OCTOBER 22, 2023 9:00 AM

# 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
606 W 15<sup>TH</sup> 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 may enjoy playing with toys on the Prayground rug in the Narthex. The nursery is open for children 0-4 years. 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 happy to help you.

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

#### **PRELUDE**

I SHALL BE RELEASED

BOB DYLAN

#### GATHERING

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

#### WELCOME

Please take a moment to greet your neighbors as we begin to worship together.

#### REFLECTION

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

THE TAX POEM

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

# GATHERING SONG COMMONWEALTH IS GOD'S COMMANDMENT

RESTORATION

Please stand as you are able.



#### GREETING

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

#### PRAYER

Let us pray together. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### WORD

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

READING MATTHEW 22:15-22

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

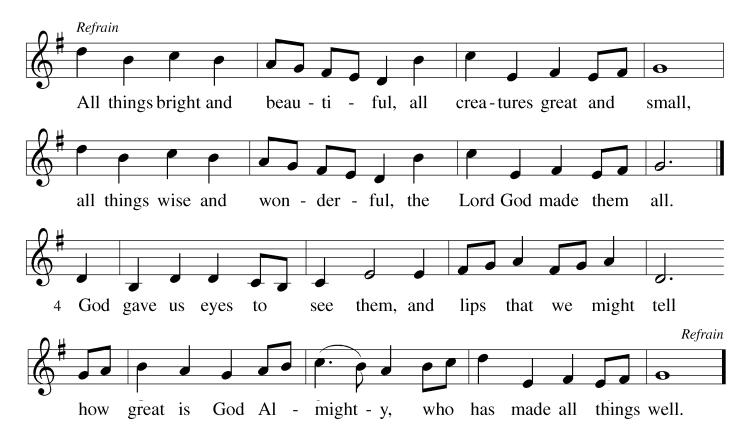
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

#### CHILDREN'S SONG

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

#### ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

ROYAL OAK



#### CHILDREN'S TIME

#### MESSAGE

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

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.



#### **PRAYERS**

Each petition ends with: God of grace, hear our prayer.

### MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

#### OFFERING

St. Martin's and its ministries are supported 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

EVERY GRAIN OF SAND

BOB DYLAN

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

God, you have given us so much and we thank you for your generosity. Please use these gifts we bring to make our world better. 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

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance...

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.

Remembering, therefore ...

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

#### Amen

#### 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 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 cup to receive 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. A Stephen Minister will be in front near the pulpit to offer healing prayer during communion. You are invited to light a prayer candle on the table near the altar.

# MUSIC AT COMMUNION WHEN THE DEAL GOES DOWN

BOB DYLAN

#### 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 together.

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.

The children are dismissed at 9:45am to go to the Chapel.

#### BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. Amen.

#### SENDING SONG

#### YOU ARE MINE

YOU ARE MINE



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

Tim Fackler - assisting minister

Carey Henderson, Michelle McGovern - communion assistants
-acolytes

Fred Aus - Stephen Minister

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

Eddie Jennings - sound Norm Hummell - ushers Altar Guild Susan Sossamon - Welcome Center