

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

9:00 AM



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

606 W 15TH STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS

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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!*

We welcome you to our Family Worship, a casual and reflective service of togetherness. 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.

Families with small children are invited to sit at the front of the sanctuary on or near the Playground rug where there are toys and activities for them. The joyful noise of our young ones is always welcome in this space.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex or you can listen through your smartphone. The ushers are available to help you.

*Notes in italics offer directions about the service. **The people's responses are in bold.***

PRELUDE

The service begins with a piece of music, during which we prepare for worship.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

REFLECTION

We share a piece to invite us into consideration of scripture and worship through different voices.

SALT

LISA K EMMY

There is something sacred in salt;
In your tears,
In the ocean,
In being thrown over a shoulder.
The savior of dull food,
Melter of ice,
And superstition protector.
It rims glasses of margaritas,
Describes a bitter soul,
Traces sweet kisses,
And eases aches and pains.
Salt is a mystical comfort,
A building block in life,
And vital to existence.
So when you let your tears fall,
Relish the sacred pillar of salt.
Though it burns the eyes and stings the nose,
It is necessary for healing,
Crucial in living,
And blessed by God above.

GATHERING SONG

Please stand as you are able.

GATHER US IN

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

GREETING

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

Amen

PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

READING

MATTHEW 5:13-20

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

CHILDREN'S SONG

Please be seated. Children are invited to come forward for the children's time with the Pastor.

I'VE GOT A ROBE

Verses 1&2

I'VE GOT A ROBE

1 I've got a robe, you've got a robe, all of God's chil-dren got a robe.
2 I've got . . shoes, you've got . . shoes, all of God's chil-dren got . . shoes.

When I get to heav - en goin' to put on my robe,
When I get to heav - en goin' to put on my shoes,

goin' to shout all o - ver God's heav-en, heav-en, heav-en.
goin' to walk all o - ver God's heav-en, heav-en, heav-en.

Ev - 'ry - bod - y talk - in' 'bout heav - en ain't go - in' there;
Ev - 'ry - bod - y talk - in' 'bout heav - en ain't go - in' there;

heav-en, heav-en, goin' to shout all o - ver God's heav-en.
heav-en, heav-en, goin' to walk all o - ver God's heav-en.

CHILDREN'S TIME

MESSAGE

SERMON SONG

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer cards, which can be found in the pew pockets, are collected by the ushers during the hymn. Prayer requests may also be sent via email or text message to prayer@saintmartins.org.

GOD, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

ITALIAN HYMN



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

PRAYERS

Each petition ends with: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

AT THE TABLE

Please be seated.

LOOK WHO GATHERS AT CHRIST'S TABLE

COPELAND

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries

that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -

vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they

all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.

AT THE TABLE REFLECTION

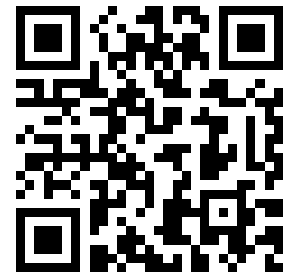
Throughout 2023, members of our congregation share on our Stewardship theme "At the Table".

Our St. Paul neighbor Clara shared a recipe for "Green Jello" which became a family favorite. This simple dish graced our table in life events from baptisms, confirmations, holidays, and funerals. We gathered around holding hands singing, "Be present at our table Lord", and quickly consumed the jello on either mother's 1955 wedding china, everyday melamine dishes, or paper plates at a picnic. It was and still brings sweetness as we remember sacred moments of the past and dream of those yet to come. God gathers us together to an ordinary table with resplendent Green Jello that connects, binds, and gives us a glimpse of the feast to come.

Dawn Denne

OFFERING

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by our offerings of ourselves, our time and our possessions.
Now we give as God has so graciously
given to us. To donate electronically,
go to saintmartins.org/giving or scan the QR code.*



MUSICAL OFFERING

LONG AS I CAN SEE THE LIGHT

JOHN FOGERTY

Put a candle in the window
But I feel I've got to move
Though I'm going, going, I'll be coming home soon
Long as I can see the light

Pack my bag and let's get movin'
'Cause I'm bound to drift a while
Well I'm gone, gone, you don't have to worry no
Long as I can see the light

Guess I've got that old travelin' bone
'Cause this feelin' won't leave me alone

But I won't, won't be losin' my way, no, no
Long as I can see the light
Yeah, yeah, yeah, oh yeah

Put a candle in the window
But I feel I've got to move
Though I'm going, going, I'll be coming home soon
Long as I can see the light

Long as I can see the light
Long as I can see the light
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OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

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

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION *Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please come forward to receive the bread then pick up a plastic cup before receiving wine. 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 let the communion assistants know.*

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

SALT AND LIGHT

LAUREN DAIGLE

Oh, the beauty of the King
You make righteous those who seek
You have written and redeemed my story
Let my eyes see Your kingdom shine all around
Let my heart overflow with passion for Your name
Let my life be a song, revealing who You are
For You are salt and light

Oh, the love that set me free
You bring hope to those in need
You have written and redeemed my story
Let my eyes see Your kingdom shine all around
Let my heart overflow with passion for Your name
Let my life be a song, revealing who You are

For You are salt and light
You are love's great height
You are deep and wide
A consuming fire

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TABLE BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you today, tomorrow and always. **Amen.**

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

Please be seated.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to you

To Jesus be true

May God bless you always

Happy Birthday to you!

BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod

+ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT: SIYAHAMBA

SIYAHAMBA

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God.

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God, light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

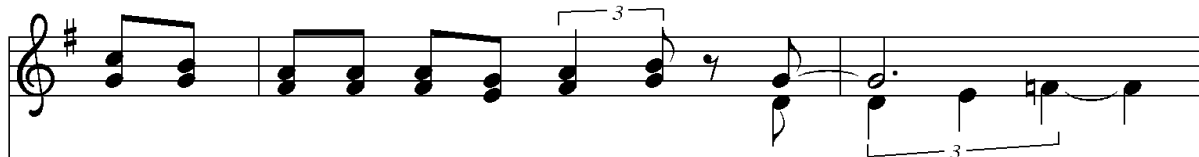
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Si - ya - ham - ba. Si - ya - ham - ba. oo oo

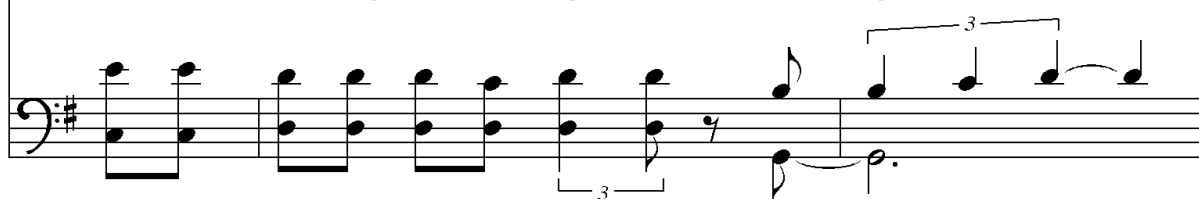
We are march - ing. We are march - ing. oo oo

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

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



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



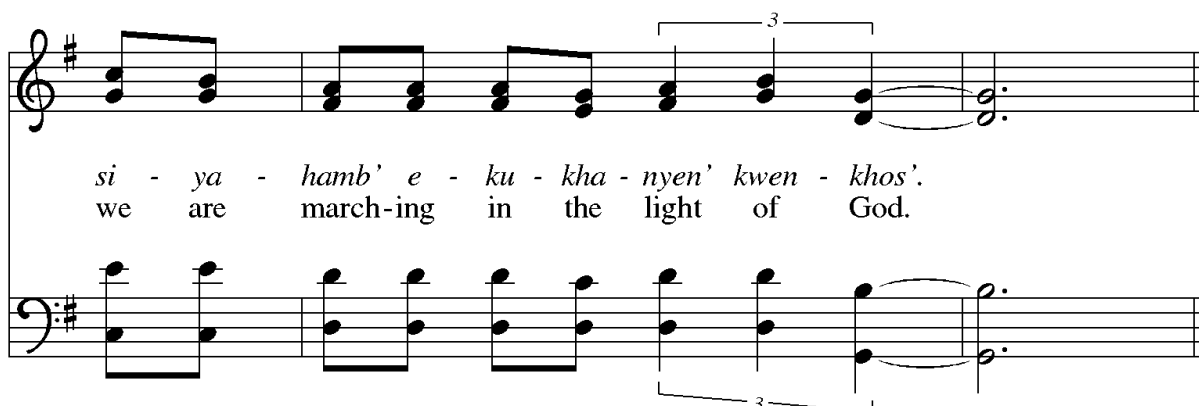
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we are march-ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____
We are march-ing _____

oo _____
oo _____



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



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

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. Amen!

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*
Tom Blomquist- *assisting minister*
Nora Friedrich, Tom Friedrich- *communion assistants*

Tim O'Brien - Director of Music
Austin Haller - Associate Director of Music
Katherine Altobello O'Brien, *vocals*; Andrew Fuhrman, *drums*;
Darin Layne, *guitar - musicians*

Norm Hummell- *ushers*