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March 27, 2022 | 11:00 AM

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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Murillo, Bartolomé Esteban. *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, 1667/1670, National Gallery of Art, Washington DC

*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

Wondrous Love: Variations on a Shape-Note Hymn      Samuel Barber, Op. 34

# 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

Hymn 666

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

## 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

**Joshua 5:9-12**

*By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.*

<sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup>While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On

the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

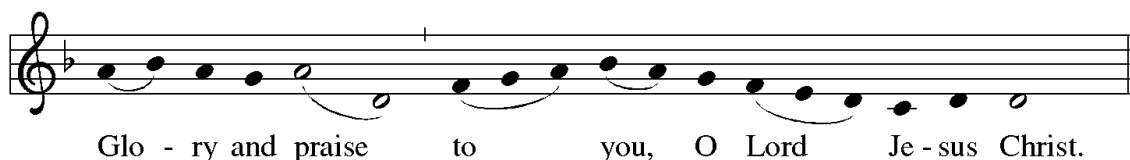
<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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.**

*Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.*

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup>"There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and

asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

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.*

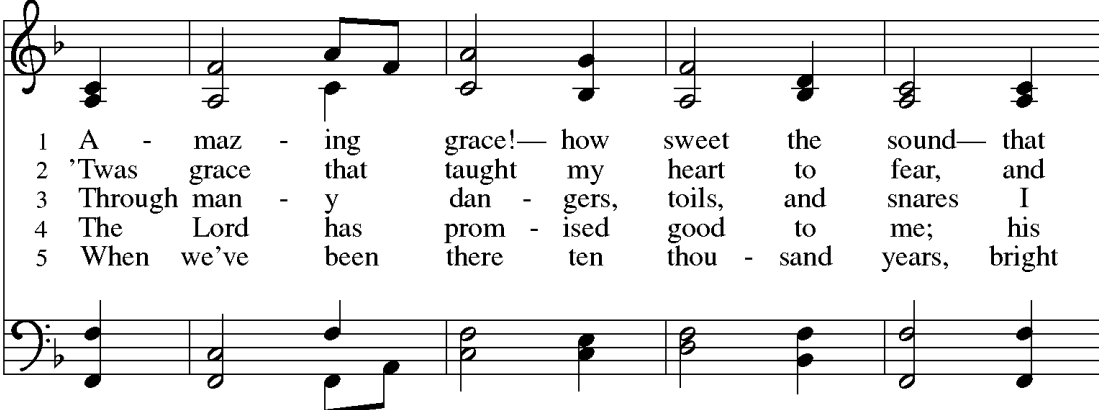
*Prayer requests may also be sent via text message to [prayer@saintmartins.org](mailto:prayer@saintmartins.org).*

# Hymn of the Day

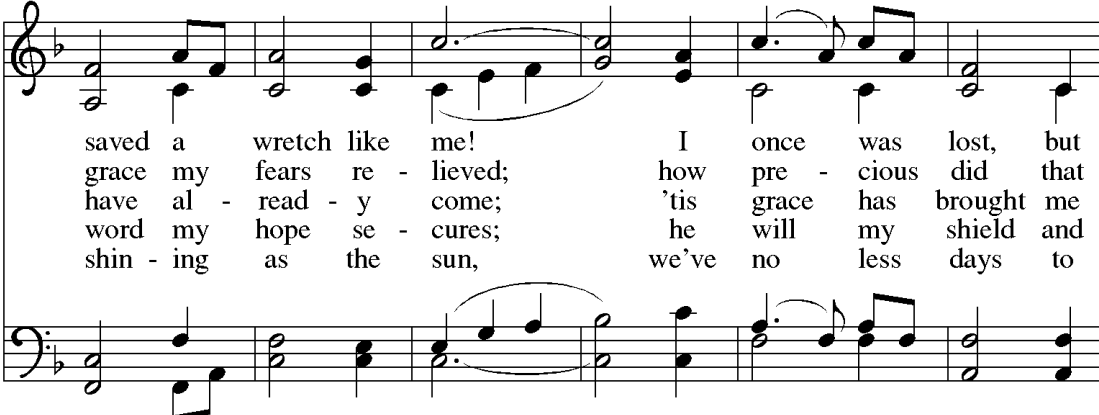
## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Hymn 779


NEW BRITAIN



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.



## 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.*

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## Offering

Give in person, online at [saintmartins.org/giving](http://saintmartins.org/giving), or text "luther" and your gift amount to 73256. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

## Musical Offering

Come On Up to the House

Tom Waits & Kathleen Brennan

*The people stand.*

# Offering Hymn

Hymn 607

Come, Ye Disconsolate

(verse 1 & 3)

CONSOLATOR

1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;  
2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,  
3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing

come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.  
hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;  
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;  
here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,  
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.  
"Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."  
earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

## 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

## 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 image shows five staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, the fourth has two measures, and the fifth has two measures.

## 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

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

*The people stand.*

## Table Blessing

## Prayer after Communion

# Sending

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

## Announcements

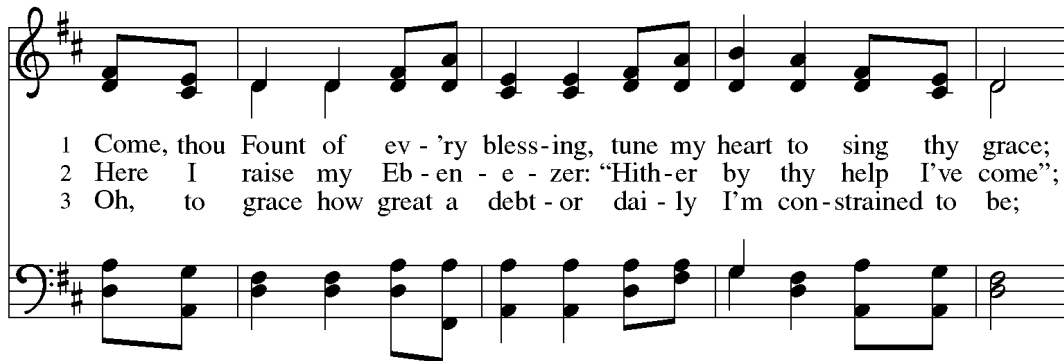
## Blessing

## Sending Hymn

Hymn 807

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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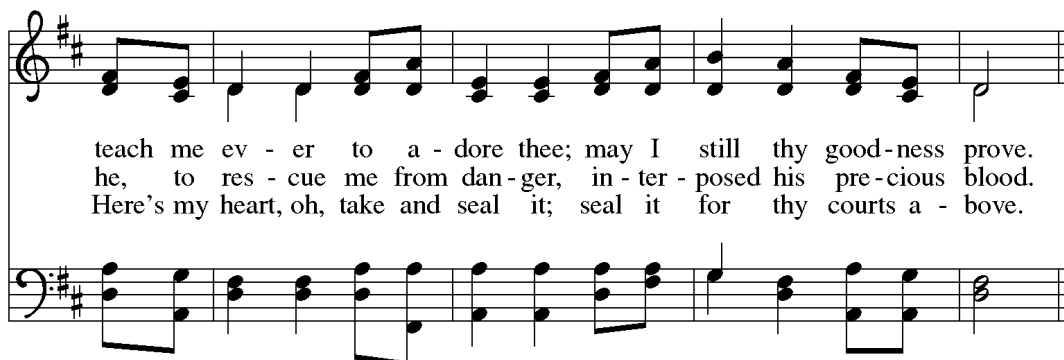
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

Elegy

C. Hubert Parry

## Serving Today

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Preaching/Presiding:	Rev. Lea Walker-Clark
Assisting Minister:	Rev. Ellen Williams
Lector:	Anna Bergstrom
Eucharistic Ministers:	Carey Henderson, Linda Zander
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

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Family and friends of Ed Abrahamson; Amanda and children; Wayne Bahr; Bri; Cathy and family and friends; Randy Chambers; Kim Dodigon; Eileen; Paul Elmshaeuser; Henry; Pam Hite; Deborah R. Duncan Hurdle and Malfred Duncan; Jeannine; family of Delores (Dee) Nelson; family and friends of Mary Gordon Spence; Donna Stone; family and friends of Zack Swenson; the Ukrainian citizens and refugees and marginalized communities; all people.

### 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

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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](http://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](http://safeaustin.org/chat).*

## Events & Announcements

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

#### **Sunday, March 27**

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

#### **Monday, March 28**

- 7:30 pm Heart & Mind Gospel Study

#### **Tuesday, March 29**

- 9:00 am WELCA Tack & Pack

#### **Wednesday, March 30**

- 1:00 pm Pastor's Book Class
- 6:30 pm Lenten Meal provided by Stephen Ministers
- 7:00 pm Lenten Vespers

#### **Saturday, April 2**

- 8:30 am Mop & Hammer

#### **Sunday, April 3**

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

**Food & Fellowship** | Please stay after the service today and enjoy conversation, a cup of coffee, and snacks provided by our wonderful volunteers! All bakers and other lovers of great snacks can sign up to help this ministry by bringing food for fellowship after worship. Storebought or homemade, sweet or savory: all snacks welcome! Thank you to all those helping with this ministry of hospitality. To sign up, speak to Abby Adams or email at [adams.abigail.m@gmail.com](mailto:adams.abigail.m@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. Please bring your own beverage and a plate for your use to help us reduce the use of paper products.

## **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](http://saintmartins.org/flowers). Be sure to note on the form or in the memo line online your preferred dedication.

## **Pancake Breakfast | April 17th, 2022**

Save the date for our annual pancake breakfast on Easter Sunday! Come help the high school students raise funds for our summer trips, from Big Bend to Galveston! Part of the St. Martin's Easter Celebration