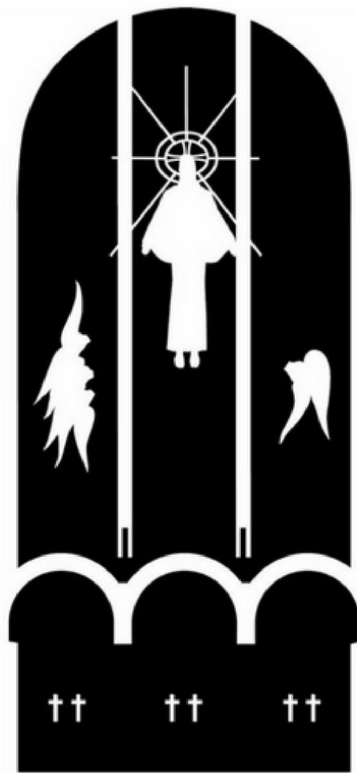


JANUARY 28, 2024

9:00 AM

4TH 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 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

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.

ON TEACHING

KAHLIL GIBRAN

Then said a teacher, Speak to us of Teaching.

And he said:

No man can reveal to you aught but that which already lies half asleep in the dawning of your knowledge.

The teacher who walks in the shadow

of the temple, among his followers, gives not of his wisdom but rather of his faith and his lovingness.

If he is indeed wise he does not bid you enter the house of his wisdom, but rather leads you to the threshold of your own mind.

The astronomer may speak to you of his understanding of space, but he cannot give you his understanding.

The musician may sing to you of the rhythm which is in all space, but he cannot give you the ear which arrests the rhythm nor the voice that echoes it.

And he who is versed in the science of numbers can tell of the regions of weight and measure, but he cannot conduct you thither.

For the vision of one man lends not its wings to another man.

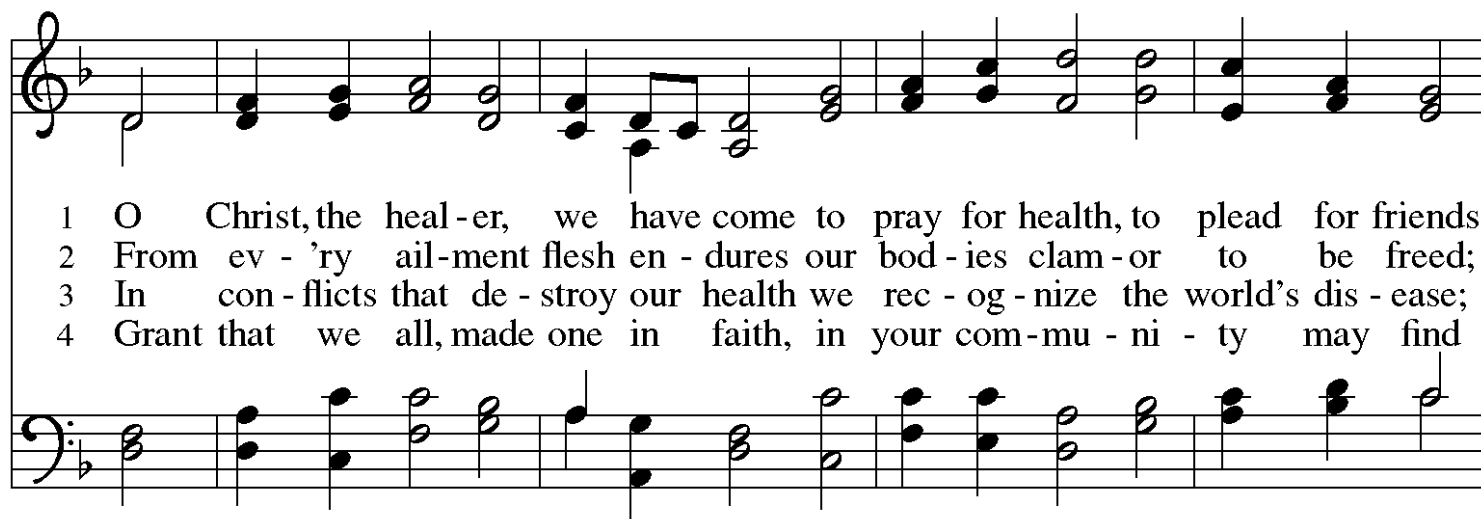
And even as each one of you stands alone in God's knowledge, so must each one of you be alone in his knowledge of God and in his understanding of the earth.

GATHERING SONG

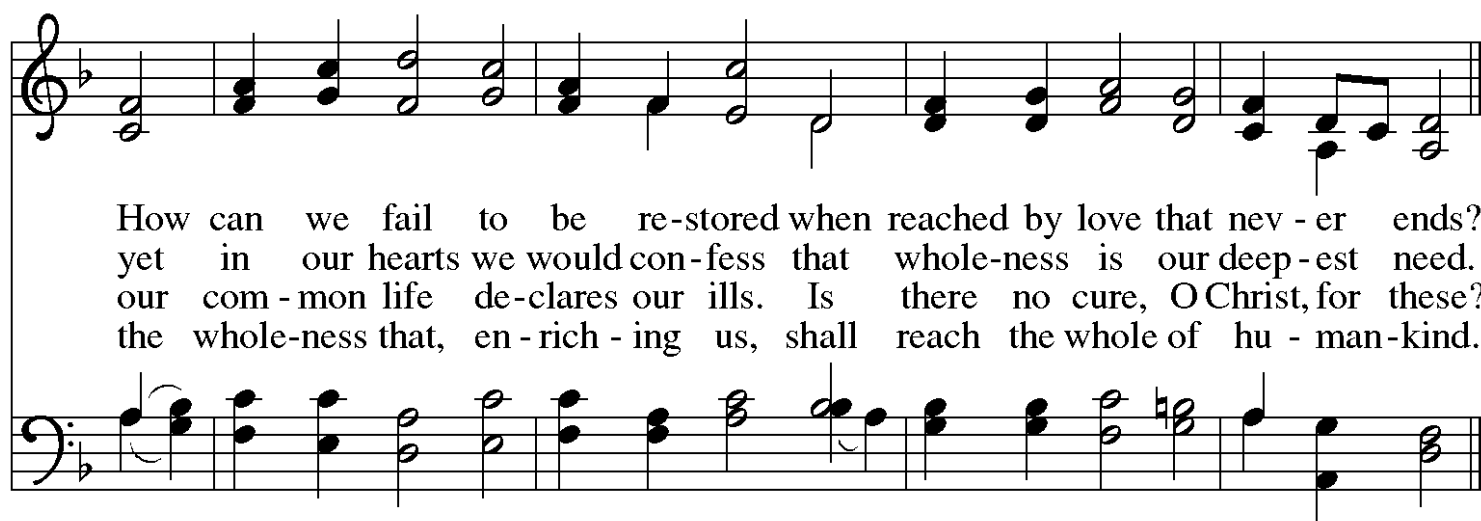
Please stand as you are able.

○ CHRIST, THE HEALER, WE HAVE COME

DISTRESS



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole-ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

GREETING

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

Amen

Please take a moment to say hello to those near you.

PRAYER

Let us pray together. **Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

WORD

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

READING

MARK 1:21-28

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
oh,

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

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: '1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine; oh, oh, this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine; oh, this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine, oh, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.' The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing harmonic support for the vocal melody.

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.

CAST OUT, O CHRIST

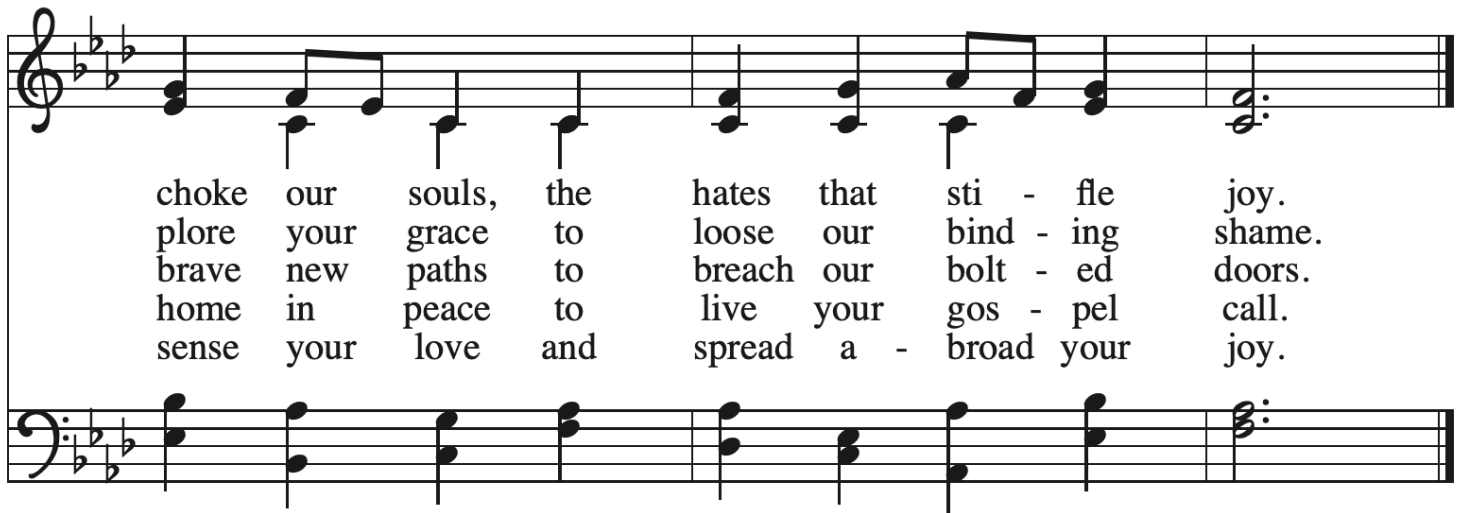
CONSOLATION



1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the
2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are
3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you
4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that
5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the



de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that
Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -
sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you
break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,
de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to



choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.
plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.
brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.
home in peace to live your gos - pel call.
sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

PRAYERS

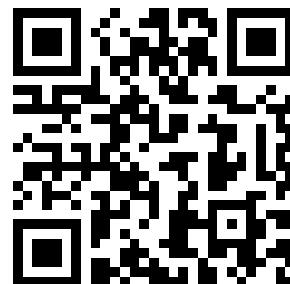
Each petition ends with: God of grace, receive our prayer

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

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN

GRAHAM NASH

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 One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: ... the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup ... We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. ... Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, ... one God, 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

THE SEEKER

DOLLY PARTON

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.

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, + one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

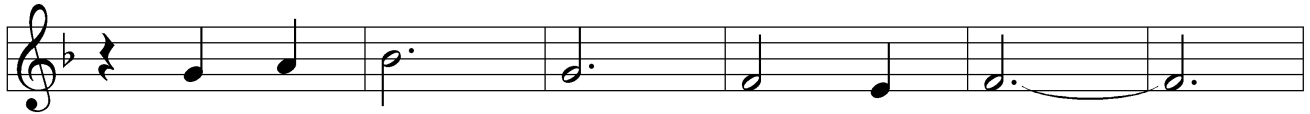
SENDING SONG

LORD, I HEAR OF SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

EVEN ME



1 Lord, I hear of show'rs of bless-ings
2 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior,
3 Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,



thou art scat - t'ring full and free;
sin - ful though my heart may be;
ev - er let me feed on thee;

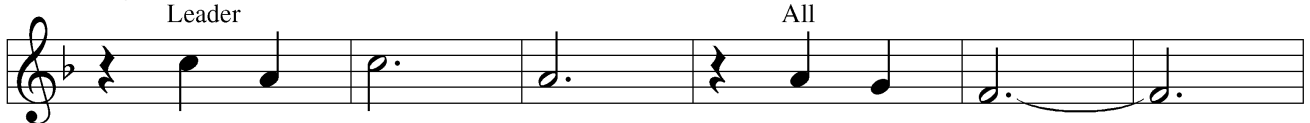


show'rs the thirst - y land re - fresh-ing,
I am long - ing for thy fa - vor,
Vine of heav - en, Vine of heav - en,



let some drops now fall on me!
while thou'rt bless - ing, oh, bless me!
let thy blood a - tone for me!

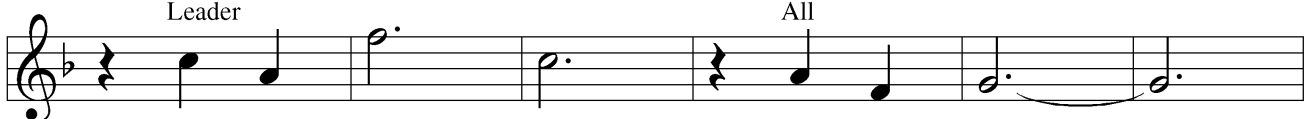
Refrain



Leader

All

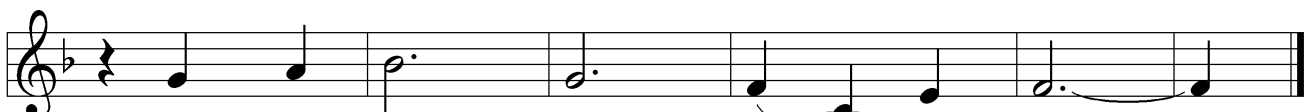
E - ven me, yes! E - ven me!
E - ven me, yes! E - ven me!
E - ven me, yes! E - ven me!



Leader

All

E - ven me, Lord! E - ven me!
E - ven me, Lord! E - ven me!
E - ven me, Lord! E - ven me!



Let some drops now fall on me!
While thou'rt bless - ing, Lord, bless me!
Let thy blood a - tone for me!

DISMISSAL

Let's leave here to love, share and serve boldly!
And give thanks to God. Amen!

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Tim Anderson - *preaching/presiding*

Ann Howard - *assisting minister*

Debbie Alkire - *communion assistant*

Mamie Hickerson - *Stephen Minister*

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*

Austin Haller - *Organist and Associate Director of Music*

Katherine Altobello O'Brien, vocals; Andrew Fuhrman, drums;

Darin Layne, guitar; Jay Clement, bass - *musicians*

Mike Kaase - *sound*

Bill Grosskopf, Connie Grosskopf,

Mike Bruemmer - *ushers*

Tom Blomquist, Nancy Schroeder,

Dina Ortiz, Janis Ottmers - *Altar Guild*

Penny Davis - *Welcome Center*

Stephanie Schweinfurth - *fellowship snacks*