

FEBRUARY 20, 2022 | 9:00 AM

LOVE, SHARE, & SERVE BOLDLY.

No matter where you find yourself on your faith journey — join us!

Here you have found a church home where believers congregate to encourage each other and grow spiritually in an abundant relationship with the Lord. At St. Martin's, we promote and value an inclusive fellowship. Whether you are young, old, gay, straight, single, married, partnered — from all walks of life, backgrounds, and cultures — we welcome you!

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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.*

We welcome you to our family worship, a casual and reflective service of togetherness. Please feel free to sit and stand as you feel called to throughout the service.



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

REFLECTION "Love my enemies, enemy my love" by Rebecca Seiferle

Oh, we fear our enemy's mind, the shape
in his thought that resembles the cripple
in our own, for it's not just his fear
we fear, but his love and his paradise.

We fear he will deprive us of our peace
of mind, and, fearing this, are thus deprived,
so we must go to war, to be free of this
terror, this unrelenting fear, that he might

he might, he might. Oh it's hard to say
what he might do or feel or think.
Except all that we cannot bear of
feeling or thinking—so his might

must be met with might of armor
and of intent—informed by all the hunger
down within the bunker of ourselves.
How does he love? and eat? and drink?

He must be all strategy or some sick lie.
How can reason unlock such a door,
for we bar it too with friends and lovers,

in waking hours, on ordinary days?


Finding the other so senseless and unknown,
we go to war to feel free of the fear
of our own minds, and so come
to ruin in our hearts of ordinary days.

Rebecca Seiferle, "'Love my enemies, enemy my love'" from Wild Tongue.

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GATHERING SONG

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place



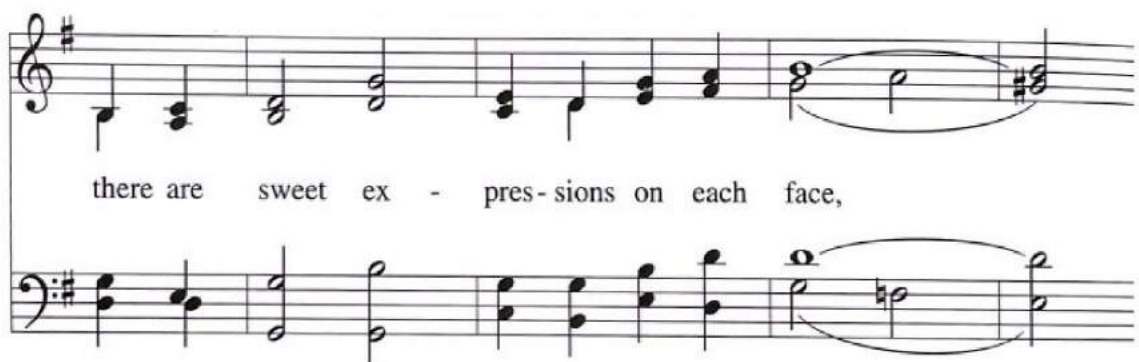
There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place,

The first system of musical notation for the song 'Gathering Song'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place,' are written below the notes. The melody features a series of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a half note on a G. The bass line consists of a series of quarter notes, ending with a half note on a G.



and I know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord;

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues with a series of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a half note on a G. The bass line continues with a series of quarter notes, ending with a half note on a G.



there are sweet ex - pres - sions on each face,

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues with a series of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a half note on a G. The bass line continues with a series of quarter notes, ending with a half note on a G.

and I know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove,

stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love;

and for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in praise;

with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

GREETING

May God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us as we worship today.

Please take a moment to greet those near you.

PRAYER

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

READING

Luke 6:27-38

The good news from God, according to Luke.

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

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If 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. ³⁵But 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. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, 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.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

For additional devotion, you may wish to read and reflect on the rest of the assigned lectionary texts for the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany: Genesis 45:3-11, 15, Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40, 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50.

The children come forward for the children’s message.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during the sermon song.

Prayer requests may also be made by sending a text message to prayer@saintmartins.org.

SERMON SONG

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Hymn 708

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



all 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
 higher voices 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
 lower voices 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
 all 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

Refrain

PRAYERS

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

Offerings may be placed in the basket in the narthex, or you can donate at saintmartins.org/giving or text “luther” and your gift amount to 73256. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

luther \$100

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

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Let us pray. Thank you for the gift of your body and blood that renews us so we can be your presence in our world. Amen

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

We Are Marching in the Light



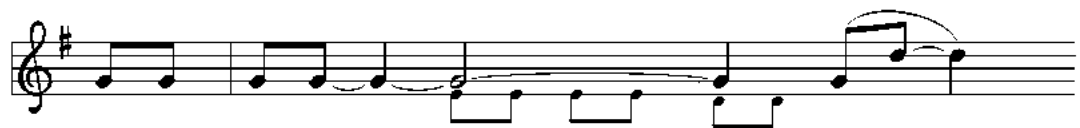
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

DISMISSAL

Let's leave here to love, share, and serve boldly. **And give thanks to God.**

POSTLUDE

We Are Marching in the Light of God

South African tune

SERVING TODAY

Violeta Siguenza, Interim Director Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest/Wartburg
Seminary - *presiding*

Pastor Ellen Williams - *presiding*

James & Sally Gavin - *communion ministers*

St. Martin's Choir; Austin Haller, piano; Darin Layne, guitar; Andrew Fuhrman, drums - *musicians*

Jim Parkhurst - *sound*

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Norm Hummell, chair - *ushers*

ST. MARTIN'S 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 Communion
- 10:00 am Faith Formation Hour
- 11:00 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 Communion
- 10:00 am Faith Formation Hour
- 11:00 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.