

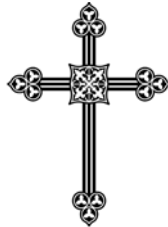
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16, 2025



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.

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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.*
 - *To use a hearing assisted device, see one of our ushers.*
 - *St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.*
 - *Please silence all cell phones when entering The Church and also refrain from texting.*
- Thank you for being respectful of God and others as we spend time together in worship.*



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HOLY EUCHARIST

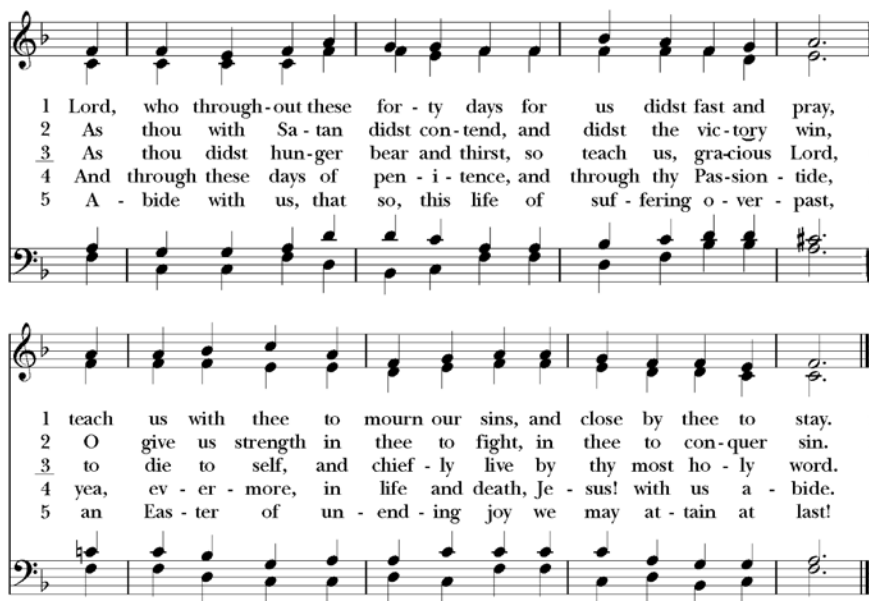
Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY “Amazing Grace”

arr. George Shearing

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

*HYMN 142 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838–1898); Music: St. Flavian, melody from Day's Psalter, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820–1901).

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

DECALOGUE (*kneel*)

Celebrant and People pray responsively

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

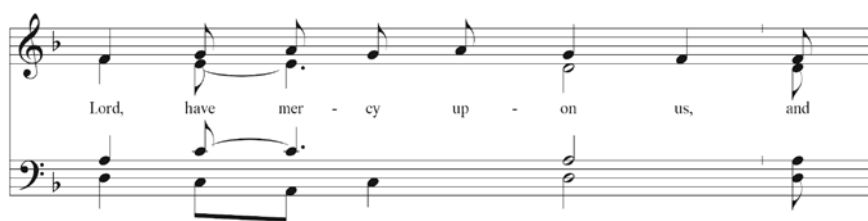
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

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



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Trisagion)

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

TRISAGION

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows a musical score for the Trisagion. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system has two measures. The second system has two measures. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system's lyrics are 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,'. The second system's lyrics are 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.'.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: Trisagion; Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Psalm 27

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.

- 17 What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

*HYMN 149 (vs. 1-2)..... "Eternal God of Love"

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres-ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,
 far off yet here—the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

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

THE GOSPEL Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

The remaining lectionary for the day is on pages 24-25.

*HYMN 149 (vs. 3)..... “Eternal God of Love”

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

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Please be seated.

THE SERMONThe Rev. Gregory W. Cross

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the nomination of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, our bishops; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Church of the Province of Central Africa; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, and John, our Mayor; for the Congress and the Courts; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those in hospitals ____, and those who have requested our prayers ____, and those on our continuing prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for all who remember and care for them; for first responders, and for all who serve in our armed forces and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially ____, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar greenery, ____; and in the communion of St. Martin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. **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 26 for classes and events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “God So Loved the World”
Bob Chilcott

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who-so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Text: John 3:16. © 1999 Oxford University Press. ARR.

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 *Gardiner*



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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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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

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.

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The Celebrant continues (kneel)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with 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

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 Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy upon us.

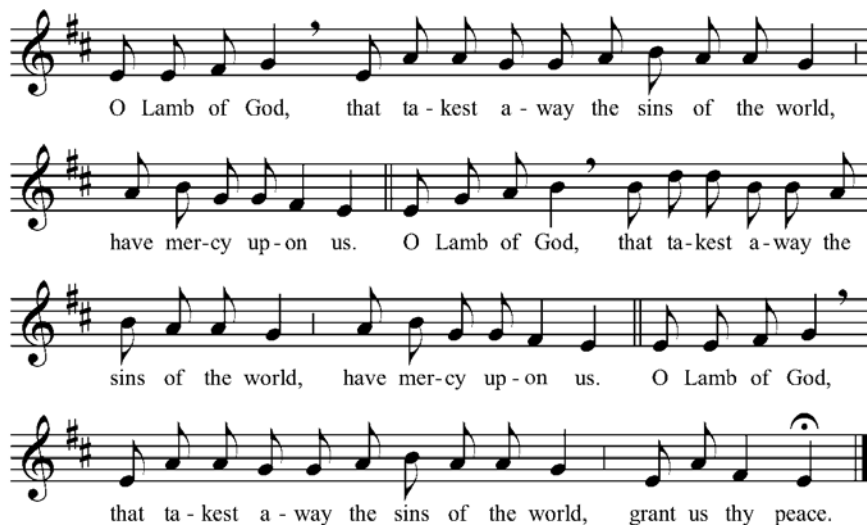
Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Grant us thy peace.

FRACTION ANTHEM



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People

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.

ANTHEM “Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake”
Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake, lay not our sins to our charge. But forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and ever more. Amen.

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HYMN “Seek My Face”

1. Seek My face, seek My face.
2. I will worship You, I will worship You.
3. We worship You, we worship You.
4. Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu.

Seek My face, the face of God.
I will worship You, the face of God.
we worship You, the face of God.
Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu.

repeat:
'Alleluia' ad lib.

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HYMN 343“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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HYMN 685 “Rock of Ages”

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778), alt.; Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784–1872).

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.**

LENTEN BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 473 “Lift High the Cross”

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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THE DISMISSAL

Alleluias are omitted during the season of Lent.

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Alla Breve” Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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:

Crockett Abraham	Mary and Jim Jennings	MacJoyce Wagner
Carolyn Alban	Bebout John	Margaret Watson
Harvey Altmann	Katie Jones	Mary Watters
Edith Avery	Phyllis Katharine	Stephen Wedemeyer
Shelly Bain	Dick Kilday	Chris Woessner
Cory Blackman	Searcy Kracke	Eric Zoerb
Jennifer Broussard	Mary Tyler Labhart	Abigail
Gary Browning	Tom Lamb	Bill
Helen Paige Buck	Bruce Michael Lee	Dave
Brian Burke	Mary Lehman	David
Delonda Citrano	Nancy Liles	Elizabeth and Scott
Sammy A. Citrano III	Patrick Maehs	Grace
Gail Davis	Martha Marks	Harold
Paul Davison	Bill Maynard	Henry
Bobby de Sosa	Barbara and Bob McClellan	Jeff
Linda de Sosa	Janet McDaniel	Laura
Renita DeBois	Adams McHenry	Lynne
Holly DeMoss	Frank Melcher	Sara
Jeanne Dewey	Len Menefee	Sharon
Mercedes Dewey	Bob Paddock	Wayne
Richard Dewey	Megan Palsa	
Charlotte Dion	Ophelia Pujol	
Ross Dunn	Phyllis Reinhardt	
Stacey and John Elliott	Hugh Ripps	
Michael Finn	Monica Rivera	
Will Fogle	John Roady	
Catherine Gonzales	Magdalene Robbins	
Nancy Gore	Michael Scarborough	
Aart and Susan Gosma	Helen and Jim Shaffer	
The Rev. Alex Graham	Caroline Shanahan	
Shea Guinn	Clif Shoemake	
Bette Haidusek	Fran Gardner Shores	
Cathy Haidusek	Joel Speights	
Nancy Hall	Mitchell Neal Starkey	
Jean Hatton	Michael Stern	
Nancy Haywood	Blake and Matt Stokes	
Wendy Hurt	Jan and Jim Stokes	
John Illeman	Chris Taylor	
Wanda Jacobs	Scarlett and Luke Tyler	
Clare Jan	Grantland Wagner	

Please be advised that the weeks after Easter and All Saints' Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

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

Please be advised that each year the week after Veterans Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Military Service Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@smec.org.

Please circle the name of any loved one that you would like to remain on our Continuing Prayer list, tear out this sheet of your bulletin and place it in the Prayer List box in the Narthex. You may also email Valerie Rivera at vriviera@smec.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

 family table

9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Family Table service with Holy Eucharist combines contemporary worship music with traditional liturgy and is designed for families with young children.

 RIVERWAY

11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Riverway Contemporary Service is both Anglican and modern, offering the Holy Eucharist in a relaxed service with contemporary music.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist Services

7 a.m. and noon • Christ Chapel

5:30 p.m. • The Church

OSL Healing Prayer Service

First Wednesday of the month

5 p.m. • Parish Life Center • Online at smec.org/osl

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

RECOGNITIONS



GREENERY GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of Evan Gibson Black

by Dillon and Zane Black and Barbara Bratton

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

THIS SUNDAY

✦ ADULTS

8+

Discuss the lectionary readings of the day following the 8 a.m. service.

8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

THEOLOGY FOR LIFE with Dr. Elisabeth Kincaid

“The Seven Deadly Sins (And How to Avoid Them): Lust and Gluttony”

This series hopes to give the best answers to the questions you have about our faith.

10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall



Dr. Elisabeth Kincaid

Director of the Institute for Faith and Learning at Baylor University's Truett Seminary

An accomplished moral theologian, teacher and lawyer, Dr.

Kincaid is the author of “Law From Below: How the Thought of Francisco Suarez, S.J., Can Renew Contemporary Legal Engagement” (Georgetown Press, 2024). Previously, she taught at Loyola New Orleans and Nashotah House. Dr. Kincaid is married to an Episcopal priest, the Rev. Thomas Kincaid, and they have two children.

INTRO TO ANGLICANISM with the Rev. John Sundara

Discuss the Book of Common Prayer, the Sacraments and the Church's history and polity to explore the Episcopal faith.

10:15 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



*To view all our Christian education options, scan the QR code or visit **bit.ly/smecedu**.*

THIS SUNDAY

✦ STUDENT MINISTRIES

SUNDAY GET-TOGETHERS

Students in grades 6–12 spend time in fellowship and discuss the Scriptures shared in worship.

10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center

✦ CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children through 5th grade are given a solid foundation of Biblical and theological knowledge in age-appropriate ways.

10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center

CHILDCARE

Available during all morning services for six-weeks through three-year-olds.

8 a.m. • Children's Life Center

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

MARCH 16-22, 2025

ALL ADULTS

Prayer Shawl Ministry *Tuesday, 9 a.m. • Activity Center, Family Room*
Knit and crochet shawls to be released for those in need of prayer.

St. Clare's Guild *Wednesday, Noon • Activity Center, Upper Hall East*
St. Clare's Guild undertakes a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs.

Parish Choir *Thursday, 11:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. • The Music Center, Rehearsal Hall*
Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation.

MEN

Dads' Bible Study *Thursday, 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*
Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study.

WOMEN

The Moms' Group *Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*
Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for a book study and fellowship.

STUDENTS

Life Groups *Wednesday, 6 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 the meal.

EVENTS



*To view all our upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit **bit.ly/smecevents**.*

EASTER FLOWERS



Remember a loved one by ordering lilies to decorate The Church at Easter. All requests received will be included in the worship booklet available at all Easter services. Names submitted after the deadline will be printed in worship booklets in weeks following Easter.

Donations Close
5 p.m. Monday, March 17

Due to limited space, please do not include additional dedication language.

Make your flower dedication online at
smec.org/easterflowers

Contact: Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam • relhakam@smec.org • 713-830-4146

Save Lives. Feel Refreshed.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

9 A.M.–1:30 P.M.

ACTIVITY CENTER, GAME ROOM



SIGN UP AT
smec.org/blood-drive
Walk-ins Welcome!



**Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center**
YEARS OF SAVING LIVES

Contact: Victoria Wilson
events@smec.org • 713-985-3838

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



Kids' Meals

Tuesday, March 18 | 4 p.m.
Parish Life Center Kitchen

See how you can help fight hunger in Houston. Bring the whole family and prepare sandwiches with us! Kids' Meals provides and distributes nutritious lunches to hungry children throughout Houston. Visit kidsmealshouston.org to learn more.

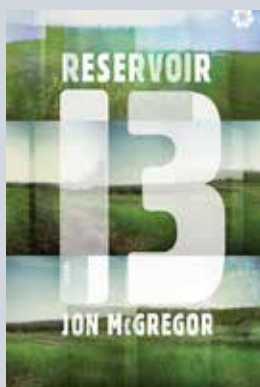
**Contact Tracee Tindol at ttindol@smec.org
or 713-985-3811 for more information.**



Faith
LITERATURE

EVENING GROUP

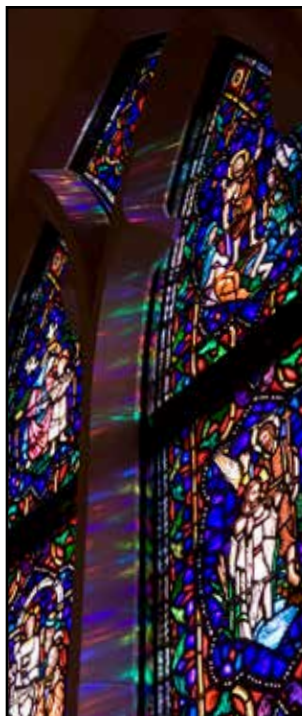
Tuesday, Feb. 18 | 7-8:30 p.m.
Children's Life Center, Room 109 and
Via Zoom | smec.org/faith-in-literature



While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

This month, we discuss "Reservoir 13" by Jon McGregor.

Contact: The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden • jhylden@smec.org • 713-830-4106



SPECIAL STAINED-GLASS WINDOW TOUR

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
11 A.M. • THE CHURCH**

Lee Hunnell, one of the founders of St. Martin's Docent Guild, will lead a special tour of the stained-glass windows. She is the author of the book **"Reaching Up to God,"** which tells the story of the building of The Church, and is available at St. Martin's Gift Shoppe.

Contact

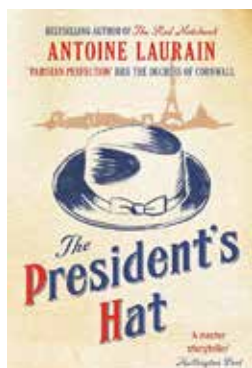
Shelly Newton • 281-788-1288
tmartin@smec.org



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, March 19
Children's Life Center, Room 132 and
Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom

While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

This month, we discuss "The President's Hat"
by Antoine Laurain.

Contact: The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden • 713-830-4106 • jhylden@smec.org

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAYS • MARCH 12–APRIL 9

4:30–5:30 p.m. • The Church

Sundays, before and after the morning services.

Parishioners and guests are invited to make their pilgrimage along the Via Dolorosa, or “Way of Sorrows,” during Lent. The Stations of the Cross depict the final hours (or Passion) of Jesus and the devotion commemorating the Passion.

Contact: Juli Browning
jbrowning@smec.org • 713-985-3845



WEDNESDAY ADULT LENTEN SERIES

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: The Seven Christian Habits

MARCH 19

Living in the Word

Led by the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay

Tutor Fellow of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University

This Lent, we invite you to spend Wednesday evenings with your Church family as we seek to re-focus our lives and hearts on Jesus. We'll walk together through the Seven Christian Habits as good practices God has given the church to draw us into a closer relationship with Him.

Dinner (\$10) • Bagby Parish Hall • 5–6:15 p.m.

Holy Eucharist • The Church • 5:30 p.m.

Program • Bagby Parish Hall • 6:15 p.m.



Sign up for Dinner at smec.org/cafe
or purchase tickets at the Gift Shoppe
by Tuesday of each week.

Upcoming Speakers:

Week 3: The Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd
Week 4: The Rev. Wesley Arning
Week 5: The Rev. Sharron Cox





ACTIVITY CENTER

CHAIR PILATES

FRIDAYS – **NEW TIME!**

8:30 a.m.

Aerobics Room

This class helps to strengthen your muscles, improve your posture and build a strong core. All exercises are performed with the help of a chair. No prior experience necessary. ***Open to all levels.***

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

For more information, visit bit.ly/smecactivitycenter.

Activity Center Reception

activitycenter@smec.org • 713-985-3835



THE REV. DR.
MICHAEL LLOYD



THE REV. DR.
SUSE MCBAY

St. Martin's welcomes back the Revs. Drs. Michael Lloyd and Suse McBay! Dr. Lloyd will preach in all traditional services in The Church on March 23. Dr. McBay will preach at the 11:15 a.m. Riverway service on March 23 and all traditional services on March 30.



Family Life Class

March 23

Setting the Stage: What is Sanctification?

March 30

The Active Players: Christ for Us and In Us

April 6

The Ongoing Drama: The Process of Sanctification

SANCTIFICATION: THE ART OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH AND MATURITY

Sundays, March 23–April 6

10:15 a.m. • Activity Center, Game Room

Have you ever wondered what it takes to grow in the Christian faith? Do you sometimes feel as though you wish you could progress more in your spiritual maturity? Sanctification, defined as the process of spiritual growth and maturity, is an important but often misunderstood doctrine. Join us as we examine key teachings on Christian growth and maturity.

Contact: The Rev. Alex D. Graham III
agraham@smec.org • 713-985-3836

MEN of ST. MARTIN'S

Bible Study

Featuring Guest Speaker
the Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd

MARCH 27 • 7 A.M.
BAGBY PARISH HALL



Dr. Lloyd will join us during his visit at St. Martin's. We continue to study the Gospel of John.

Join us! Breakfast is available for \$8 at Café St. Martin's starting at 6:45 a.m.

For more information, contact Juli Browning at
jbrowning@smec.org or 713-985-3845.



Good Books and Good Conversation

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

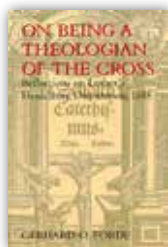
THURSDAY, MARCH 27 | 6:15 P.M.

CHAPEL RECEPTION HALL

Join in the dialogue!

“On Being a Theologian of the Cross” by Gerhard Forde

This brief but rich book is an exposition of Martin Luther’s 1518 Heidelberg Disputation, centered around Luther’s central distinction between a human-centered “theology of glory” and a Christ-centered “theology of the cross.”



Contact: The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden
jhylden@smec.org • 713-830-4106

*“On Being a Theologian of the Cross” is
available wherever fine books are sold.*



Mary Ann's

That's Amore!

Cooking From The Heart with Mary Ann Pace

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

PARISH LIFE CENTER, KITCHEN • 6–8 P.M.

*Join Mary Ann Pace for a unique cooking
experience inspired by her culinary journey.*



**Sign up at
smec.org/cooking**

Cost is \$75

Contact: Chrissy Kana • ckana@smec.org • 713-985-3806



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**NOTICE.
GIVE.
MAKE.
BLESS.**

LENT 2025: 40 DAYS OF WELCOME AND GRATITUDE

The United Thank Offering is a ministry of The Episcopal Church that began in 1883. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen daily, thank God, and make an offering in a UTO Blue Box.

Find UTO envelopes in The Church pews and boxes in The Church Narthex and Parish Life Center. Boxes collected on Easter morning.

One-hundred percent of the collected funds are distributed throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.




**WORLD
MISSIONS**
at St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Adult/Family Mission Trip

June 14–19, 2025 • San Salvador, El Salvador

Adults and families are invited to serve with St. Martin's ministry partner, Kurt Ackermann, and his organization, Sus Hijos, in San Salvador,

El Salvador. Together, we will be the hands and feet of Jesus by visiting an orphanage, building a house for a needy family and ministering to special needs children on a beach trip — all while deepening our faith and theirs.



Register at
smec.org/worldmissions
Deadline: April 15

Contact: Courtney Kearns
worldmission@smec.org
713-985-3819



AMISTAD MISSION TRIP

JUNE 24–JULY 1

Cochabamba, Bolivia

Join us in building meaningful relationships with the children at Casa San Martín! We'll engage in arts and crafts, visit a park, play games, work in their garden and have a lot of fun. Since 1993, St. Martin's has sponsored Casa San Martín, a home that offers a loving Christian community for children who have been abused, abandoned or orphaned.



Register at
smec.org/worldmissions

Deadline: April 15

Minimum age: 12 years old



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Contact: Courtney Kearns

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SAN ANTONIO • JUNE 15–20

This summer Student Ministries will take our middle and high school students to beautiful San Antonio to work with Blueprint Ministries, a non-profit that works to make homes healthier, safer and drier for San Antonio neighbors.



Register at
smec.org/students

Deadline to register: May 15

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

PASSION Camp

JULY 13–JULY 19 • DAYTONA BEACH, FL

717 STUDENTS

Middle and high school students are invited to join the Student Ministries leaders in Florida for four days of worship, learning and faith-growing. Meet Christian teens from around the country in worship, music, fun and foundational conversations about being disciples of Christ.



Join us at
smec.org/students

Deadline to register: May 15



Contact: Florenc Ritchie • fritchier@smec.org • 713-985-3843

SHEPHERD'S GUILD



The Shepherd's Guild ministry complements the work of St. Martin's Clergy in visiting homebound Parishioners or those who reside in retirement and assisted living facilities.

The trained lay volunteers offer support, prayers and Holy Communion, being a physical reminder of Jesus' love for them and their value and importance within our church community.

To learn more about joining this ministry or to provide information about Parishioners who may benefit by the Shepherd's Guild, contact Deacon Gill at gkeyworth@smec.org or 346-335-8660.

Training and support is provided.

MEMBERSHIP

If you are visiting today, please fill out a Welcome Card from the pew rack to place in the offering plate or complete it online by scanning the QR code or visiting **bit.ly/smecvisitors**. Please introduce yourself to one of our Clergy and we will be in touch to let you know more about our Parish Family.



Seeking membership in a parish is a very important step and it is our goal to support your understanding of our Parish, its ministries and your place in the life of St. Martin's. Our membership process begins by attending one of our quarterly Membership 101 classes.

Contact: Kathy Johnson • 713-985-3834 • kjohnson@smec.org

ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

For general questions, contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040 during business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday–Friday).

For pastoral concerns during business hours, contact 713-985-3817 or pastoralcare@smec.org.

For pastoral emergencies after hours and weekends, call 713-621-3040 and follow the prompts to reach the priest on call.

For prayer requests, contact the prayer request line at 713-830-4124 or Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@smec.org.

For death notifications and funerals, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@smec.org.

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Mr. John Sutherland, *Usher Representative 2024-2026*

**Denotes Associate Vestry filled at the discretion of the Rector.*



Mr. Scott Anderson
Vestry Representative
Morning



Mr. Mike Fuqua
Vestry Representative
Evening

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Jesus, The Christ *The Head of This Church*



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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, we pray this prayer in Jesus name, who we joyfully serve and love. Amen.

WE INVITE YOU TO
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