April 23, 2023 9:00 AM

Third 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 0-5 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

Here Comes the Sun

George Harrison

GATHERING

WELCOME

Please take a moment to greet your neighbors as we begin to worship together.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

We share a piece to invite us into consideration of scripture and worship through different voices.



GREETING

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

PRAYER

Let us pray. O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.. Amen.

WORD

Reading luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was

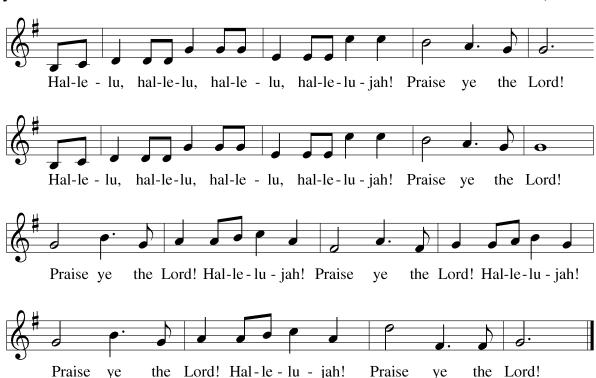
opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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



CHILDREN'S TIME

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



PRAYERS

Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great.

MEAL

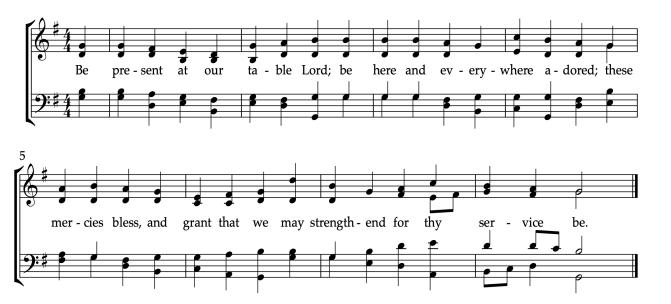
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

At The Table

Please be seated.

Be Present At Our Table Lord

OLD HUNDREDTH



AT THE TABLE REFLECTION

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

My definition of 'At the Table' has changed over my life. When I was little, my parents and I frequently had Sunday lunch with my grandmother and great grandmother—always Kentucky Fried Chicken. When I was in high school my father and I had Monday dinners with his mother and grandmother while my mother was visiting her family in Europe. Monday dinners were always my grandmother's chili --- really awful chili, but it was great to have the opportunity to eat together as a family.

My everyday 'At the Table' moment now is when I set out the breakfast items for my students, both items provided by the school and the items I provide. 21 of us have breakfast together before we start talking Chemistry. 21 of us are fed both physically and emotionally by being at the table together. My definition of being 'At the Table' does not include food. My definition is simply 1 word - together. The power of being together.

Anna Bergstrom

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,



MUSICAL OFFERING

One of Us Eric Bazilian

If God had a name what would it be?

And would you call it to his face?

If you were faced with Him in all His

glory

What would you ask if you had just one And all the prophets?

question?

What if God was one of us?

Just a slob like one of us

Just a stranger on the bus

Tryin' to make his way home?

If God had a face what would it look

like?

And would you want to see

If seeing meant that you would have to

believe

In things like heaven and in Jesus and

the Saints

What if God was one of us?

Just a slob like one of us

Just a stranger on the bus

Tryin' to make his way home?

Just tryin' to make his way home

Back up to heaven all alone

Nobody callin' on the phone

'Cept for the Pope, maybe in Rome

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to

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.

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 HOLY COMMUNION

Music at Communion

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 renews us so we can be your presence in our world. Amen

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

BLESSING

Please stand as you 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.

SENDING SONG



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
- assisting minister

Nora Friedrich, Sally Gavin - communion assistants
Hope Badeusz, Harper Badeusz - acolytes

Tim O'Brien - Director of Music

Austin Haller - Associate Director of Music

Andrew Fuhrman, drums;

Darin Layne, guitar; Jay Clement, bass - musicians

Norm Hummell - ushers