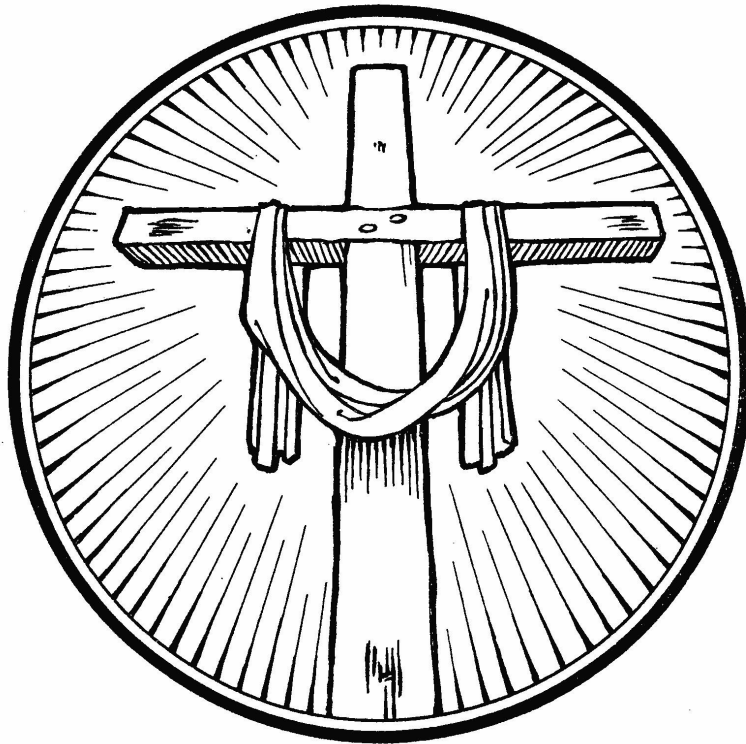


MARCH 31, 2024

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 0-4 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

The tower bell rings as we begin worship.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

Please stand and greet your neighbors.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

ADORATION

FLORENCE PRICE (ARR. MICHAEL HAWES)

EASTER GREETING

People stand as they are able.

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.

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 together.

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.

GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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!

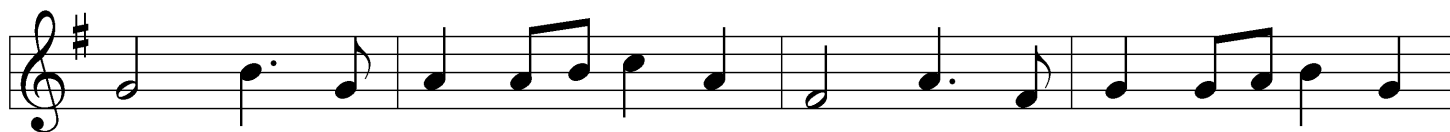
HALLELU HALLELUJAH



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 TIME

MESSAGE

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.

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 fierc - 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!

PRAYERS

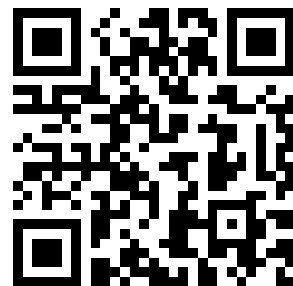
*Each petition ends with: God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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

THE GREAT STORM IS OVER

BOB FRANKE

The thunder and lightning gave voice to the night
The little lame child cried aloud in her fright
Hush little baby, a story I will tell
Of love that has vanquished the powers of hell

Hallelujah! the great storm is over
Lift up your wings and fly
Hallelujah! the great storm is over
Lift up your wings and fly

Sweetness in the air and justice on the wind
Laughter in the house where the mourners had been
The deaf shall have music, the blind have new eyes
The standards of death taken down by surprise

Hallelujah! the great storm is over
Lift up your wings and fly
Hallelujah! the great storm is over
Lift up your wings and fly

Hush up little baby let go of your fear
The Lord loves his own and your mother is near
The child fell asleep as the lantern did burn
Her mother sang on till her bridegrooms return

Hallelujah! the great storm is over
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OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray together.

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. 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.

Holy God,

our living Water and our merciful Guide,
... pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, ...

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

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. You will receive the bread in your hands, please consume and then pick up a cup to receive the wine. Grape juice cups are in the center of each tray. Gluten free bread is available. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to let the minister know to bring communion to you.

A Stephen Minister will be in front near the pulpit to offer healing prayer during communion. You are welcome to light a prayer candle on the table near the altar.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

FROM THE MORNING

NICK DRAKE

A day once dawned, and it was beautiful
A day once dawned from the ground

Then the night she fell
And the air was beautiful
The night she fell all around

So look, see the days
The endless coloured ways
Go play the game that you learnt
From the morning

And now we rise
And we are everywhere
And now we rise from the ground
And see she flies
She is everywhere
See she flies all around

So look, see the sights
The endless summer nights
And go play the game that you learnt
From the morning

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 together.

**Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food,
and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.
Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and † give you peace. **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;

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.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with the first column corresponding to the first vocal line, the second to the second, and the third to the third. The lyrics are: 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; 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

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Happy Resurrection Day!

We proclaim the Resurrection of our Lord with joyful celebrations at the 9am Family Service with band and contemporary music, and at the 11am Traditional Service with organ and choir. Join us for Easter festivities for adults and children at 10am - Fellowship and special refreshments on the Mall, and children's activities including sharing of the Easter story, egg hunt, and other fun activities in the Worship Park.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Linda Zander - *assisting minister*

Virginia Haas, Pat Larson - *communion assistants*

Hope Badeusz, Harper Badeusz - *acolytes*

Connie Grosskopf - *prayer station*

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*

Rachel Spencer - *trumpet*

Mike Kaase - *sound*

John Jennings, Michael Jennings - *video*

Bill Grosskopf, Connie Grosskopf, Mike Bruemmer - *ushers*

Tom Blomquist, Nancy Schroeder - *Altar Guild*

Donna Gunter - *Welcome Center*

Connections Committee - *fellowship snacks*

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 services today!