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.
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*

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**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.*

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your provision for our church family, especially the resources we need to expand and develop our church campus in order to further the work of Your Gospel in this place. Give us strength and grace as the construction takes place, that it would go as You will, for Your purposes and Your kingdom. Bless and keep safe all those who labor on our behalf. All this we ask through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*
Voluntary

"Lead On, O King Eternal"
arr. Page Long
Dr. David Henning, Parish Organist and Director of Music

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

The Collect of the Day (BCP page 225)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect
O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
ANTHEM (vs. 1 and 3)...................... “How Great Thou Art”

O Store Gud
Tom and Haley Lynch, Contemporary Music Worship

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 uni-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
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
ANTHEM (Hymn 343, vs. 1 and 2) ........ “Shepherd of Souls”
Annamarie Zmolek and Patrick Perez, St. Martin’s Parish Choir

1 shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen
2 we would not live by bread alone, but by thy
3 be known to us in breaking bread, and do not
4 lord, sup with us in love divine thy body

pilgrim flock with manna in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then depart; savior, abide with
and thy blood, that living bread, that

wilder ness, with water from the
travel on to our abiding place.
us, and spread thy table in our heart.
heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

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Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”
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THE SERMON ...“Living Like Sheep with a Shepherd”
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.
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 page 387, Form III)

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

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

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

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

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

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.
We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy; 
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

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

For Donald, our President, the Congress and the Courts; 
for all who serve in our armed forces and their families; we 
pray for peace throughout the world, and especially in the 
Middle East; and we pray for the victims of terror attacks; 
and we remember before you, and pray for the protection 
of our Christian brothers and sisters who face danger or 
persecution for their faith; and we pray for victims of all 
natural disasters; For the many people who have contracted 
the coronavirus; for comfort for those grieving loved ones 
who have died and peace for those who are fearful as the 
virus spreads, for those in isolation, those who have lost 
their job or their business, for parents who find themselves 
trying to home school their children, and for all those in our 
communities involved in ministering to the sick, especially 
for all health care workers; We pray for the safety of all 
law enforcement agents, firefighters, paramedics and all 
first responders who provide security and protection to the 
citizens they serve, and we pray for those in the hospitals 
__; and those for whom our prayers have been requested__; 
and for those on our Continuing Prayer List; and for all the 
blessings of this life, especially those remembered today 
with Altar flowers,______; and we remember before you the 
departed especially______; 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 page 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 page 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 page 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

Celebrant:   The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People:     And with thy spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
ST. MARTIN’S IS HERE FOR YOU

We may not be able to meet in person right now, but we want to know if you are sick, hospitalized or need to speak with a member of the Clergy.

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Contact the Prayer Request Line at 713-830-4124
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ANTHEM .................................. “The Lord is My Shepherd”
arr. Thomas Matthews
Annamarie Zmolek and Patrick Perez, St. Martin’s Parish Choir

AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY ............................................ Easter Hymn

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley.
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (BCP page 336)

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.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

THE EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.
ANTHEM (Hymn 180, vs. 1 and 4) ...................... “He is Risen”
Annamarie Zmolek and Patrick Perez, St. Martin’s Parish Choir

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
joy - ful voice; he has burst his three days’ pris - on;
let the whole wide earth re - joice; death is con - quered,
we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.

2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
ra - diant brow! Death’s long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o’er the
that he bore—sin and pain can vex no more.

3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord’s tri -
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
heaven’s gate: we are free from sin’s dark pris - on,
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Easter feast.

4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened
He is Risen


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