

MAY 21, 2023

9:00 AM

SEVENTH 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 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

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE PROTECTION AND OPENING OF THE HEART

BY YA'AKOV HAKOHEN
TRANSLATED BY PETER COLE

I

May the Name send its hidden radiance
to open the gates of deliverance
to His servants—and shine in their hearts,
which now are shut in silent darkness.
May the great King be moved
to act in perfection and righteousness—
to open the gates of wisdom for us
and waken the love of old, the love of ancient days.

ii

By the power of the hidden Name I-am-that-I-am,
and by the dew of Desire and Blessing, the dead will live again...

iii

I-am is the power of your Name in concealment,
and one who knows its mystery dwells in eternity's instant.
Over the world, it pours forth abundance and favor,
and on it all worlds hang, like grapes in a cluster.
Send the dew of blessing, the dew of grace;
renew my dispensation, and grant me length of days.
Bring light to my eyes with your teaching, and let not the husks
that surround your hosts obstruct me.
May Heaven and Adam's children judge me with mercy.
Sustain me with their strength and fortune—
but do not leave me in need of the gifts of men.

GATHERING SONG

Please stand as you are able.

I COME WITH JOY

DOVE OF PEACE



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus, to re - call, in
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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GREETING

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

Amen

PRAYER

Let us pray. **O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 17:1-11

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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;
4 Serve him, serve him, serve him in the morn-ing, serve him in the noon-time;



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

BIND US TOGETHER

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The musical score is written for a soprano voice and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is the Refrain, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that". The second system continues the lyrics: "can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,". The third system concludes with: "bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both the treble and bass staves. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: F, Dm, Gm, C⁷, F, F, Dm, Gm, C, and F.

Refrain
F Dm Gm
Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
 2 You are the fam-'ly of God. You are the prom-ise di - vine.

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing:
 You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.

Refrain

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.

AT THE TABLE REFLECTION

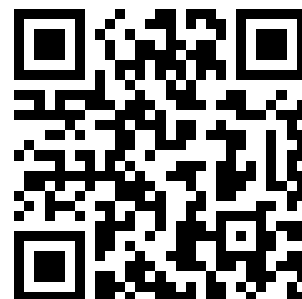
Throughout 2023, members of our congregation share on our Stewardship theme “At the Table”.

When I think of a table, I think of a place of community, rest and rejuvenation; a pit stop or a trading post of ideas and comforts. A space where one can share in a moment of communal meditation with family, friends, folks of many shapes in sizes. When I think of being at the table I think of a place where anyone can pull up a chair and as you sit with a hoard of food and beverages between the two of you, you share in a moment of awe and wonder of the nourishment you are about to take part in. Being at the table is a constant reminder of our communion we have with Each other wrapped in the embrace of God and Jesus and the Grace they provide for us to be able to come to the table with one another to share in these moments of coming together in a loving pause in the flow of life.

Cason Miller

OFFERING

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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

YOU RAISE ME UP

BRENDAN GRAHAM & ROLF LOVLAND

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit awhile with me.

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be

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

THE PRAYER

I pray you'll be our eyes
And watch us where we go
And help us to be wise
In times when we don't know
Let this be our prayer
As we go our way
Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace
To a place where we'll be safe
La luce che tu dai.(The light that you give)
I pray we'll find your light
Nel cuore resterà (will stay in our hearts)
And hold it in our hearts
A ricordarci che (So that we remember)
When stars go out each night
Eterna stella sei(That you are the eternal star)
Nella mia preghiera (Within my prayer)
Let this be our prayer
Quanta fede c'è (There is so much faith)
When shadows fill our day
Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe
Sognamo un mondo senza più violenza
(We dream of a world with no more violence)

CAROLE BAYER SAGER & DAVID W. FOSTER

Un mondo di giustizia e di speranza (A world of Justice and Hope)
Ognuno dia la mano al suo vicino (Each of us reaching out to our neighbors)
Simbolo di pace, di fraternità (In a gesture of peace and kinship)
La forza che ci dai (The power that you give)
We ask that life be kind
E il desiderio che (Is the desire that)
And watch us from above
Ognuno trovi amore (Every person should find love)
We hope each soul will find
Intorno e dentro sé (within or without)
Another soul to love
Let this be our prayer
Let this be our prayer
Just like every child
Just like every child
Need to find a place
Guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe
E la fede che (And the faith)
Hai acceso in noi (That you have lit in us)
Sento che ci salverà (I believe will save us)

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.

BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

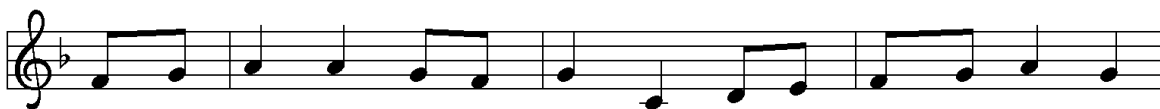
The God of all,
who raised+ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG

BRIDEGROOM



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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*

Ann Howard - *assisting minister*

Virginia Haas, Mamie Hickerson - *communion assistants*

Thane Myers - *acolytes*

Tim O'Brien - Director of Music

Austin Haller - Associate Director of Music

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

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

Gary Flandermeyer - *ushers*