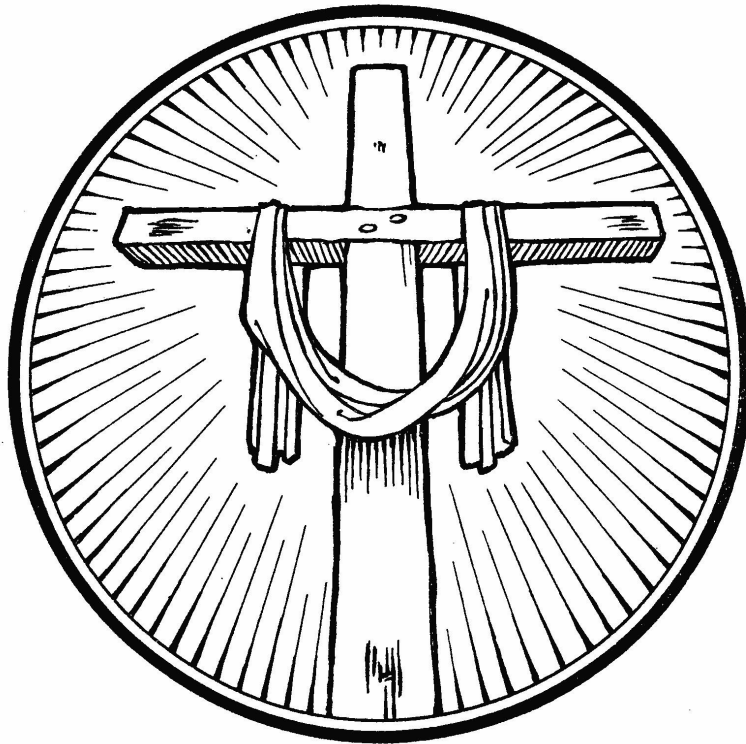


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9:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY



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 Playground rug in the Narthex. The nursery is open for children 0-5 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

EASTER PARADE

IRVING BERLIN

The service begins with a piece of music, during which we prepare for worship.

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.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

IN THE GARDEN

VAN MORRISON

The fields are always wet with rain
After a summer shower when I saw you standin'
Standin' in the garden
In the garden wet with rain

You wiped the teardrops from your eye in sorrow
As we watched the petals fall down to the ground
And as I sat beside you I felt the
Great sadness that day in the garden

And then one day you came back home
You were a creature all in rapture
You had your key to your soul
And you did open that day you came back to the garden
The olden summer breeze was blowin' against your face
The light of the Lord's shinin' on your countenance divine
And you were a violet colour as you
Sat beside your father and your mother in the garden

The summer breeze was blowin' on your face
Within your violet you treasure your summery words
And as the shiver from my neck down to my spine
Ignited me in daylight and nature in the garden

And you went into a trance
Your childlike vision became so fine
And we heard lil' bells within the church
We loved so much
And felt the presence of the youth of
Eternal summers in the garden

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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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**

GATHERING SONG

Please stand as you are able.

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

EASTER HYMN

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER

Let us pray. **O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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

MATTHEW 28:1-10

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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.

HALLELUJAH! PRAISE YE THE LORD!

HALLELU HALLELUJAH



Hal-le - lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le-lu - jah! Praise ye the Lord!



Hal-le - lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le-lu - jah! Praise ye the Lord!



Praise ye the Lord! Hal-le-lu - jah! Praise ye the Lord! Hal-le-lu - jah!



Praise ye the Lord! Hal-le - lu - jah! Praise ye the Lord!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

SERMON SONG

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.

NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS

Each petition ends with: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

AT THE TABLE

Please be seated.

BE PRESENT AT OUR TABLE LORD

OLD HUNDREDTH

Be pre - sent at our ta - ble Lord; be here and ev - ery - where a - dored; these
mer - cies bless, and grant that we may strength - end for thy ser - vice be.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Be Present at our Table Lord". It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Be pre - sent at our ta - ble Lord; be here and ev - ery - where a - dored; these". The second system starts with a measure rest of 5 measures, then continues with the lyrics: "mer - cies bless, and grant that we may strength - end for thy ser - vice be." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

AT THE TABLE REFLECTION

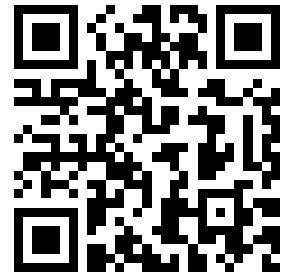
Throughout 2023, members of our congregation share on our Stewardship theme “At the Table”.

What does “At the table” mean to me? FOOD. Food. Food. Food. Without food, a table is just a shelf, or maybe a desk held in common. Food, one of the three essentials for survival (along with shelter and—most times—clothing...off and on). Food keeps us alive. Food stimulates the primal senses of smell and taste. Food jumpstarts communication whether just talking about food itself or something profound that triggers a thought (food for thought), a memory (nobody can make biscuits like my grandma, God rest her soul), a feeling (comfort food). Deals are made over food. Relationships are broken over food. To be at the table, then, means to be alive and still in the game.

Stephen Ottmers, Congregation President

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

JESUS WAS AN ONLY SON

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

Well Jesus was an only son
As he walked up Calvary Hill
His mother Mary walking beside him
In the path where his blood spilled
Jesus was an only son
In the hills of Nazareth
As he lay reading the Psalms of David
At his mother's feet

A mother prays, "Sleep tight, my child, sleep well
For I'll be at your side
That no shadow, no darkness, no tolling bell,
Shall pierce your dreams this night."

In the garden at Gethsemane
He prayed for the life he'd never live,
He beseeched his Heavenly Father to remove
The cup of death from his lips

Now there's a loss that can never be replaced,
A destination that can never be reached,
A light you'll never find in another's face,
A sea whose distance cannot be breached

Well Jesus kissed his mother's hands
Whispered, "Mother, still your tears,
For remember the soul of the universe
Willed a world and it appeared."

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

God, we thank you for your generous gift of Jesus Christ. Please use these gifts to make your presence felt in our world.

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

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.

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 COMMUNION

Please be seated.

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 plastic cup before receiving 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 pause and light a prayer candle in the left front of the church during communion.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

IN CHRIST ALONE

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love, and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

Ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
 -ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that
 Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort -
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand; Till He re -

-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I
 sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I
 His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
 -turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

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. **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

Please be seated.

BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you + that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG GOD SENT HIS SON

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1 God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;
2 How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by;
3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

he came to love, heal, and for - give;
and feel the pride and joy he gives,
I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

he lived and died to buy my par - don,
but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance
and then as death gives way to vic - t'ry,

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.
I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he lives.

Refrain

Be - cause he lives I can face to - mor - row;

be - cause he lives all fear is gone;

be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,

and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.

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*

Vicar Cecie Suknaic Saulnier - *assisting minister*

Richard Buerger - *communion assistants*

Hope Badeusz, Harper Badeusz - *acolytes*

Tim O'Brien - Director of Music

Austin Haller - Associate Director of Music

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

Darin Layne, guitar; Rachel Spenser, trumpet - *musicians*

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Norm Hummell - *ushers*

WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S!

For more than 130 years, St. Martin's has been dedicated to being the body of Christ in downtown Austin. We're a group of caring, loving people with open hearts and minds who gather for worship, education, fellowship and mutual encouragement

AT ST. MARTIN'S

We **worship** God and deepen relationships with one another through Lutheran faith traditions, including engaging liturgy, inspiring music, and lifelong faith formation.

We **extend** God's inclusive gift of welcome to all people, especially those historically excluded from traditional church communities.

We **advocate** for justice, righteousness, and mercy with our time, property, and power.

We **rally** everyone to use our God-given gifts and talents to love, share, and serve all of God's creation boldly.

We are so happy that you were here to worship with us today!

We encourage you to join us for Easter Festivities after our service today:

Children's Sunday School and Easter Egg Hunt in the Worship Park

Pancake Brunch on the Mall