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9:00 AM

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER



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

YOUR MOTHER SHOULD KNOW

JOHN LENNON & PAUL MCCARTNEY

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.

REFLECTION

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

AN EXCERPT FROM "B"

BY SARAH KAY

If I should have a daughter, instead of Mom, she's going to call me Point B,
because that way she knows that no matter what happens,
at least she can always find her way to me.

And I am going to paint the Solar Systems on the backs of her hands,
so she has to learn the entire universe

before she can say "Oh, I know that like the back of my hand"

And she's going to learn that this life will hit you,
hard,

in the face,

wait for you to get back up, just so it can kick you in the stomach

but getting the wind knocked out of you is

the only way to remind your lungs how much they like the taste of air.

There is hurt, fear that cannot be fixed by band aids or poetry

so the first time she realized that Wonder Woman isn't coming

I'll make sure she knows she does not have to wear the cape all by herself

because no matter how wide you stretch your fingers,

your hands will always be too small to catch

all the pain you want to heal.

GATHERING SONG

Please stand as you are able.

THESE ARE DAYS

NATALIE MERCHANT & ROBERT BUCK

These are days you'll remember

Never before and never since

I promise

Will the whole world be warm as this

And as you feel it

You'll know it's true

That you are blessed and lucky

It's true that you

Are touched by something
That will grow in you, in you
These are days you'll remember
When May is rushing over you with desire
To be part of the miracles you see in every hour
You'll know it's true that you are blessed and lucky
It's true that you
Are touched by something
That will grow and bloom in you
These are days
These are the days you might fill with laughter until you break
These days you might feel a shaft of light
Make its way across your face
And when you do you'll know how it was meant to be
See the signs and know their meaning
It's true
You'll know how it was meant to be
Hear the signs and know they're speaking to you, to you

GREETING

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

PRAYER

Let us pray. **Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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

JOHN 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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.

JESUS IN THE MORNING

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1 Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn-ing, Je - sus in the noon-time;
3 Love him, love him, love him in the morn-ing, love him in the noon-time;



Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down.
love him, love him, love him when the sun goes down.

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 hymn. Prayer requests may also be sent via email or text message to prayer@saintmartins.org.

WOMB OF LIFE AND SOURCE OF BEING

RAQUEL



1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry rest - less
2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond
3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our
4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly



heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have
birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing
friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we
Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, One - in -



loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er
weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man
are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us; aid the
Three and Three - in - One. We would share your life, your



round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing
strug - gles, Life of life and Death of death, ris - en
birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of
pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

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

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 is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Be pre - sent at our ta - ble Lord; be here and ev - ery - where a - dored; these'. The second system starts at measure 5 and continues with the lyrics: 'mer - cies bless, and grant that we may strength - end for thy ser - vice be.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

AT THE TABLE REFLECTION

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

It's not too much of a stretch to say that I had two mothers. My mom and her sister Barb often thought of themselves as twins born four years apart. They looked and sounded alike, shared tastes in clothing and entertainment, and they were both wonderful, supportive role models. There's a picture I treasure of them both making my Grandmother's pickle recipe, each pouring hot brine into jars, one right-handed, and one left-handed, like mirror images of one another. Those pickles, and so many other delicious dishes prepared with love, ended up on our family table as we would gather for celebrations throughout the year. Barb has passed now, but the taste of the family pickle recipe, along with the thought of the pickle tray on every gathering table, always brings her memory, along with Grandma's, to our hearts with a tart, delicious crunch.

Tim O'Brien

OFFERING

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MUSICAL OFFERING

CLOSER TO FINE

EMILY ANN SAILERS

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 world; through Christ our Lord. 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 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 light a prayer candle on the table in the front left corner of the Apse.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

HYMN OF PROMISE

NATALIE SLEETH (ARR. MARTHA LYNN THOMPSON)

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to you

To Jesus be true

May God bless you always

Happy Birthday to you!

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.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

HYMN OF PROMISE (IN THE BULB)

PROMISE

Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an apple
2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seeking word and mel - o -
3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

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tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter -
dy; there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness bring - ing
ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our

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flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of
hope to you and me. From the past will come the
life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our death, a res - ur -

10

win - ter there's a spring that waits to be, un - re -
fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -
rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry, un - re -

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vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

DISMISSAL

Let's leave here to love, share and serve boldly!

And give thanks to God. Amen!

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *presiding*

Vicar Cecie Suknaic Saulnier - *preaching/assisting minister*

Richard Berger, Debbie Alkire - *communion assistants*

Hope Badeusz, Harper Badeusz- *acolytes*

Tim O'Brien - Director of Music

Austin Haller - Associate Director of Music

Katherine Altobello O'Brien, June Julian vocals;

Andrew Fuhrman, drums;

Darin Layne, guitar; Jay Clement, bass - *musicians*

St. Martin's Ringers

Susie Cobb, Brian Powell, Lynn Powell, Michelle McGovern, Matt Wall,

Andrew Fuhrman, Carey Henderson, Viera Buzgova, Christina Martin,

Abby Adams, David Cross, Ed Ryan, Mike Kaase

Karen Cross, David Cross - *video*

Gary Flandermeyer - *ushers*