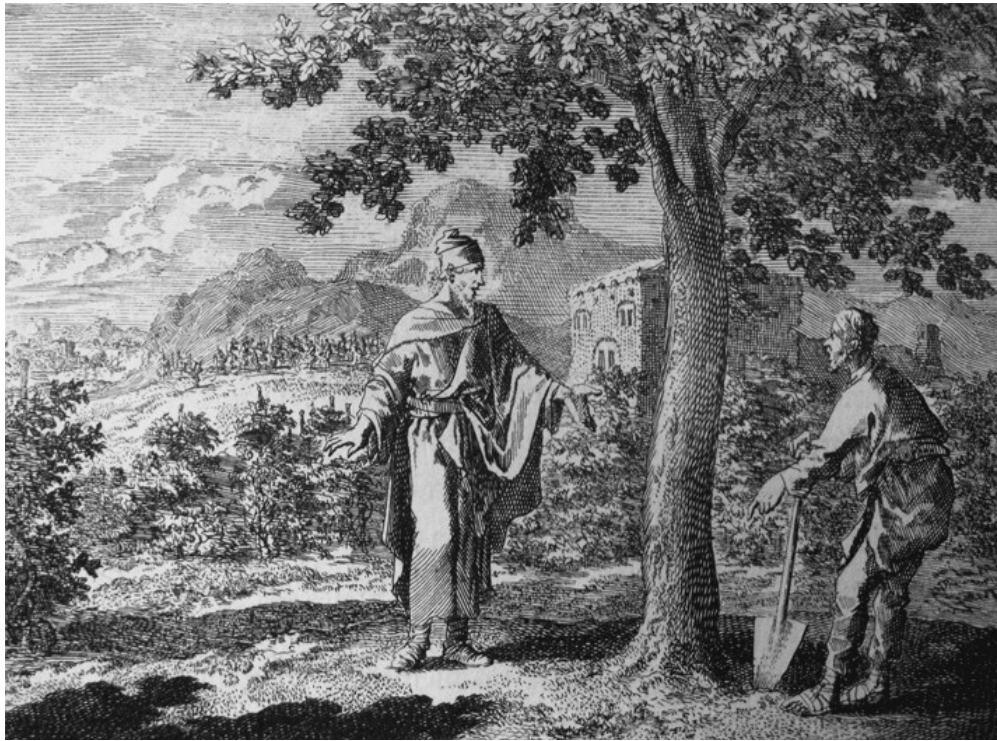




ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
606 W 15TH Street, Austin, Texas | www.saintmartins.org

March 20, 2022 | 11:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



Luyken, Jan. *The Parable of the Fig Tree*, 1795, Bowyer Bible

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

Choral Dorian

Jehan Alain

Gathering

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

Welcome

The people stand.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

Hymn 647

BLAENWERN

1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a

of our God! He whose word can - not be bro - ken
ter - nal love, well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters,
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,
mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pit - y,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glorious Things of You Are Spoken'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the final four lines of the hymn. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while such a
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
 I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain

found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 ban - ner light by night and shade by day, safe they
 plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show; sol - id

va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.
 like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.
 joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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.**

Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Word

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

The people are seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

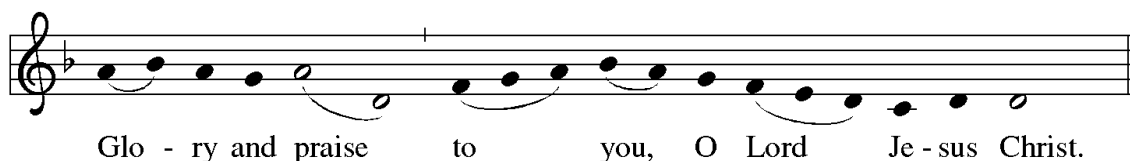
¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

The people stand.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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

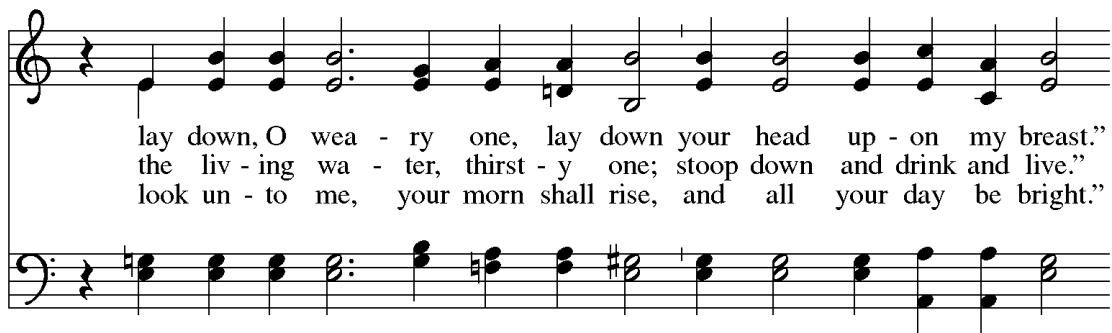
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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (*verse 2 choir only*)

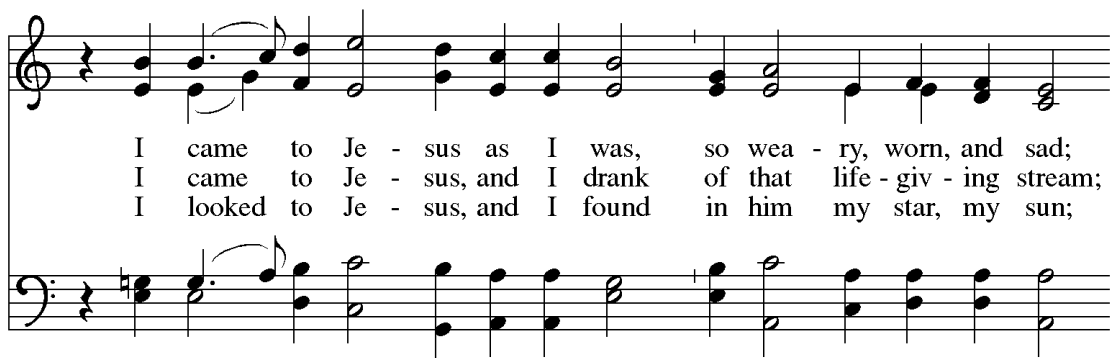
THIRD MODE MELODY



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

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

Merciful God, receive 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 saintmartins.org/giving, or text "luther" and your gift amount to 73256. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

Musical Offering

Like as the Hart

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

The people stand.

Offering Hymn

Hymn 447

O Blessed Spring

(verse 1 & 5)

BERGLUND



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Offering Prayer

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

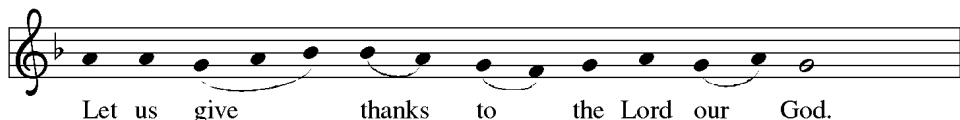
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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first line of music covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second line of music covers the third line of lyrics. The third line of music covers the fourth line of lyrics. The fourth line of music covers the fifth line of lyrics. The fifth line of music covers the sixth line of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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...with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

...into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

...with us now. **We thank you, O God.** ...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Hymn 194



A - gnus De - i, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.
Lamb of God, . . you take away the sin of the world; have . . mer-cy on . . us.



A - gnus De - i, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.
Lamb of God, . . you take away the sin of the world; have . . mer-cy on . . us.



A - gnus De - i, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no - bis pa - cem.
Lamb of God, . . you take away the sin of the world; grant . . us . . . peace.

Holy Communion *Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. 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

Ombra mai fu

G.F. Handel

*Frondi tenere e belle del mio platano amato per voi
risplenda il fato. Tuoni, lampi, e procelle non
v'oltraggino mai la cara pace, né giunga a profanarvi
austro rapace. Ombra mai fu di vegetabile,
cara ed amabile, soave più.*

*Tender and beautiful fronds of my beloved tree, let fate
smile upon you. May thunder, lightning, and storms
never disturb your dear peace, nor may you by
blowing winds be profaned. Never was a shade of any
plant dearer and more lovely, or more sweet.*

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 618

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

CWM RHONDDA

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

J.S. Bach, BWV 642

Serving Today

Preaching/Presiding:	Rev. Ellen Williams
Lector:	Lisa Stafford
Eucharistic Ministers:	Heidi Gibbons, Ann Graham
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

Refreshments for Food & Fellowship provided by Tim Fackler and Susan Jensen.

National Quilt Day | Saturday, March 19 was National Quilting Day. The quilts in the front represent the 27.4 million quilts that have been sent around the world in the last 75 years by Lutheran World Relief to those in need. "Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of love."

Prayers

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Family and friends of Ed Abrahamson; Amanda and children; Wayne Bahr; Bri; Cathy and family and friends; Randy Chambers; Kim Dodigon; Paul Elmshaeuser; Pam Hite; Jeannine; Margaret Puskos; Rothstein family; Satka family; family and friends of Mary Gordon Spence; Donna Stone; Teresa's family; the Ukrainian citizens and refugees and marginalized communities.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

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

March Benevolence: SAFE Alliance

The SAFE Alliance is a Central Texas nonprofit committed to providing safety, stability, and healing to anyone who has experienced violence and abuse. Locally, we provide housing, support services, and prevention programs to stop the cycle of violence. Globally, we engage in conversations that shape a culture free from violence and abuse. Learn more at safeaustin.org.

SAFEline is a 24-hour confidential hotline for people seeking help with sexual or domestic violence, child abuse, human trafficking, or parenting support and is available by phone at 512.267.SAFE (7233), by text at 737.888.7233, or by online chat at safeaustin.org/chat.

Events & Announcements

This Week at St. Martin's

Sunday, March 20

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Faith Formation Hour
- 11:00 am Holy Communion
- 3:00 pm Lea Walker-Clark Ordination

Tuesday, March 22

- 9:00 am WELCA Tack & Pack
- 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Education

Wednesday, March 23

- 1:00 pm Pastor's Book Class
- 6:30 pm Lenten Meal provided by St. Martin's Musicians
- 7:00 pm Lenten Vespers

Sunday, March 27

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Faith Formation Hour
- 11:00 am Holy Communion

TODAY! Ordination & Affirmation of Lea Walker-Clark | Sunday, March 20th, 2022, 3:00 pm

Lea Walker-Clark will be ordained and affirmed as pastor at Palabra de Vida Ministries on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception following the service. This event is kid friendly, all are welcome, and all should prepare to have fun! The service will also be livestreamed on St. Martin's YouTube, Facebook, and website. You may send acknowledgement to leawalkerclark@gmail.com.

***Blessed Are You* | Lenten Vespers**

Join us Wednesdays in Lent for our Lenten Vespers services at 7:00 pm in the Worship Park. We'll sit by the new fire pit 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.

Easter Lily Sales

The Flower Guild will be selling Easter lilies Sunday March 20 through Sunday, April 10. The cost is \$15.00 each. These will adorn the worship space on Easter Sunday, April 17. Easter lilies may be purchased at church on Sunday mornings or online at saintmartins.org/flowers. Be sure to note on the form or in the memo line online your preferred dedication.

Altar Guild Needs Your Help!

Congregational help is needed for set-up and clean up of communion for worship and special services. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please call or text Tom Blomquist at 512-431-4507.