ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Holy Eucharist
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026

Choral Prelude — In every age — Whitaker

Hymn 561 — Stand up, stand up for Jesus — Morning Light



Words: George Duffield, Jr. ((1818-1888), alt. Music: *Morning Light*, George James Webb (1803-1887).

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.**

Gloria S 280 — Gloria in excelsis — 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 236, Book of Common Prayer

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Zephaniah Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 90:1-8, 12, Domine, refugium Page 717, BCP

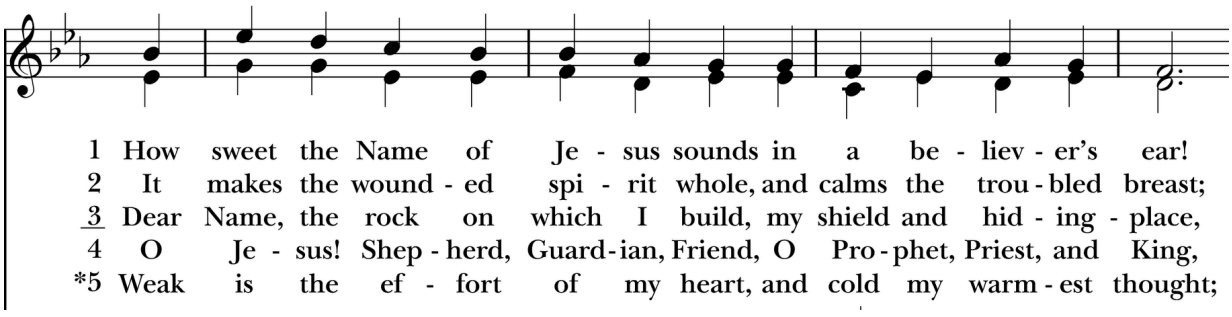
1 Lord, you have been our / refuge *
from one generation to a/nother.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were / born, *
from age to age you are / God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and / say, *
"Go back, O child of / earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is / past *
and like a watch in the / night.
5 You sweep us away like a / dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the / grass.
6 In the morning it is green and / flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and / withered.
7 For we consume away in your dis/pleasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indig/nation.
8 Our iniquities you have set before / you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your / countenance.
12 So teach us to number our / days *
that we may apply our hearts to / wisdom.

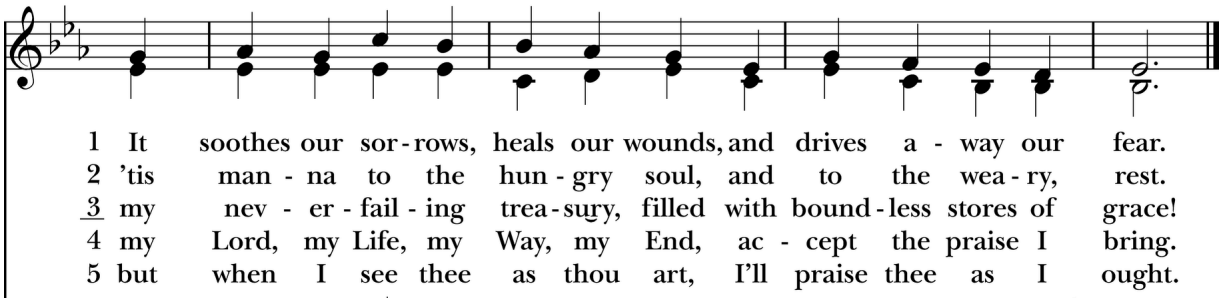
A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 644 How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds St. Peter





Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt. Music: *St. Peter*, Alexander Robert Reinagle (1799-1877).

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon The Rev. Alan D. Bentrup

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, Iglesia Anglicana de Chile, St. Mark's in Richmond, St. Mary's in West Columbia, St. Thomas' in Wharton, St. Timothy's in Lake Jackson, St. John's Baptist Southlake and Southlake Baptist.

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 Stephen F. Austin State University, Tarleton State University, Tarrant County College, TCC Children's Center, Texans Can Academy.

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 Pamela, 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.

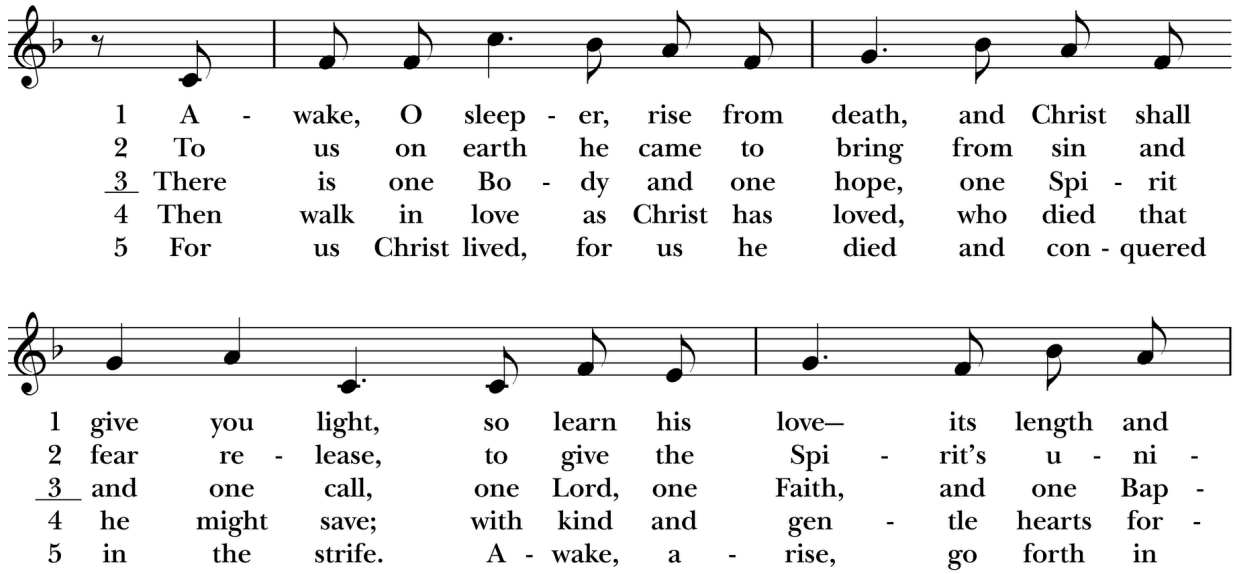
Children's Choir Thank you, Lord Spiritual

Acolyte Installation

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 547 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death Marsh Chapel





1 breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
2 ty, the ve - ry bond of peace.
3 tism, one Fa - ther of us all.
4 give as God in Christ for - gave.
5 faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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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 Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A Page 361 Book of Common Prayer

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 129 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Powell

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

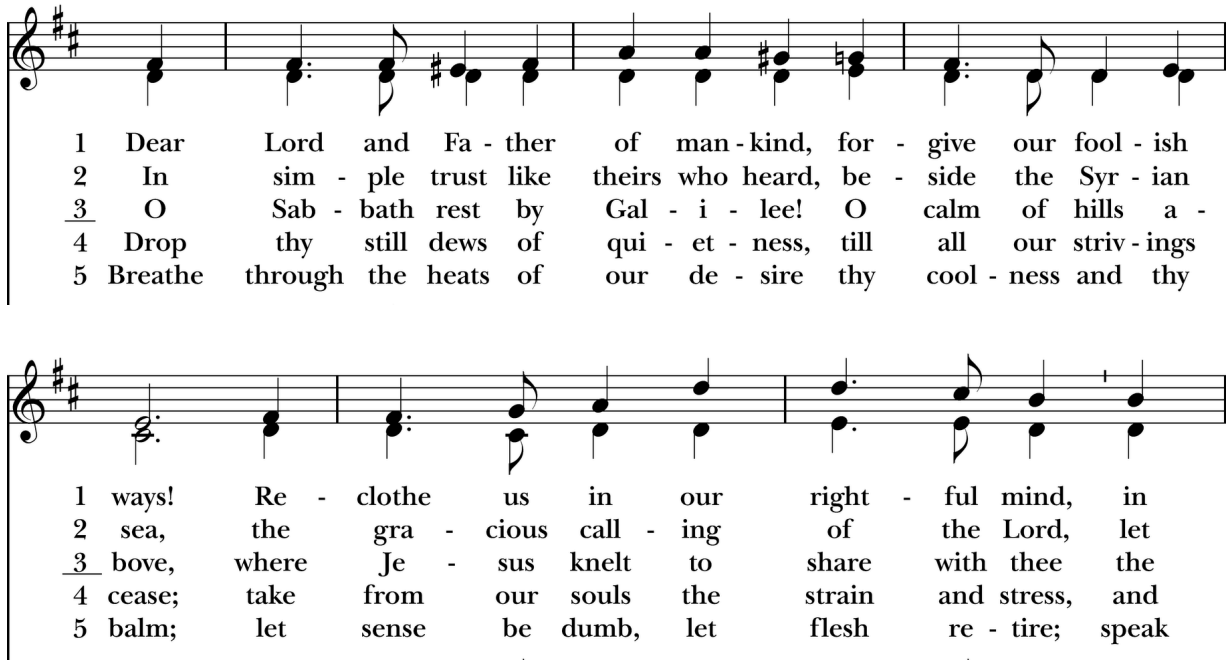
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 652 Dear Lord and Father of mankind Rest





Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt. Music: *Rest*, Frederick Charles Maker (1844-1927.

Choir Anthem Children of Light Choplin

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.

Prayers for birthdays & anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

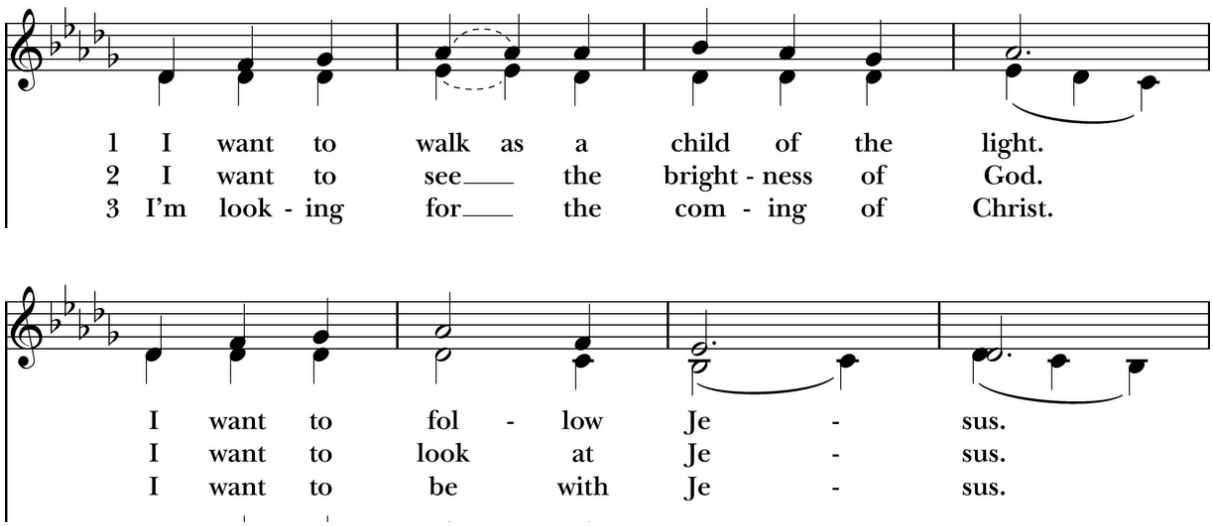
We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating the covenant of marriage in Christ's Name and presence. Send your blessing on [these your servants]. Lead them further in companionship with each other and with you. May they grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; and come at last the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer Page 365 Book of Common Prayer

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 490 I want to walk as a child of the light Houston





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The Dismissal

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Organ Postlude Loure in G Bach

The altar flowers have been dedicated this week by Christine Gehringer
in celebration of her daughter Jennifer,
who is celebrating her 50th birthday.

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, Liza our Family Minister, and Zane our Youth 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 Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

In our Diocesan & Local Cycles of Prayer we pray for St. Mark's in Richmond, St. Mary's in West Columbia, St. Thomas' in Wharton, St. Timothy's in Lake Jackson, St. John's Baptist Southlake and Southlake Baptist.

We pray for the students, teachers and staff of: Stephen F. Austin State University, Tarleton State University, Tarrant County College, TCC Children's Center, Texans Can Academy.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week: Kirsten, Maggie, Margaret, Julie, Carla, Jennifer, Kaigan, Amy, Rebecca, Ronnie, Blair, Mark, Barbara, Adrian, April & JB, Leslie & Rick.

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, Joe, Gwen, Morgan, Billy, Bob, Diane, Peter, Jerry, Nora, Lonn, Leah, Susan, Brandon, Brenda, Jan, Lizz, Mac, Millie, Gregory, Renee, Mason, Brady, Garrett, Chris, Mary, Stuart, Carter, Claudia, Carol, Pat, Dana

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: Pamela

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.

Subscribe to our Weekly Emails!

Want to get all the news of our upcoming events?
Subscribe today - and look for our weekly emails every Friday!

Upcoming Events

Are you called to serve?
We are seeking people to serve our church in leadership positions on our Vestry and to represent our parish at the Council of our diocese. If you feel called to serve on the 2027 Vestry or as a Delegate to the 2028 Diocesan Council, please use the QR code to fill out a form. Submissions must be received by Monday, December 21, 2026. This process is being started now in order to allow time for discernment and for notification to be provided to the parish prior to the January election.

Lighting the Advent Wreath
Each Sunday in Advent, at each service, we invite a family or individual to come up and light the wreath near the beginning of each service. If you or your family would like to participate, please fill out the form. We will notify you of the schedule as soon as possible.

Advent Wreath Making: November 29 @ 11:30 am
Please join us in the large parish hall for sandwiches as we make Advent wreaths to take home! We'll also have Advent calendars to hand out. Can't make it? Let us know if you'd like an Advent wreath kit delivered to you! Contact Liza at liza.goodner@stmartininthefields.org, by November 15, if you'd like a wreath kit delivered, or prepared for you for pick up.

Advent Formation
Take, bless, break, give: Jesus' actions at the Last Supper teach us a way of life. Advent is a season where we prepare our hearts for Jesus. Each Sunday during Advent, we will take up one of these themes and ask: how might we live like Christ? Please join us on 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20 at 9:30 in the Parish Hall.

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