

JANUARY 21, 2024

10:00 AM

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

606 W 15TH STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS

WWW.SAINTMARTINS.ORG

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!

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 available to help you.

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

PRELUDE

TRIO SONATA NO. 3: *ADAGIO E DOLCE*

J.S. BACH, BWV 527

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.

INVITATION

MARY OLIVER

Oh do you have time
to linger
for just a little while
out of your busy

and very important day
for the goldfinches
that have gathered
in a field of thistles

for a musical battle,
to see who can sing
the highest note,
or the lowest,

or the most expressive of mirth,
or the most tender?
Their strong, blunt beaks
drink the air

as they strive
melodiously
not for your sake
and not for mine

and not for the sake of winning
but for sheer delight and gratitude -
believe us, they say,
it is a serious thing

just to be alive
on this fresh morning
in this broken world.
I beg of you,

do not walk by
without pausing
to attend to this
rather ridiculous performance.

It could mean something.
It could mean everything.
It could be what Rilke meant, when he
wrote:
You must change your life.

GATHERING HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

1 I can hear my Sav - ior call-ing, I can hear my Sav - ior call-ing,
 2 I'll go with him through the gar-den, I'll go with him through the gar-den,
 3 I'll go with him through the judg-ment, I'll go with him through the judg-ment,
 4 He will give me grace and glo-ry, he will give me grace and glo-ry,

I can hear my Sav - ior call-ing, "Take thy cross and fol-low, fol-low me."
 I'll go with him through the gar-den, I'll go with him, with him all the way.
 I'll go with him through the judg-ment, I'll go with him, with him all the way.
 he will give me grace and glo-ry, and go with me, with me all the way.

Refrain

Where he leads me I will fol-low, where he leads me I will fol-low,

where he leads me I will fol-low, I'll go with him, with him all the way.

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.**

PRAYER

Let us pray together. **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

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

READING

PSALM 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

READING

MARK 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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.

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

THIS JOY

3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
oh, oh,

The first system of music features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine; oh, oh,". The word "3" is positioned above the first note of the melody.

Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
oh,

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine; oh,". The word "oh," is positioned below the final note of the melody.

Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
oh,

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine, oh,". The word "oh," is positioned below the final note of the melody.

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece with the lyrics: "let it shine, let it shine, let it shine." The melody and accompaniment are shown with a final cadence.

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.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

HANKEY

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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

Each petition ends with: God of grace, receive our prayer

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people greet each other, saying "Peace be with you" or similar

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

OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CITY!

ARR. SHAWN KIRCHNER

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we
receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.
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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God: revealing to us your mercy and might.

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, ... 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.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

BRIGHT MORNING STARS

ARR. ALICE PARKER

Bright morning stars are rising
Bright morning stars are rising
Bright morning stars are rising
Day is a'breaking in my soul
Oh where are our dear fathers
Oh where are our dear fathers
They're down in the valley a praying
Day is a'breaking in my soul

Oh where are our dear mothers
Oh where are our dear mothers
They've gone to heaven a shoutin
Day is a'breaking in my soul
Bright morning stars are rising
Bright morning stars are rising
Bright morning stars are rising
Day is a'breaking in my soul

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.

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds

In + Christ Jesus.

Amen.

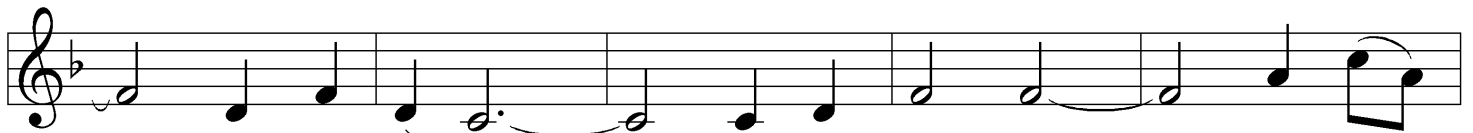
SENDING SONG

GLORY, GLORY, HALLELUJAH

GLORY GLORY HALLELUJAH



1 Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! since I laid my
2 I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter, since I laid my
3 Feel like shout - ing, "Hal - le - lu - jah!" since I laid my
4 I am climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, since I laid my
5 Ev - 'ry round goes higher and high - er, since I laid my



bur - den down. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le -
bur - den down. I feel bet - ter, so much
bur - den down. Feel like shout - ing, "Hal - le -
bur - den down. I am climb - ing Ja - cob's
bur - den down. Ev - 'ry round goes higher and



lu - jah! since I laid my bur - den down.
bet - ter, since I laid my bur - den down.
lu - jah!" since I laid my bur - den down.
lad - der, since I laid my bur - den down.
high - er, since I laid my bur - den down.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

VOLUNTARY ON *EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT*

ADOLPHUS HAILSTORK

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Lisa Stafford - *assisting minister*

Jennifer Anderson, Anna Bergstrom - *communion assistants*

Becky Montgomery - *Stephen Minister*

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*

Austin Haller - *Associate Director of Music*

St. Martin's Choir

Jenny Ohrstrom, June Julian, *soprano*

Katherine Altobello O'Brien - *mezzo-soprano*

Evan Brown - *tenor*

Gil Zilkha, Anthony Ashley - *bass*

Andrew Fuhrman - *drums*; Darin Layne - *guitar*

Jay Clement - *bass*

Scot Salmon - *video*

Mike Kaase - *sound*

Norm Hummell - *ushers*

Mamie Hickerson, Virginia Haas - *Welcome Center*

Donna Cordes, Becky Montgomery - *fellowship snacks*