

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 21, 2024



OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S

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

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.

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

Prayer 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.

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

UPDATE FROM THE RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE



The Rector Search Committee has been meeting weekly since January and is continuing to make good progress on the search for the 5th Rector of St. Martin's. The Committee is very appreciative of all of the wonderful feedback, prayers and support received from Parishioners.

We have conducted an extensive and careful process of reviewing and researching potential candidates. We have taken additional steps with a few of these candidates, which has included some preliminary outreach and interviews. The committee is excited about the candidates still in the process and we will be continuing our interviews with them, including travel to the home city of various candidates over the next couple of months. Although the search process is moving forward with all deliberate speed, there is no fixed deadline for when the 5th Rector will be called to St. Martin's. We are on "God's time" and want to find the best person for the job, no matter when that might be.

The Search Committee invites your continuing prayers and asks for your input in suggesting specific candidates and other suggestions. All feedback will be shared with the Committee members and remain confidential. To provide feedback, please email the Rector Search Committee at searchcommittee@smec.org.

We are very thankful for your support. As the search continues, we also want to thank our Vice Rector, the Rev. Marty Bastian, and the entire Clergy team at St. Martin's as they continue to serve our Parish.



Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

— Proverbs 3:5-6



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

JULY 21

Adults

8+

Lectionary-based Bible Study

8:55-9:25 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

Theology for Life with the Rev. John Sundara

"Jesus is Better: Better than Moses and Joshua"

10:15-11 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

For more information about Adult Christian Education, contact Amanda DeViney at 713-830-4110 or adeviney@smec.org.

7-1-7 Students

Sunday Get-Togethers

For students in grades 6-12

10:15-11 a.m.

Student Life Center

For more information about 7-1-7 Students, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or students@smec.org.

Children's Ministry

Summer Sundays

"Daniel and the Lion's Den"

For children through grade 5

10:15-11 a.m.

Children's Life Center

Childcare is available during all morning services for infants through three-year-olds.

For more information about Children's Ministry, contact Rocio Velazquez at 713-985-3807 or rvelazquez@smec.org.

JULY 22-27

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, July 22

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. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@smec.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, July 23

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. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@smec.org.

Blanket Ladies

Wednesday, July 24

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. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@smec.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, July 24

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. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@smec.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s Summer Dinner Get-Togethers

Wednesday, July 24

7-8:45 p.m. | Offsite

Join a community of young adults who eat, pray, and read Scripture together. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at 346-335-8680 or rwarning@smec.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 25

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 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 713-985-3820 or dhenning@smec.org.

Sterling's Market

Saturday, July 27 | Rain or Shine

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

Sterling's Market at St. Martin's Episcopal Church glorifies God through sharing the Gospel and the bounties of the earth with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors. For more information, contact Justin Avery at 713-985-3838 or info@sterlingsmarket.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 “Adagio and Allegro” Antonio Vivaldi/Johann Sebastian Bach

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

*HYMN 423 “Immortal, Invisible”

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

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.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA (*said at 8 a.m., 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 *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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 LESSONEphesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 343 (*vs. 1-2*).....“Shepherd of Souls”

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

T H E G O S P E LMark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on pages 24-25.

HYMN 343 (vs. 3-4).....“Shepherd of Souls”

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON“Found in Translation”

The Rev. John D. Sundara

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; for our Search Committee and the fifth Rector; in the
Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Episcopal
Church in Japan; 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, John, our Mayor,
and the Congress and the Courts; and for all who govern and hold
authority in the nations of the World;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested,
especially ____; for those who are hospitalized, especially ____; and for
those on our continuing prayer list; have compassion on those who
suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died, especially ____; give to the departed
eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life , especially those remembered today with Altar flowers, ___; and we praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

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

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

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

O God, thou made us in thine own image and redeemed us through Jesus thy Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish thy purposes on earth; that, in thy good time, all nations and races may serve thee in harmony around thy heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

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

The Celebrant stands and says

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

THE PEACE *(stand)*

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 28 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Nearer My God to Thee”
Dan Forrest

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E’vn though it be a cross
that raiseth me. Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee;
nearer to thee!’ Oh, let the way appear, leading to heav’n. All that
Thou sendest me, in mercy giv’n. Thy Spirit beckons me, nearer, my
God to Thee. There in my Father’s home safe and at rest, There in
my Savior’s love, perfectly blest. Age after age to be nearer, my God
to Thee!

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AT THE PRESENTATION *(stand)*

(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 below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

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.

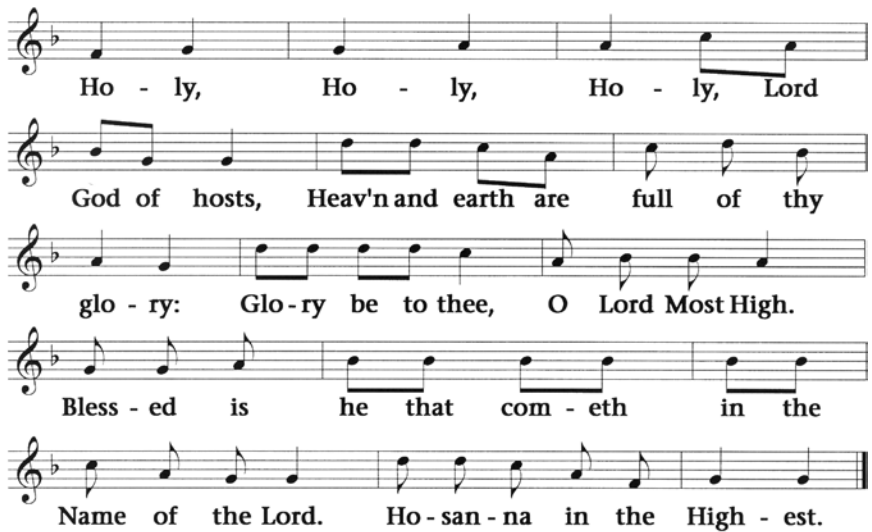
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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

(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.

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

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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

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.

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the Clergy administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

AN T H E M “Blessed are the Pure in Heart”
 Walford Davies

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ’s abode. Still to the lowly soul he doth Himself impart, and for His cradle and His throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Text: Matthew 5:8; adapted by J. Keble. Music: Sir Henry Walford Davies. © 1933 Oxford University Press. ARR. Used by permission.

H Y M N “I Love You, Lord”

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship

The first system of musical notation for the hymn 'I Love You, Lord'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship'.

you, O my soul, re - joice! Take joy, my King, in

The second system of musical notation. The lyrics are: 'you, O my soul, re - joice! Take joy, my King, in'.

what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

The third system of musical notation. The lyrics are: 'what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.'

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HYMN 671 “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.

Words: John Newton (1725–1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus; Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851–1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919).

HYMN “How Great Thou Art”

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 11:15 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 632“O Christ, the Word Incarnate”

1 O Christ, the Word In-car-nate, O Wis-dom from on high,
2 The Church from our dear Mas-ter re-ceived the word di-vine,
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa-vior, a lamp of pur-est gold,

O Truth, un-changed, un-chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light is lift-ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be-fore the na-tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra-diance that from the scrip-ture's page,
It is the chart and com- pass that o'er life's surg-ing sea,
O teach thy wan-dering pil-grims by this their path to trace,

a lan-tern to our foot-steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick-sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark-ness end-ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823–1897), alt.; Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu führung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807–1847).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY“Toccata”
Theodore Dubois

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Emery Anne Zamorano
by her parents, Abigail and Oscar Zamorano
In memory of Blanche Burke Morman
by Susan, Sloan, Chase, Hudson and Evie Teeple



BIRTHS

Feb. 24 June Hampton Cambas
Daughter of Sarah-Hampton and Brice Cambas
June 14 Capri Madeline Connelly-James
Daughter of Jennifer Connelly-James and Kevin James
June 30 Emily Suzanne and Riley Elizabeth Davey
Daughters of Katelyn and Scott Davey



BAPTISMS

June 29 Farideh E. Amini
July 14 Emery Anne Zamorano



WEDDINGS

July 13 Frances Lawren Graham and Andrew Shearman Donaldson



SYMPATHY

July 2 Arlyn Gail Crawford
July 7 Blanche Burke Morman

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit bit.ly/smecaltarflowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at relhakam@smec.org.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT2 Samuel 7:1-14a

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.”

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM Psalm 89:20-37

- 20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'
- 27 I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.
- 28 I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- 29 I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven."
- 30 "If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;
- 31 If they break my statutes *
and do not keep my commandments;
- 32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;
- 33 But I will not take my love from him, *
nor let my faithfulness prove false.
- 34 I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.
- 35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *
'I will not lie to David.
- 36 His line shall endure for ever *
and his throne as the sun before me;
- 37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
the abiding witness in the sky."

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	Jean Hatton	John Davis Roady
Carolyn Alban	Mollie Hill	Maggie Rodriguez
Harvey Altmann	Marguerite Hillgers	Consuelo Saldana
Buck Anderson	Cecilia Illeman	Caroline Searls
Scotty Arnoldy	Marilyn Ingham	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Edith Avery	Thelma Isenhardt	Caroline Shanahan
Shelly Bain	Christine Jean	Diane Shelton
Beth Beathard	Mary and Jim Jennings	Clif Shoemake
Cory Blackman	Bobby Jornayvaz	Bob Spencer
John Boysen	John Justice	Trish St. Jean Martin
Kenny Brown	Sandra "Sandy" Justice	Jim and Jan Stokes
Matthews Brown	Mary Anne Kannard	Hillary Stonger
Harry Burrow	Dick Kilday	Henry Suman
John Canon	Marjorie Krajan	Paul Therrien
Delonda Citrano	Rhea Latta	Carlotta Thomas
Sammy A. Citrano III	Bruce Michael Lee	Annie Troung
Hallie Cooley	Nancy Liles	Christine Troung
Sam Cruse	Nicole Holford Lockney	Mary Watters
James Cunningham	Amanda Lodge	Richard "Rit" Webb
Gail Davis	Ryan Logan	Stephen Wedemeyer
Paul Davison	Madelyn Markham	Marilyn Whitehurst
Bobby de Sosa	Ronnie Martin	Desyre Whittington
Linda de Sosa	Janet McDaniel	Ann Winters
Ross Dunn	Barbara McMahan	Stacy Wood
Becca Earhart	Frances Melicks	Eric Zoerb
Stacey and John Elliott	Len Menefee	Atticus
Mary Finucane	Stuart Nixon	Elizabeth and Scott
Curt Fletcher	Deborah Oliver	Henry
Charles Flores	Andrew O'Malley	Julie
Maria Flores	Bob Paddock	Laura
Will Fogle	Jim Paddock	Lynne
Susan Folk	Patty Pate	Phyllis Katharine
Catherine Gonzales	Colleen Paxton	Roger
Nancy Gore	Judy Peach	Sarah
Shea Guinn	Ophelia Pujol	Stuart
Cissy Gully	Barbara Quackenbush	
Bette Haidusek	Phyllis Reinhardt	
Cathy Haidusek	Julia Richards	
Ann Halverson	Monica Rivera	

Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks after Easter and All Saints' Day. The list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Prayers for those on Active Military Duty in the Armed Forces:

Lt. Col. Julian Benton
1st LCDR Casey Gainer
LCDR Bradley Hoffman
Lt. Col. Wesley J. Hunnell
2nd Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich
Capt. Blake J. Kidd
Capt. Jack Mullen
1st Lt. Alex Mullen
PFC. Parris F. Owen
Corporal James W. Peoples
Lt. Paul Piana
Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
PO1 Brian Powell
Sgt. Joel Rowell
PO Evan Tomlin

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St. Martin's
Episcopal Preschool

St. Martin's Playground is Getting a "Makeover!"

The Playground will be closed for improvement beginning in late July. We will update the Parish as construction progresses.

Contact: Kellen Gray, 713-830-4140 or
kgray@smepreschool.org



THE GATHERING

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

July 22

10 a.m – 1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Gone Fishin'

Seashell fish



July 22

Bill Parish

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

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



CCSC Work Day

Saturday, July 27 | 9 a.m.–noon
3434 Branard, Houston, TX 77027

Organize and distribute food at the Emergency Services location for the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). CCSC assists the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy, and provides a back-to-school and Christmas program for low-income children.

Contact Tracee Tindol at outreach@smec.org or 713-985-3811 for more information.



HHCI Hope and Healing
Center & Institute

SUPPORT GROUP

Monthly Grief Support Group (VIRTUAL)

Presented by:



Rabbi Seth M. Stander, DD,
Community Aging Specialist,
HHCI CARES

July 24

Wednesday @ Noon CT
Available Online



Register today at bit.ly/seth-grief-support

For more information, contact Seth Stander at
sstander@hhci.org or 346-335-8627

THURSDAY

Thrills

JULY 25

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Student Life Center

Students entering grades 6–12

Cost for lunch is \$10 at the door.

7 1 7 STUDENTS

Water Day!

Kick off Thursday Thrills with a slip n' slide kickball, a waterslide obstacle course and a water balloon battle.

Contact: Florence Ritchie • fritchie@smec.org • 713-985-3843

St. Martin's
**Children's
Ministry**



SUNDAY, JULY 28

10:15–11 a.m. • Activity Center

Join us in the Activity Center after Family Table for games, breakfast and fellowship!

Contact: Ashley Monachelli, amonachelli@smec.org or 713-985-3816

RIVERWAY

Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate July Birthdays and Anniversaries
with Riverway.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

Parish Life Center Narthex

Following the 11:15 a.m. services

We invite everyone who has had a recent birthday or anniversary to join us in acknowledgement of your special day, and share a dessert or breakfast item with us. Everyone is welcome!

For more information, contact Amanda DeViney at
713-830-4110 or adeviney@smec.org.



ACTIVITY CENTER

BRIDGE SEMINAR

MONDAY, AUG. 5

9:30 a.m.–noon • Upper Hall

Tom Jahnke offers a one-day seminar with answers to unique Bridge game play questions about double negatives and plenty more! Pre-registration required: tomtomj211@yahoo.com.
\$25 (cash/check in person)

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

For more information,
visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

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PRAYER FOR THE SEARCH FOR ST. MARTIN'S FIFTH RECTOR

Heavenly Father,

As a community of believers, we come together in prayer seeking Your guidance as St. Martin's Episcopal Church continues the search for our fifth rector. May we be blessed with Your Holy Spirit's wisdom and discernment. We especially ask that You guide the hearts and minds of the Search Committee who will be deeply involved in this choice. Lord Jesus, shepherd Your flock with tender care and love. Give us patience as we wait, trusting in Your gracious provision. Guide us, Oh Lord, as we navigate this season of change, knowing that You are with us every step of the way. Our fervent prayer is that You will be done.

With humble expectations,
Amen.

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