



ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Holy Eucharist

The Seventeenth Sunday

after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

CHORAL PRELUDE

PRAISE YOU / HE'S WORTHY

GOODINE / FRYSON

HYMN 660

O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE

MARYTON

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918). Music: *Maryton*, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898).

OPENING ACCLAMATION

PAGE 355, BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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

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POWELL

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

**you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PAGE 234, BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING & DISMISSAL

During the 10:30 service, children are invited to Children's Chapel. They'll return during the Peace.

A READING FROM THE PROPHET JONAH

JONAH 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 145:1-8, EXALTABO TE, DEUS

PAGE 801, BCP

**1 I will exalt you, O God my / King, *
and bless your Name for ever and / ever.
2 Every day will I / bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and / ever.
3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be / praised; *
there is no end to his / greatness.
4 One generation shall praise your works to a/nother *
and shall declare your / power.
5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your / majesty *
and all your marvelous / works.**

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous / acts, *
and I will tell of your / greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great / goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous / deeds.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of com/passion, *
slow to anger and of great kind/ness.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 551

RISE UP, YE SAINTS OF GOD!

FESTAL SONG



1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and



heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt. Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,

saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

THE REV. ELLEN SINGER

THE NICENE CREED

PAGE 358, BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV

BCP, PG. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Dadaab Parish, Kenya, The Anglican Church of Australia, St. Cuthbert and St. Dunstan's in Houston, St. James the Apostle in Conroe, St. Luke's in Livingston, and Messiah Lutheran Church in Keller.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for Donald, our President; Greg, our governor; Shawn,

Ross, Mattie, and all our local leaders.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for Paulo Duro High, Parish Episcopal, and Park Glen Elementary.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray for [N., and] those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers, saying

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

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

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY ON THE 3RD SUNDAYS, LOOSE OFFERINGS ARE DESIGNATED FOR THE CLERGY BENEVOLENCE FUND.

Please take a few moments to offer yourself - your time, your talents, your gifts, and your service to God with a prayer that your offering may be pleasing in God's sight, spread God's love, and make a difference in God's world. You may text 817-270-6880 with an amount + GENERAL or PLEDGE to give or you may scan this QR code to give online.



OFFERTORY HYMN 9

NOT HERE FOR HIGH AND HOLY THINGS

MORNING SONG



*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to
 *2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of
 *3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through
 4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
 5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
 6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the
 2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the
 3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what
 4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
 5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
 6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of
 2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion
 3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles
 4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
 5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
 6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,
 2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,
 3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:
 4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
 5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
 6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

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HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 380 ST. 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS HYMN S 125

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

PROULX

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

FRACTION ANTHEM S 154

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

HURD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion, regardless of denomination. If you are not baptized, we invite and encourage you to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing. If you're interested in baptism, please talk to the clergy after the service!

COMMUNION HYMN 326

FROM GLORY TO GLORY ADVANCING

ST. KERVERNE

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CHOIR ANTHEM

A GAELIC BLESSING

RUTTER

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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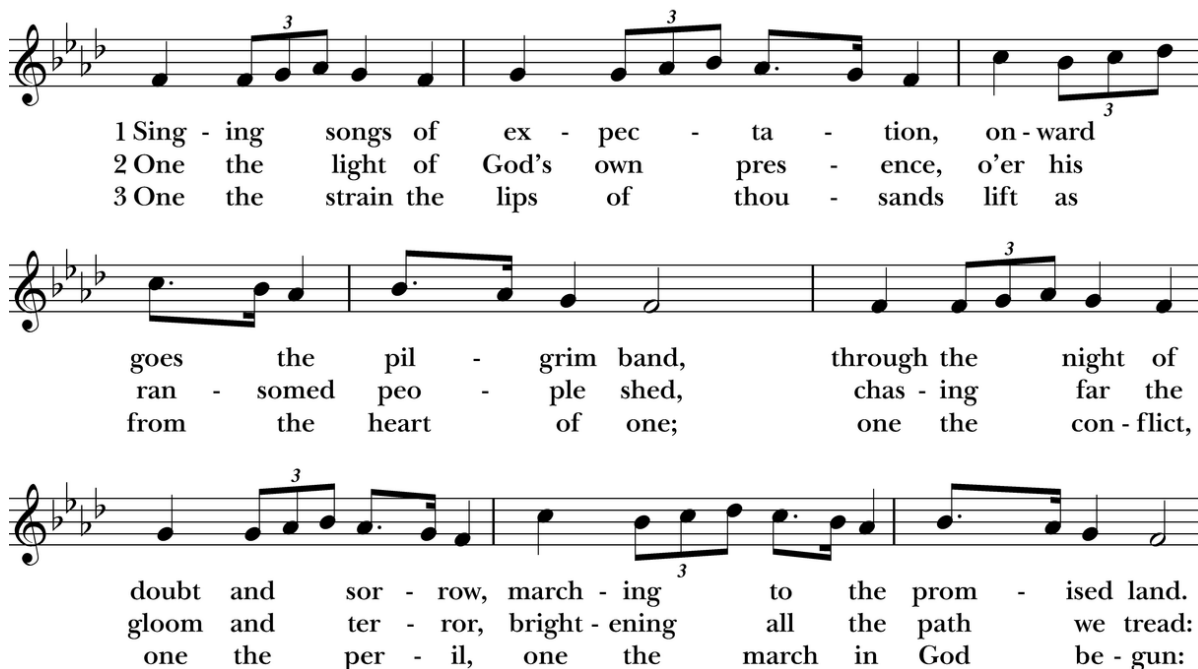
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 527

SINGING SONGS OF EXPECTATION

TON-Y-BOTEL



1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be ³ - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
 faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
 far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
 look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

Words: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862) tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt. Music: *Ton-y Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944).

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

PRELUDIO IN G MINOR

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The flowers on the altar have been dedicated this week by Tina Morehead in celebration and thanksgiving of the 30th birthday of her niece Rachel, and the 90th birthday of her mother, Glenda, both earlier this month.



Dedicate
Flowers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - PARISH PRAYER LIST

We pray for all Bishops and other ministers especially Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Kai, Brian, and Hector, our bishops; Alan, Ellen, Mark, Ayo, Judy, Diana, and Nick, our clergy; William, our seminarian, and Liza our Family Minister, that they may both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments.



In our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for the Dadaab Parish, Kenya, and The Anglican Church of Australia.

In our Diocesan & Local Cycles of Prayer we pray for St. Cuthbert and St. Dunstan's in Houston, St. James the Apostle in Conroe, St. Luke's in Livingston, and Messiah Lutheran Church in Keller.

We pray for the students, teachers and staff of: Paulo Duro High, Parish Episcopal, and Park Glen Elementary.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week: Wanda, Tori, Evie, Amy, Marty, Emmie, Stephen, Flo, Tope, Martha, Kim & Steve, Diana & Joe, Kathy & Gary.

We pray for those on the parish prayer list for healing or support: Suzette, Richard, Judy, Patty, Doug, Brooke, Mark, Pepe, Nancy, Donna, Karen, Jim, Renee, Daniel, Brady, Melissa, Kevin, Sally, Marianna, Sue Ellen, Rebecca, Ginger, Suzie, Barbara, Patrick, Bill, Walter, Roger, Flo, Titus, Joan, Kevin, Emerson, Natalia, Frank, Joe, Gwen, Morgan, Brandi, John, Trent, Billy, Bob, Diane, Peter, Jerry, Nora, Lonn, Leah, Susan, Brandon, Wayne, Brenda, Jan, Lizz, Mac, Millie, Donia, Nathan and for all their family members and caregivers.

We pray for those who are traveling:

We pray for those in the military: Ethan, Devin, Jonathan, Colin, Rachel, Mark, Jeremy, Patrick, Meagan, Stephen, Sheena, James, Edward, Brandon, Scott, Jim, Paul, Dylan, Dustin, John, Deion, Tanner, Timian, Will, John, James, Alex, Christian, Tucker, Brazos, Audrey, Andrea, Robin, Marco, Ryan, Aiden, Diego, Jordan, Hunter, MJ, RJ and all military personnel and civilians in harm's way.

We pray for those with employment concerns: Peter, Denice

We pray for those who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom:

You can request prayers or become a prayer warrior by sending an email to prayers@stmartininthefields.org

DROP US A LINE

If you are new to St. Martin's, we would love to connect and share more about our community. Scan this code for our online form, or fill out the welcome card in the pew back in front of you.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Wednesday at 11:45 am: Yoga @ St. Martin's

Been practicing for years? Total newbie? No problem! You're invited to this free class! Bring a yoga mat and any props you prefer (blankets, bolsters, blocks, etc.) for an easy practice in the parish hall. We'll focus on building the mind-muscle connection, balance, and simple strengthening. Come as you are and meet your body where it's at; you don't need to be able to turn yourself into a pretzel to practice! See you next Wednesday!

October 4: Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 4, we're celebrating the Feast of St. Francis in the best possible way. Join us at 4pm in our courtyard for a Blessing of the Animals, and bring the whole family, pets included. This year we're partnering with our friends at WestWind Church here in Keller, which makes it even more of a celebration. Bring your lawn chair, bring your furry, feathered, or scaly companions, and come enjoy a beautiful evening together.

Sunday, November 8: Unique Boutique Holiday Market

Are you a maker/crafter who has inventory for sale? Come be a part of our Unique Boutique this November! Just use the QR code to fill out the form. No booth fee for members. **Have a friend or neighbor who is a maker? Please invite them to fill out the form too!** Booth fee is just \$25 for non-members, and proceeds will help support our Outreach Ministries.



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