Order cards at bit.ly/valentinesgivingtree

Deadline is Thursday, Feb. 9.



OUTREACH SUNDAY: A DAY OF SERVICE

Sunday, Feb. 12

10–11 a.m.

Activity Center and Children's Life Center

Join us for the thirteenth annual "work" day for St. Martin's parishioners. Our faith in Christ is expressed by helping others in our community. Activities are planned on campus to serve the many agencies we support.

- Create College Care Packages for Boys & Girls Country
- Assemble Toiletry Kits for Christian New Creation
- Package Clothing Packs for Clothed By Faith
- Donate clothes for the Clothed by Faith Clothing Drive
- Create Defender Boxes for Demand Disruption
- Assemble Hygiene Kits for The Beacon
- Package Care Kits for ECHOS
- Assemble Shower Kits for Lord of the Streets
- Pack Book Buddy Bags for The Periwinkle Foundation
- Create Goody Bags for Senior Rides and More
- Prepare Packages for Undies for Everyone
- Make get-well cards for Faith in Practice patients
- Cut shoe patterns for Sole Hope
- Prayer Shawls

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



MEMBERSHIP 101

MONDAY, FEB. 13

**Bagby Parish Hall and via Zoom
6–9 p.m. | Dinner will be served.**

*Reservations are required by 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. To R.S.V.P., contact
Kathy Johnson at kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3834.*

Learn more about the mission and core values of St. Martin's and broaden your understanding of our ministries and your role in the Church during this membership class that will include an instructed Eucharist, a presentation by St. Martin's Rector, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., and a question-and-answer session by Kathy Johnson, Director of Membership.



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A VERY SPECIAL LENTEN RETREAT:

Icon Writing with Teresa Harrison



Monday – Thursday, March 20 – 23
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 24
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The ancient technique of icon writing inspires prayerful meditation, both while creating the art and reflecting on the finished piece. This four-day retreat includes Eucharist, chant, prayer, silence and lively conversation. Beginners and experienced iconographers are welcome!

Reserve your space at bit.ly/iconography2023

717 STUDENTS

Student Mission Trips

The deadline to register for these trips is March 31.

Middle School Mission Trip

Austin, TX • June 18–23

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Registration

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High School Mission Trip

Nashville, TN • June 25–30

\$825



Registration

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Passion Camp

Daytona Beach, FL • July 10–14

\$650



Registration

bit.ly/2023PassionCamp

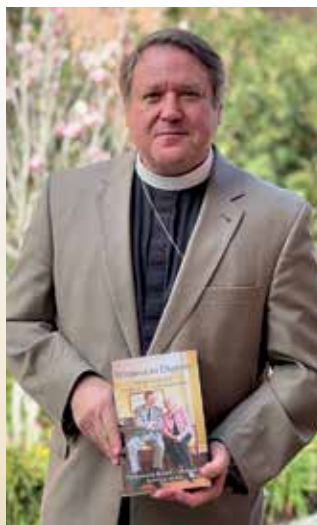
For more information about the trips and scholarships, contact Florence Ritchie at fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3843.

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