OUR MISSION

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

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

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

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

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

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.

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.
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 227)

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,

and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
shall far outpass the power of human telling;

O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place

and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing;
and clothe me round, the while my path illumining;
where in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling;

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When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM ........................................... “Nothing But the Blood”
Robert Lowry
Tom and Haley Lynch, Contemporary Music Worship

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL .................................................. John 7:37–39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.
HYMN 510 (vs. 1 and 4)......................... “Come, Holy Spirit”
Annamarie Zmolek, Christine Mahaffey, Patrick Perez and Joel Williams,
St. Martin’s Parish Choir

1 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
2 See how we trifle here below, fond of these earthly toys;
3 In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise;
4 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;

kin-dle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.
our souls, how heavily they go, to reach eternal joys.
ho-san-nas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.
come, shed abroad a Savior’s love, and that shall kindle ours.


THE SERMON
“Where You Turn...When You Are Thirsty”
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth! Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!
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; 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.

Prayer Requests
Contact the Prayer Request Line at 713-830-4124 or Deb Tisch at 713-985-3817 or dtisch@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

After Hours Emergencies
Call 713-621-3040 and press 2 to reach the Priest on Call. Please leave your name, phone number and a brief message.

Death Notifications and Funerals
Contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
Great is Jehovah, the Lord, For Heaven and Earth testify to his great power! ‘Tis heard in the fierce raging storm, in the torrent’s loud thundering roar. Great is Jehovah, the Lord! Mighty His Power! ‘Tis heard in the rustling of leaves in the forest; seen in the waving of golden fields, in loveliest flowers’ gaudy array, ‘Tis seen in myriad stars of heaven. Fierce it sounds in the thunder’s loud roll, and flames in the lightning’s brightly quivering flash. Yet clearer thy throbbing heart to thee proclaims Jehovah’s power, The Lord God Almighty. Look thou praying to Heaven, and hope for grace and for mercy. Great is Jehovah the Lord! Great is Jehovah the Lord!

DOXOLOGY .............................................Old 100th

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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 BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

H Y M N 5 1 1 (all verses).............................................“Holy Spirit”
Annamarie Zmolek, Christine Mahaffey, Patrick Perez and Joel Willliams,
St. Martin’s Parish Choir
through her in a ceaseless strife; Holy Spirit, ever
setting captive sinners free; Holy Spirit, ever
forming in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with
binding age to age, and soul to soul, in a fellow-

endless worship for thy fruits and gifts unpriced.
ship unending thee we worship and exalt.

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