FEBRUARY 11, 2024 9:00 AM

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY



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!

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 ARRIVAL

BENNY ANDERSSON & BJÖRN ULVAEUS

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.*

TODAY I WILL LISTEN

BY MARVA SHAND-MCINTOSH

GATHERING SONG *Please stand as you are able.*

WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT: SIYAHAMBA

CHILDREN PRAYING



We are singing ...

GREETING

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

Amen

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

PRAYER

Let us pray together. Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

READING

MARK 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.

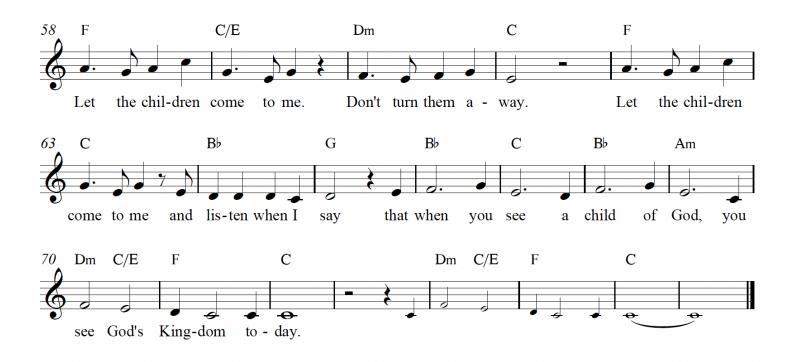
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SONG

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

LET THE CHILDREN COME

TIM O'BRIEN



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.

THERE IS WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY



BAPTISM OF BENJAMIN EDWARD LOPEZ

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth ... in God's mission for the life of the world.

PRESENTATION

Sponsors present the candidate: I present Benjamin Edward Lopez for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ? *Response:* **I do.**

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people, ... care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life? *Response:* **I do.**

The presiding minister addresses the sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith ... and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Benjamin and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Please stand as you are able.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *Response:* I renounce them. Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *Response:* I renounce them. Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *Response:* I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** We give you thanks, O God, ... through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** BAPTISM

Please be seated.

The presiding minister pours water 3 times over the child's head, representing the Holy Trinity:

Benjamin Edward Lopez, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God ... the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The presiding minister marks the child's forehead with holy oil and says: Benjamin Edward Lopez, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

A lighted candle representing the light of Christ is given to a sponsor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those who have gathered at the font return to their places.

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

TRANSFIGURATION

AODHAN THOMAS KING, BROOKE LIGERTWOOD, SCOTT ROSS LIGERTWOOD, TAYA GAUKRODGER SMITH

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.

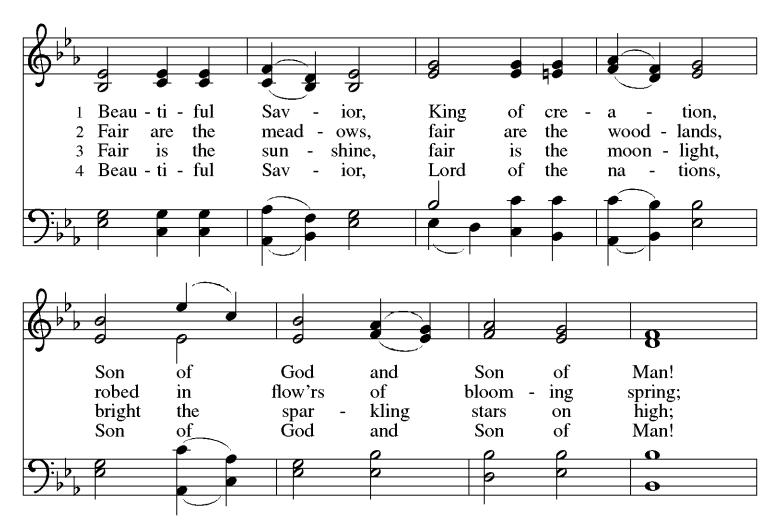
INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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 at the Prayer Station to offer healing prayer during communion. You are invited to light a prayer candle on the table near the altar.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU



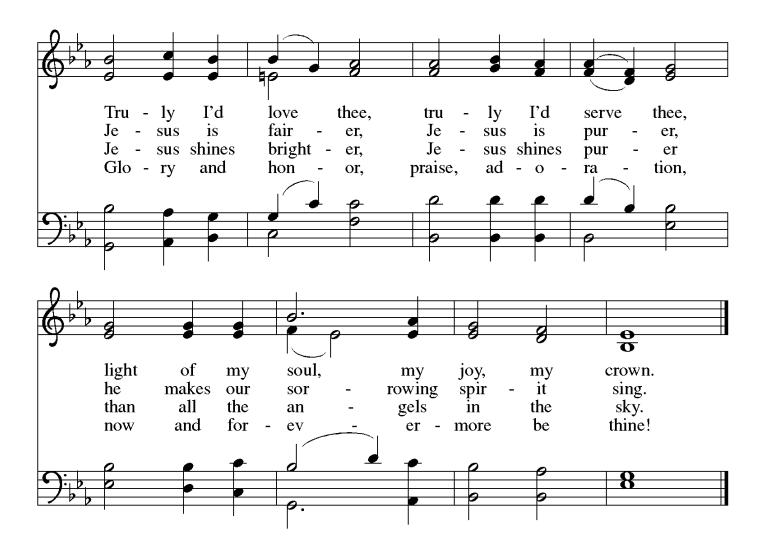


TABLE BLESSING

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.**



THANKSGIVING FOR RETIREMENT OF HVAC LOAN DEBT

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE HIGHLAND CATHEDRAL

ULRICH ROEVER & MICHAEL KORB

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - preaching/presiding Tim Fackler - assisting minister Debbie Alkire, Pat Larson - communion assistants Kathy Edgar - Prayer Station

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*

Mike Kaase - *sound* Bob Gibbons, Tim Fackler - *ushers* Ann Henry, Bill Grosskopf, Connie Grosskopf - *Altar Guild* Donna Gunter - *Welcome Center* Janis Daemmrich - *fellowship snacks*

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