

### ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Tissot, James. The Exhortation to the Apostles, 1886-1894, Brooklyn Museum

In worship, the Holy Spirit gathers us around the means of grace—the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.

This type of note offers directions about the service. The people's responses are in **bold.** Any page numbers provided refer to the sections at the front of the red hymnals, with page numbers in the bottom corners. Hymn numbers provided refer to the hymnal, with numbers listed at the top of hymn pages.

The service begins with a piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

## **Prelude**

Morning Glory

**Duke Ellington** 

## Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### Welcome

The people stand.

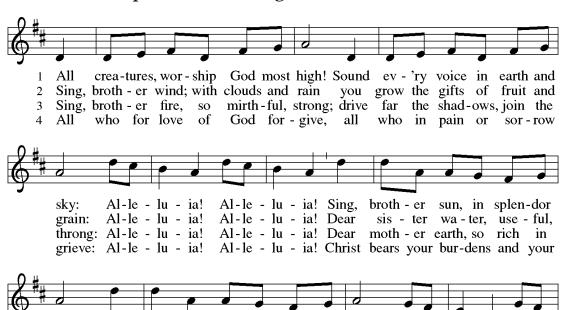
## Thanksgiving for Baptism

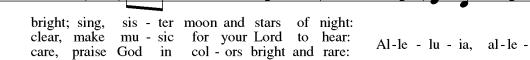
## **Processional Hymn**

Hymn 835

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

LAAST UNS ENFREUEN







still make your song a - mid the tears:

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath:
  Alleluia! Alleluia!
  Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home.
  Alleluia.
- O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
   All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia.

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

## **Canticle of Praise**





## Prayer of the Day

### Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

The people are seated.

## First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And

now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

## **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are

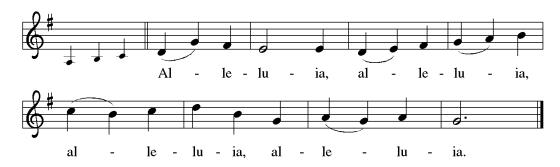
those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

The people stand.

## **Gospel Acclamation**



Gospel Luke 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup>"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and

you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The people are seated.

## Message

The people stand. Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during the Hymn of the Day.

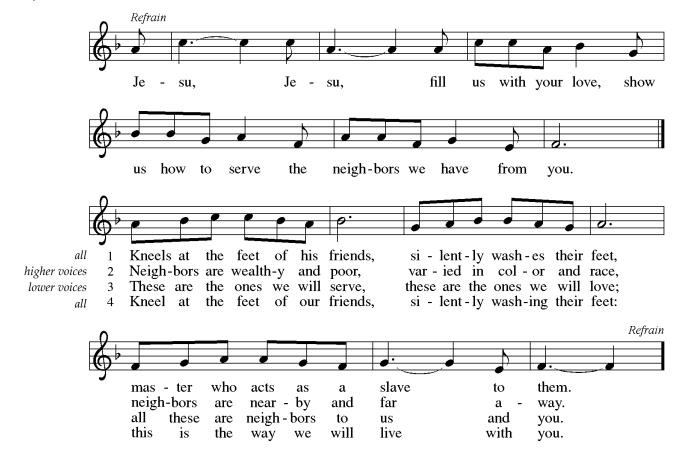
Prayer requests may also be sent via text message to prayer@saintmartins.org.

## Hymn of the Day

Hymn 708

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

**CHEREPONI** 



## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

God of grace, hear our prayer.

### The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

The people are seated.

### Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## Offering

Give in person, online at <u>saintmartins.org/giving</u>, or text "luther" and your gift amount to 73256. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

## **Musical Offering**

Maya's Prayer for Peace

Tom Trenney

Father, Mother, God, Thank you for your presence during the hard and mean days. For then we have you to lean upon. Thank you for your presence during the bright and sunny days, for then we can share that which we have with those who have less. And thank you for your presence during the Holy Days, for then we are able to celebrate you and our families and our friends. For those who have no voice, we ask you to

speak. For those who feel unworthy, we ask you to pour your love out in waterfalls of tenderness. For those who live in pain, we ask you to bathe them in the river of your healing. For those who are lonely, we ask you to keep them company. For those who are depressed, we ask you to shower upon them the light of hope. Dear Creator, You, the borderless sea of substance, we ask you to give to all the world that which we need most—Peace. -Maya Angelou

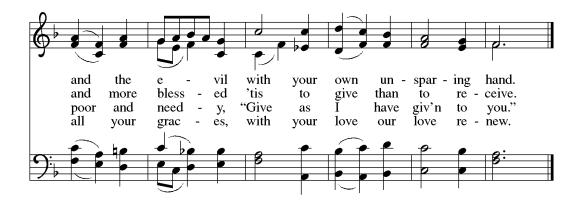
The people stand.

## Offering Hymn

Hymn 707

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us (verse 2 only) HYFRYDOL

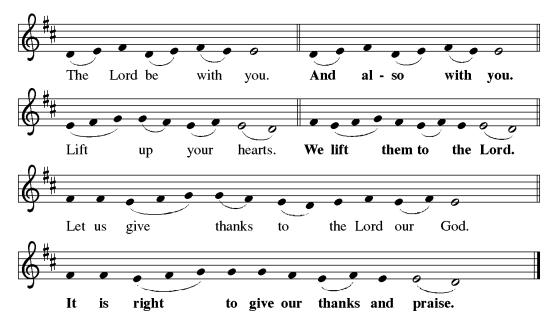




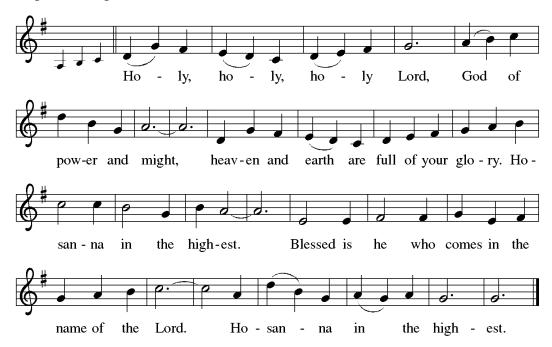
## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving



## Holy, Holy, Holy



## Thanksgiving at the Table

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

### Lord's Prayer

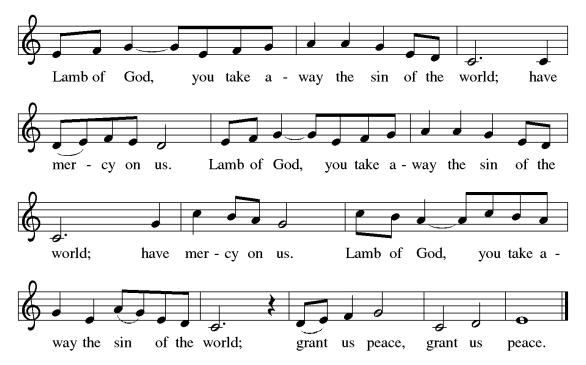
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The people are seated.

## **Agnus Dei**



**Holy Communion** Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please continue to wear your mask as you come forward to receive communion. Acolytes will offer hand sanitizer as you pass. You will receive the bread in your hands and the wine by dipping the bread in the bowl. Please consume while walking back to your seat. Gluten free wafers are available if requested. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to bring one to you.

### **Music at Communion**

Improvisation on *Lasst uns erfreuen* (All Creatures, Worship God Most High!)

The people stand.

## **Table Blessing**

## **Prayer after Communion**

## Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### **Announcements**

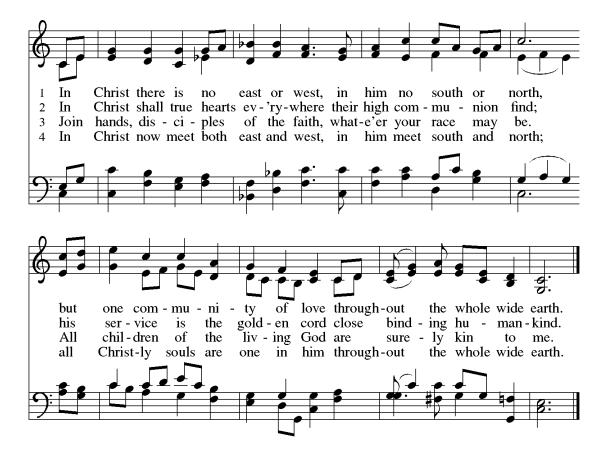
## **Blessing**

## **Sending Hymn**

Hymn 650

In Christ There Is No East or West

**MCKEE** 



### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor. Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**

March in F major

Alexandre Guilmant, Op. 46, No. 5

## **Serving Today**

Preaching: Violeta Siguenza, Interim Director Lutheran Seminary Program of

the Southwest/Wartburg Seminary

Presiding: Rev. Ellen Williams

Lector: Norm Hummell

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Henry, Norm Hummell

Director of Music: Tim O'Brien
Organist: Austin Haller

Musicians: St. Martin's Choir; Jenny Ohrstrom, soprano; Katherine Altobello-

O'Brien, alto; Jameson James, tenor; Gil Zilkha, bass

Sound: Jim Parkhurst

Video: Eddie Jennings

Ushers: Norm Hummell, chair

### **Prayers**

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Alex; David Anderson; Travis B.; Eric Bittner; family and friends of Eddie Bull; Sandra Bull; Phil Chavez; Tommy Dubuque; Ellen; Penelope Felger; Peter Jordahl; Laura Krause; Lorraine, Seve, Jackie, and Joe; Phil McNeeley; family and friends of Beth Orton; Sofia Orton; David Pierce; family of Ruben Sanchez; family and friends of Bobbie Simpson; family and friends of Jo Ann Slack; family of Judy Walhovd; Daniel Wiederhold; those impacted by fires in Colorado.

### **CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR**

Terry Adcock; Bob Aus; Emily Berggren; Patricia Byous; Eleanor and Dave; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Duke Hobbs; Ronnie Johnson; Betsy Knauff; Walt Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy; Helen Pegg; Jeff Puskos; Betty Staehr; Christie Tietjen.

## February Benevolence: St. Martin's Lunch Bag Ministry

This month we highlight the wonderful work of St. Martin's lunch bag ministry, which alongside our Supply the Unhoused efforts and St. Martin's Freeze Night shelter, provides sustenance and support for those experiencing homelessness in our community. Consider giving to or getting involved with these ministries. Go to saintmartins.org/giving to donate, or contact info@saintmartins.org to be connected with the leaders of these fabulous groups to learn more.

#### Events & Announcements

#### This Week at St. Martin's

### Sunday, February 20

9:00 am Holy Communion10:00 am Faith Formation Hour11:00 am Holy Communion

#### Tuesday, February 22

9:00 am WELCA Tack & Pack

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed: Dealing with Anxiety, Depression and

Suicide

#### Wednesday, February 23

1:00 pm Pastor's Book Class

5:30 pm Wednesday Game Night (Gym)

7:00 pm Music Rehearsals

#### Saturday, February 26

2:00 pm A Service of Praise & Thanksgiving for Beth Orton

#### Sunday, February 27

9:00 am Holy Communion10:00 am Faith Formation Hour11:00 am Holy Communion

1:30 pm Austin City Lutherans Homeless Network Gathering

(www.breadforall-atx.org)

#### Stephen Ministry Continuing Education | Tuesday, February 22, 7:00 pm

Dealing with Anxiety, Depression, and Suicide. All congregants are welcome to join us on Zoom. Just contact Fred Aus at fredaustx@gmail.com for your Zoom invitation. UPCOMING Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Programs: March 22, 7:00 pm - Communicating with People Suffering from Dementia

#### Family Hike | Saturday, February 26th

Hike on the Barton Creek Green Belt with us! We will be starting at the Hill of Life entrance. Please RSVP to Cason at cmiller@saintmartins.org.

#### CROP Hunger Walk 2022 | March 5, 2022

You can help make a difference in local and global hunger by walking in our CROP Hunger Walk

this year. Our congregation has a number of walkers participating. If you are interested in participating, sponsoring a walker, or just learning more, contact Kent Mickelson at kbmick2@alumni.utexas.net or go to crophungerwalk.org.

#### Blessed Are You | Lent 2022 at St. Martin's

Ash Wednesday marks the start of our Lenten journey together. Join us for worship on March 2nd at 12:00 or 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary as we begin our forty day sojourn to the cross.

Lenten Vespers will begin on Wednesday evening the following week at 7:00 pm in the Worship Park. Join us for worship as we hear community members reflect on Jesus's powerful Beatitudes and enjoy the beautiful music of the Holden Evening Prayer. Lenten Meals provided by our community will be offered before the service in the Worship Park at 6:30 pm.