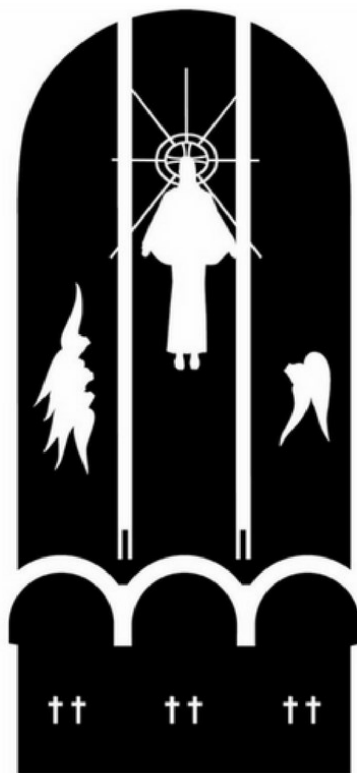


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# SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

606 W 15<sup>TH</sup> 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!*

*This Service of the Word derives its pattern from the service of Holy Communion. Although a weekly celebration of the Lord's Supper is the norm, a service of the word of God is also celebrated regularly or occasionally in many places.*

*Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we hear and proclaim the saving word of God for all the world. We give thanks for that saving word and all the gifts of God, who then sends us to share the good news we have received 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 available to help you.*

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

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### PRELUDE

## GATHERING

*Our service begins as we gather again to hear the Word of God, pray, sing, and be nourished in our faith so we may go out into the world to love, share, and serve boldly.*

# WELCOME

## REFLECTION

*We ground our time in worship with a reflection. Often a poem or song, these reflections orient us to the theme of the day present in music, scripture, and preaching.*

### "PRAYER"

BY CHRISTIAN WIMAN

For all	the nightfall
the pain	neverness
passed down	inking
the genes	into me
or latent	even now,
in the very grain	my prayer
of being;	is that a mind
for the lordless	blurred
mornings,	by anxiety
the smear	or despair
of spirit	might find
words intuit	here
and inter;	a trace
for all	of peace.

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*We remember our baptisms through this liturgy of thanksgiving, appropriate especially during the Easter season.*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

*Please stand as you are able.*

## I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER

## PEACE LIKE A RIVER

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,  
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,

I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;  
I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul;  
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;

I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,  
I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,

I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.  
I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul.  
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.

## EASTER GREETING

*We use the traditional Apostolic greeting, with our special Easter proclamation about Christ's resurrection, as we begin the service. This greeting was used by Paul in his letters to the earliest believers.*

**Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

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 OF THE DAY

*We continue with a prayer as we move from gathering to hearing the Word of God.*

Let us pray. **Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

*Through the sharing of scripture and poetry, we are reminded of God's presence throughout time and in our lives today.*

## GOSPEL

*We welcome the reading of the gospel by rising in body or spirit and joining in song. The people stand as they are able.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -  
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel According to John. **Glory to you, O Lord**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord*

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SONG

*The people are seated.*

*We honor the presence of children worshiping in our midst and teach them about the sacred stories of our faith during the children's message. All children are invited forward at this time. Children may continue to worship with us in the pews, at the playground in the narthex, or in the nursery.*

## HALLELIJAH! PRAISE YE THE LORD!

HALLELU, HALLELUJAH



## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SERMON

*The sermon and Hymn of the Day help us connect God's word with our everyday lives.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

*The people stand to sing. Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during the hymn. Prayer requests may also be sent via email or text message to [prayer@saintmartins.org](mailto:prayer@saintmartins.org).*

## THE RISEN CHRIST

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WOODLANDS



- 1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet
- 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,
- 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand
- 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark-ened cit - y street,  
breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,  
with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;  
re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,  
till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

## CREED

*We join with the faithful through the ages to name, claim, and proclaim the God in whom we believe through the words of the Nicene Creed.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*We pray together for the church, the world and all who are in need.*

*Respond to each petition with: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

## THANKSGIVING

*The Service of the Word includes a Thanksgiving section, where we collect an offering, sing of our thankfulness to God, honor the Word, and pray together.*

## AT THE TABLE

*This year, St. Martin's is using "At the Table" as our stewardship theme. Members of our community have been invited to think of what "at the table" means to them. Before we share a brief reflection from one of our community members, we sing a well known table blessing together.*

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

The first system of musical notation is for the hymn 'At the Table'. It features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

mer - cies bless, and grant that we may strength - end for thy ser - vice be.

The second system of musical notation continues the hymn. It begins with a measure rest labeled '5' above the treble staff. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## AT THE TABLE REFLECTION

*Throughout 2023, members of our congregation share on our Stewardship theme "At the Table".*

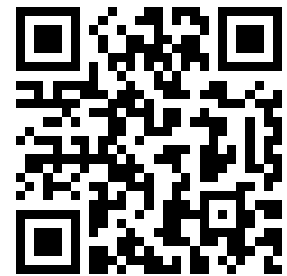
At the table to me means being refreshed and laughing with the ones I love. At the table means to enjoy and spend quality time with my friends and family and eating a good meal.

By anonymous

## OFFERING

*The people are seated.*

*St. Martin's and its ministries are supported by our offerings of ourselves, our time, and our possessions. We give now as God has so graciously given to us. To donate, go to [saintmartins.org/giving](https://saintmartins.org/giving) or scan the QR code.*



## MUSICAL OFFERING

### DOUBTING THOMAS

CHRIS THILE

What will be left when I've drawn my last breath  
Besides the folks I've met and the folks who know me  
Will I discover a soul saving love or  
Just the dirt above and below me?

I'm a doubting Thomas  
I took a promise  
I do not feel safe  
O' me of little faith

Sometimes I pray for a slap in the face  
Then I beg to be spared cause I'm a coward  
If there's a master of death I bet he's holding his breath  
Cause I show the blind and tell the deaf

About his power

I'm a doubting Thomas

I can't keep my promises

Cause I don't know what's safe

O' me of little faith

Can I be used to help others find truth

When I'm scared that I'll find proof that it's a lie

Can I be led down a trail dropping bread crumbs

To prove I'm not ready to die

Please give me time to decipher the signs

Please forgive me for time that I've wasted

I'm a doubting Thomas

I'll take your promise

Though I know nothing's safe

O' me of little faith

O' me of little faith

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together, **God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the well-spring of eternal life.**

**Amen.**

# SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*Refrain*

Sal - va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -

ev - er and ev - er. 1 Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O

God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O

Rul - er of all the na-tions. Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and

*Refrain*

sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and

bles-sed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

*Refrain*

praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

*The people stand as they are able.*

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Together, we pray the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus Taught us

**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.**

## SENDING

*As we conclude our service, we are blessed and sent into the world. This portion of the liturgy empowers us to continue our worship in every moment of our lives.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The people are seated.*

## BLESSING

*We are blessed in the name of the Triune God as we make the sign of the cross.*

*The people stand as they are able.*

The God of all,

who raised + Jesus from the dead,

bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit

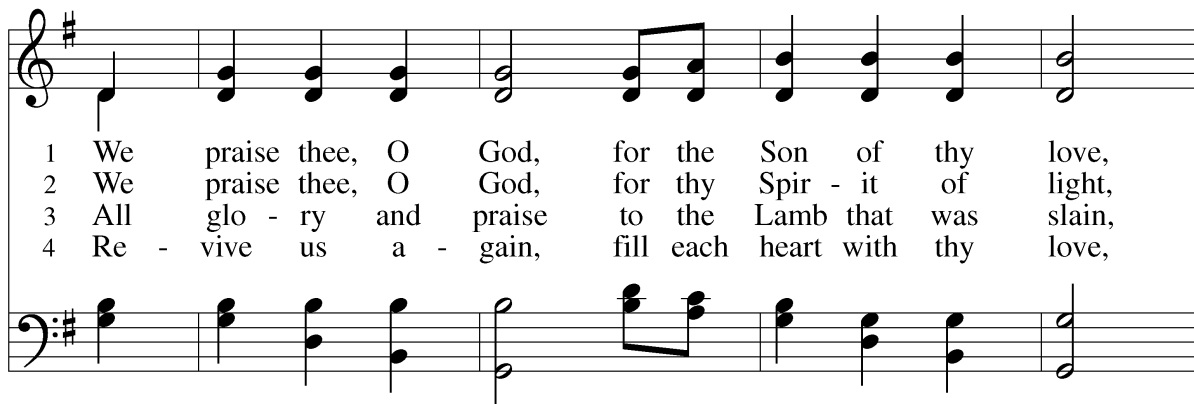
to live in the new creation.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN

## WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD

## REVIVE US AGAIN



1 We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,  
2 We praise thee, O God, for thy Spir - it of light,  
3 All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
4 Re - vive us a - gain, fill each heart with thy love,



for Je - sus who died and is now gone a - bove.  
who has shown us our Sav - ior, and scat - tered our night.  
who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev - 'ry stain.  
may each soul be re - kin - dled with fire from a - bove.

*Refrain*



Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.



Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, re - vive us a - gain.

## DISMISSAL

*Blessed by God, we conclude our time together as we are sent into the world.*

Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen indeed, alleluia!**

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING TODAY

Vicar Cecie Suknaic Saulnier - *preaching/presiding*

Linda Zander - *assisting minister*

Hope Badeusz, Harper Badeusz - *acolytes*

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*

Austin Haller - *Organist & Associate Director of Music*

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.