

GOOD FRIDAY

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*April 18, 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

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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.*
  - *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.*



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

# THE LITURGY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

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*The ministers enter in silence. Please stand for the Crucifix.*

*Following the procession, all kneel for silent prayer, after which the Officiant stands and begins the Liturgy with the Collect of the Day.*

Officiant: Blessed be our God.

**People: For ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE LESSON ..... Hebrews 10:16-25

The Holy Spirit testifies saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin." Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

John 18:1-19:42

Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king.

For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” They shouted in reply, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.” From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.”

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, “Here is your King!” They cried out, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!” Pilate

asked them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but the emperor.” Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

*Please stand.*

There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

“They divided my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

*The remaining lectionary for the day is on pages 18-20.*

*Please be seated.*

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THE SERMON ..... The. Rev. R. Wesley Arning

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*Please kneel.*



# PASSION HYMN ..... “O Sacred Head”

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,  
 \*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 \*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.  
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?  
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,  
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,  
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.  
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.  
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

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## THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

*Officiant*

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

*Deacon*

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service

For all bishops and other ministers

and the people whom they serve

For Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, our Bishops, and all the people of this diocese

For all Christians in this community

In the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

For those about to be baptized

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

*Officiant*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Deacon*

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For Donald, the President of the United States

For the Congress and the Supreme Court

For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations

For all who serve the common good

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

*Silence*

*Officiant*

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with thy wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility thy dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Deacon*

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute  
and the oppressed  
For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled  
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish  
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair  
For the sorrowful and bereaved  
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

*Silence*

*Officiant*

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to thee, that they may find thy mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Deacon*

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation  
For those who have lost their faith  
For those hardened by sin or indifference  
For the contemptuous and the scornful

For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and  
persecutors of his disciples  
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith  
and obedience.

*Silence*

*Officiant*

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls:  
Have compassion on all who do not know thee as thou art revealed in  
thy Son Jesus Christ; let thy Gospel be preached with grace and power  
to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it;  
and bring home to thy fold those who have gone astray; that there  
may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Deacon*

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy  
life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the  
peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may  
be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord,  
and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

*Silence*

*Officiant*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably  
on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the  
effectual working of thy providence, carry out in tranquility the plan  
of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which  
were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old  
are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their  
perfection by him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus  
Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Silence*

*A cross is now brought into The Church and placed in the sight of the people.*

# AT THE MEDITATION ON THE CROSS

ANTHEM ..... “O Love Divine”

David Ashley White

O Love divine, what hast Thou done! The immortal God hath died for me! The Father’s co-eternal Son bore all my sins upon the tree. The immortal God for me hath died: My Lord, my Love, is crucified! Is crucified for me and you, to bring us rebels back to God. Believe, believe the record true, ye all are bought with Jesus’ blood. Pardon for all flows from his side: My Lord, my Love, is crucified. O ye behold Him, all ye that pass by, the bleeding Prince of life and peace! Come, sinners, see your Savior die, and say, “Was ever grief like His?” Come, feel with me His blood applied: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

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## THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Officiant 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.**

*Please be seated.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see page 21 for upcoming events.*

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## THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “Libera Me” Movement 7 from *Requiem*  
Giuseppe Verdi

Requiem aeternam, dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.  
Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna in die illa tremenda. Libera me,  
Domine, quando coeli movendi sunt et terra; dum veneris judicare  
saeculum per ignem. Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna in die illa  
tremenda. Libera me.

*Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.  
Deliver me, Lord, from eternal death on that awful day. Deliver me, O Lord,  
when the heavens and the earth shall be moved; when you will come to judge  
the world by fire. Deliver me, Lord, from eternal death on that awful day.  
Deliver me.*

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## CONCLUDING PRAYERS *(kneel)*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

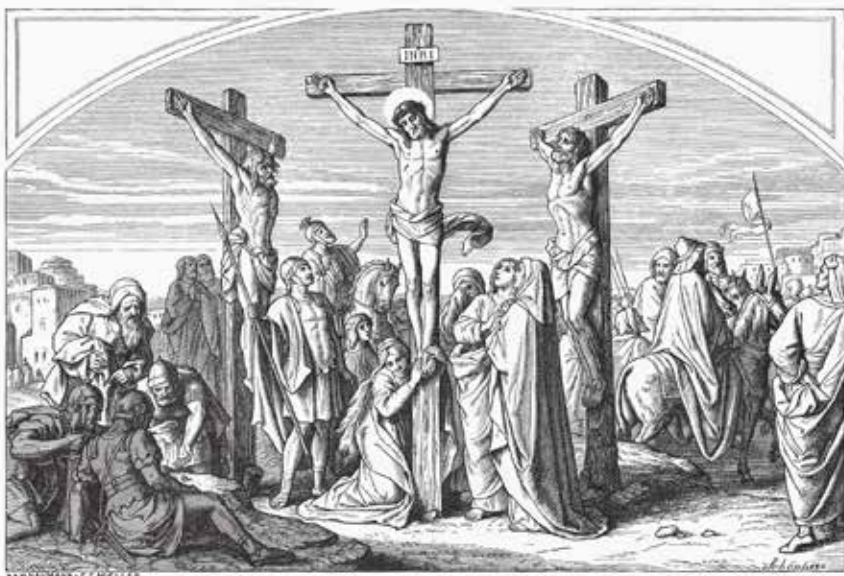
**People: And with thy spirit.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy  
passion, cross, and death between thy judgment and our souls, now  
and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living;  
pardon and rest to the dead; to thy holy Church peace and concord;  
and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and  
Holy Spirit thou liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

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*After the final prayer and the departure of the ministers, then the people depart in silence.*



*The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19, 16 - 30). Wood engraving based on a drawing by Karl Gottlob Schönherr (German painter, 1824 - 1906), published in 1883.*

Every year on Good Friday, pilgrims from all over the world gather to walk along the *Via Dolorosa* in Jerusalem. By dying on the cross at Calvary, Jesus delivered us from sin, Satan and death eternal.

The history of Anglicanism in Jerusalem goes back to 1841. The Anglican Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East has borne, in a special way, the responsibility of sharing the cross of Jesus.

Since 1922, Episcopalians have supported the ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East through the **Good Friday Offering**. It is vital that we continue to share in this burden, and not let our brothers and sisters in Jerusalem carry the cross alone.

We invite and encourage you to give generously at the Good Friday services today.

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

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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](mailto:vriviera@smec.org).



# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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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	CPO Brian Powell
1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich	PO Evan Tomlin
Major Blake J. Kidd	
Capt. Jack Mullen	

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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](mailto: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](mailto:vriviera@smec.org) with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.***

## OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

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 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., noon and 6 p.m. • Christ Chapel

OSL Healing Prayer Service

First Wednesday of the month

5 p.m. • Parish Life Center

Online at [smec.org/osl](https://smec.org/osl)

# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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## THE OLD TESTAMENT ..... Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
– so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals –  
so he shall startle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?  
For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

## READINGS FOR THE DAY

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He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.  
They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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THE PSALM ..... Psalm 22

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in,  
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*  
they pierce my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones.

## READINGS FOR THE DAY

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- 17 They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

# Holy Saturday Baptism

**Saturday, April 19**  
**10 a.m. • Christ Chapel**

Holy Saturday is considered a particularly appropriate time in the Episcopal Church to undergo the sacramental rite of full initiation, by water and the Holy Spirit, into membership in the Church. Join us as we welcome new members to St. Martin's.

*For more information about Holy Baptisms, contact Rocio Velazquez at [rvelazquez@smec.org](mailto:rvelazquez@smec.org) or 713-985-3807.*



The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's Invites You to



**Saturday, April 19 • Free Admission**  
**10 a.m. • Parish Life Center**  
**Bring your Easter egg basket!**



Join us for a morning of fun and celebration! The festivities will begin with a reading of the Easter story, followed by an Easter Egg hunt, crafts, a petting zoo and more fun activities. Bring your family and friends for a delightful gathering!

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# EASTER

AT ST. MARTIN'S

— Sunday, April 20 —

## **Easter Morning Breakfast** *Hosted by St. Martin's Vestry*

8–11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Before or after the Easter services, enjoy a complimentary breakfast served and sponsored by the current and past Vestry of St. Martin's.

## **Traditional Worship Services**

7, 9, \*11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. • The Church

Holy Eucharist; festive music by the Parish Choir,  
Gloria Dei Organ, brass and timpani.

*\*The 11:15 a.m. service will be livestreamed.*

## **Family Table Services**

8:30 and 9:45 a.m. • Parish Life Center

Join us for a family-friendly worship service with  
Holy Eucharist.

## **Riverway Service**

11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

This worship service for students, families and adults features the  
Holy Eucharist and beautiful music.

## **Student Ministries Easter Egg Hunt**

10:20 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. • Student Life Center

Students are invited to take part in this Easter Egg hunt tradition.

## **Sunday School**

*Sunday school classes will not meet in observance of Easter.*

## **Childcare**

*Childcare will be provided for children aged six weeks to three years in the  
Children's Life Center during all Easter morning services.*

The American Friends of the  
Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem  
invites you to



## SUNDAY WITH THE ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP IN JERUSALEM

The Most Rev. Hosam E. Naoum, Anglican Archbishop  
in Jerusalem and Primate of the Province of Jerusalem  
and the Middle East

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**  
**9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services**  
**at The Church.**

At 10:15 a.m. there will  
be an opportunity  
for an educational hour  
with the Archbishop in  
Bagby Parish Hall.





# MEMBERSHIP

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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](http://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.

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## ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

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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](mailto:pastoralcare@smec.org).

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