

APRIL 10, 2022 | 9:00 AM

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!*

PALM + PASSION SUNDAY

In worship, 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.

*This type of note offers directions about the service. The people's responses are in **bold**.*

We welcome you to our family worship, a casual and reflective service of togetherness. Please feel free to sit and stand as you feel called to throughout the service.



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

606 W 15TH Street, Austin, Texas | www.saintmartins.org

The service begins with a piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Shreveport Stomps

Jelly Roll Morton

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40 (MSG)

²⁸⁻³¹ After saying these things, Jesus headed straight up to Jerusalem. When he got near Bethphage and Bethany at the mountain called Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions: "Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you'll find a colt tethered, one that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says anything, asks, 'What are you doing?' say, 'His Master needs him.'" ³²⁻³³ The two left and found it just as he said. As they were untying the colt, its owners said, "What are you doing untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "His Master needs him." ³⁵⁻³⁶ They brought the colt to Jesus. Then, throwing their coats on its back, they helped Jesus get on. As he rode, the people gave him a grand welcome, throwing their coats on the street. ³⁷⁻³⁸ Right at the crest, where Mount Olives begins its descent, the whole crowd of disciples burst into enthusiastic praise over all the mighty works they had witnessed:

Blessed is he who comes,
the king in God's name!
All's well in heaven!
Glory in the high places!

³⁹ Some Pharisees from the crowd told him, "Teacher, get your disciples under control!"

⁴⁰ But he said, "If they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them, shouting praise."

The children come forward for the children's message.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

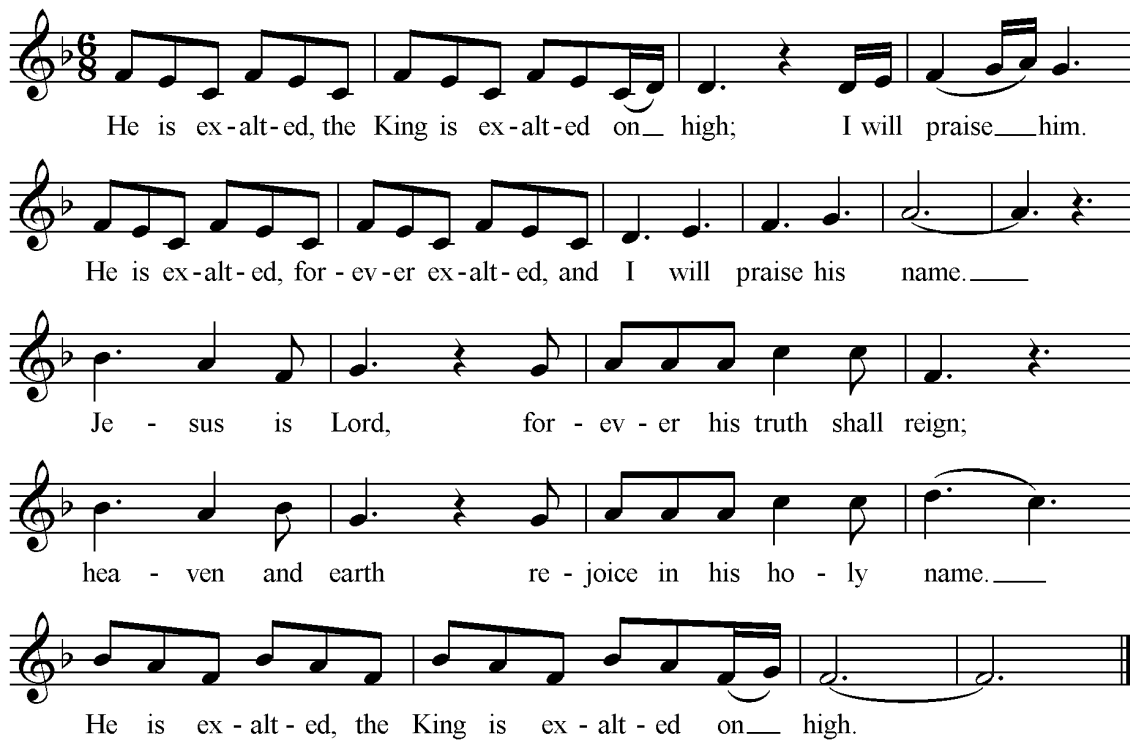
BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

TRIUMPHAL CHILDREN'S ENTRY

He is Exalted

Twila Paris



He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on_ high; I will praise__ him.

He is ex-alt-ed, for - ev-er ex-alt-ed, and I will praise his name.____

Je - sus is Lord, for - ev - er his truth shall reign;

hea - ven and earth re - joice in his ho - ly name.____

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on__ high.

GREETING

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

Please take a moment to greet those near you.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Eternal God, **in your endless love for us you sent Jesus to take on our nature and suffer death on the cross. By your mercy, let us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection. Amen.**

WORD

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

PASSION GOSPEL

John 18:1-19:42

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John...

¹[Jesus] went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" ⁵They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. ⁷Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. ¹¹Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

Jesus before the High Priest

¹²So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Peter Denies Jesus

¹⁵Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple,

who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

¹⁸Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

The High Priest Questions Jesus

¹⁹Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." ²²When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" ²⁴Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Peter Denies Jesus Again

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Jesus before Pilate

²⁸Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³²(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said

when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

Jesus Sentenced to Death

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

^{19:1}Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

⁸Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak

to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." ¹²From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

¹³When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Jesus' Side Is Pierced

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." ³⁷And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

The Burial of Jesus

³⁸After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now

there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Silence for reflection follows the reading.




For additional devotion, you may wish to read and reflect on the rest of the assigned lectionary texts for Palm Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, .Philippians 2:5-11

Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during the song of the day. Prayer requests may also be made by sending a text message to prayer@saintmartins.org.

SONG OF THE DAY

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

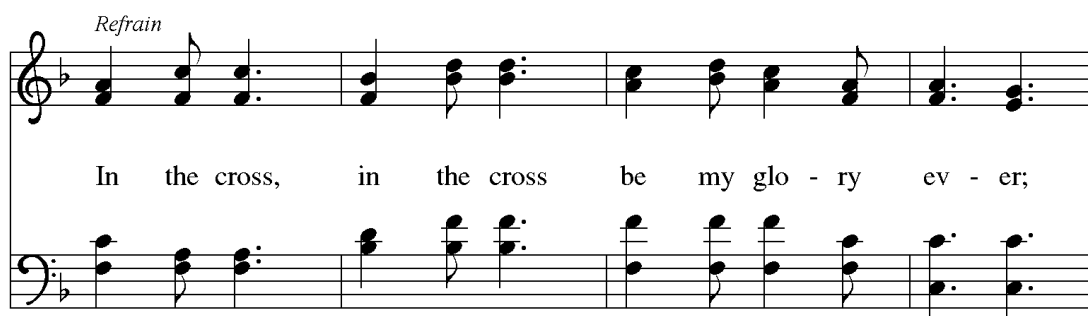


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

PRAYERS

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

Offerings may be placed in the basket in the narthex, or you can donate at saintmartins.org/giving or text "luther" and your gift amount to 73256. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

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MUSICAL OFFERING

At the Foot of the Cross

Derek Bonds

OFFERING PRAYER

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

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.

HOLY COMMUNION *Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Acolytes will offer hand sanitizer as you pass. You will receive the bread in your hands and the wine by dipping the bread in the bowl. Please consume while walking back to your seat. 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 bring one to you.*

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Thank you for the gift of your body and blood that strengthens us to be your presence in our world. Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Richard Redhead

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Tim Fackler - *assisting minister*

Archer Myers, Grant Salmon, Cason Miller - *readers*

Debbie Alkire, Sandra Chavez - *communion ministers*

Katherine Altobello-O'Brien, Tim O'Brien, vocals; Austin Haller, piano and vocals; Darin Layne, guitar; Andrew Fuhrman, drums - *musicians*

Jim Parkhurst - *sound*

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Norm Hummell, chair - *ushers*

ST. MARTIN'S PRAYERS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Terry Adcock; Judy Balentine; family and friends of LaNell Brown; Stan Cravatt; Eileen; Carolynn Elmshaeuser; Ann Henry; Henry; Pam Hite; Deborah R. Duncan Hurdle and Malfred Duncan; Joy, Carla, and Paul; Rita Naes; family of Delores (Dee) Nelson; Jenny Ohrstrom; Peggy and Raven; Glen Ratliff; family and friends of Zack Swenson; all people; wholeness and healing of all God's creation.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Bob Aus; Emily Berggren; Eric Bittner; Travis Bohmann; Patricia Byous; Eleanor and Dave; Ellen; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Ronnie Johnson; Peter Jordahl; Betsy Knauff; Walt Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy; Helen Pegg; Jeff Puskos; Betty Staehr; Christie Tietjen; Ukrainian citizens and refugees.

APRIL BENEVOLENCE: RIVER CITY YOUTH FOUNDATION

River City Youth Foundation (RCYF) is Austin's longest running locally founded youth organization, providing programs and services for the underserved community of southeast Austin's Dove Springs. RCYF provides youth and family oriented programs focused on technology training, college and career readiness, mentoring, wellness, and community development. Donate this month during offering time, or anytime online at saintmartins.org/giving.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week at St. Martin's

Sunday, April 10—*Palm Sunday*

Capitol 10K Race Day

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| 9:00 am | Holy Communion |
| 10:00 am | Faith Formation Hour |
| 11:00 am | Holy Communion |

Monday, April 11

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| 7:30 pm | Heart & Mind Gospel Study (Zoom) |
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Tuesday, April 12

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| 9:00 am | WELCA Tack & Pack |
| 9:30 am | Elizabeth Circle |

Wednesday, April 13

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| 1:00 pm | Pastor's Book Class |
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Thursday, April 14—*Maundy Thursday*

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| 7:00 pm | Maundy Thursday Worship |
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Friday, April 15—*Good Friday*

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| 12:00 pm | Good Friday Worship |
| 7:00 pm | Good Friday Tenebrae Service |

Sunday, April 17—*Easter Sunday*

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| 9:00 am | Holy Communion |
| 10:00 am | Community Faith Formation Activities |
| 11:00 am | Holy Communion |
| 12:30 pm | Easter Celebration in the Worship Park |

TODAY! Preschool Book Fair in the Chapel

Check out St. Martin's Preschool Book Fair April 10th—14th in the Chapel. All purchases benefit our wonderful preschool.

Food & Fellowship | Stay after services and enjoy conversation, coffee, and snacks provided by our wonderful volunteers! Join us in this ministry of hospitality. To sign up, speak to Abby Adams or email at adams.abigail.m@gmail.com. All snacks are welcome!

Easter Lily Sales

The Flower Guild will be selling Easter lilies Sunday March 20 through Sunday, April 10. The cost is \$15.00 each. These will adorn the worship space on Easter Sunday, April 17. Easter lilies may be purchased at church on Sunday mornings or online at St.martins.org/flowers. Be sure to note on the form or in the memo line online your preferred dedication.

Pancake Breakfast | April 17th, 2022

Save the date for our annual pancake breakfast on Easter Sunday! Come help the high school students raise funds for our summer trips, from Big Bend to Galveston! Part of the St. Martin's Easter Celebration

Heart for Ukraine Fundraiser | Thursday, April 21st, 2022, 6:30 pm

Come to St. Martin's for a concert, reception, and art sale benefitting the people of Ukraine. Local artists are donating their work, Austin musicians are donating their talent, and St. Martin's is donating their fine concert venue to kick off the work of Heart for Ukraine. In place of tickets, there will be a freewill donation at the door. Opportunities for donations throughout the evening as well as art sales will give us all a chance to make a difference for the people just like us who are suffering from this war. This event will fund three charities: SeaStarKids is a charity with long term endeavors in Ukraine, www.SeaStarKids.org, Doctors Without Borders, www.doctorswithoutborders.org, and Lutheran World Relief, <https://lwr.org>. Tax receipts will be provided for donations and purchases