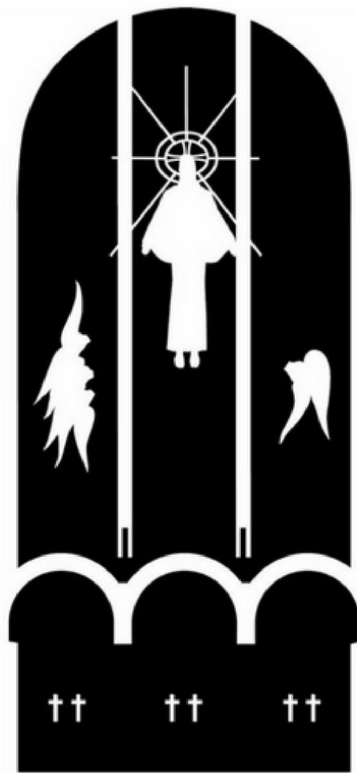


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9:00 AM

# THIRD SUNDAY OF 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!*

*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.***

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### PRELUDE

EVERY GRAIN OF SAND

BOB DYLAN

*The tower bell rings as we begin worship.*

### GATHERING

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

### WELCOME

*Please take a moment to say hello to those near you.*

## REFLECTION

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

### THE CHILDREN'S HOUR

Between the dark and the daylight,  
    When the night is beginning to lower,  
Comes a pause in the day's occupations,  
    That is known as the Children's Hour.  
I hear in the chamber above me  
    The patter of little feet,  
The sound of a door that is opened,  
    And voices soft and sweet.  
From my study I see in the lamplight,  
    Descending the broad hall stair,  
Grave Alice, and laughing Allegra,  
    And Edith with golden hair.  
A whisper, and then a silence:  
    Yet I know by their merry eyes  
They are plotting and planning together  
    To take me by surprise.  
A sudden rush from the stairway,  
    A sudden raid from the hall!  
By three doors left unguarded  
    They enter my castle wall!  
They climb up into my turret  
    O'er the arms and back of my chair;

### HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

If I try to escape, they surround me;  
    They seem to be everywhere.  
They almost devour me with kisses,  
    Their arms about me entwine,  
Till I think of the Bishop of Bingen  
    In his Mouse-Tower on the Rhine!  
Do you think, O blue-eyed banditti,  
    Because you have scaled the wall,  
Such an old mustache as I am  
    Is not a match for you all!  
I have you fast in my fortress,  
    And will not let you depart,  
But put you down into the dungeon  
    In the round-tower of my heart.  
And there will I keep you forever,  
    Yes, forever and a day,  
Till the walls shall crumble to ruin,  
    And moulder in dust away!

# GATHERING SONG

*Please stand as you are able.*

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING *sung 3 times*

CHILDREN PRAYING



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**Amen.**

## PRAYER

Let us pray together. **Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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

I JOHN 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

<sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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](mailto:prayer@saintmartins.org).*



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*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](http://saintmartins.org/giving) or scan the QR code.*



## MUSICAL OFFERING

BABY MINE

BETTE MIDLER

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray together.

**Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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, living, and loving God, ... gave his life for others.

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 ... Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
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 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 cup to receive wine. Grape juice cups are in the center of each tray. 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 at the Prayer Station to offer healing prayer during communion. You are invited to light a prayer candle on the table near the altar.*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

### FOREVER YOUNG

BOB DYLAN

May God bless and keep you always  
May your wishes all come true  
May you always do for others  
And let others do for you  
May you build a ladder to the stars  
And climb on every rung  
May you stay forever young  
Forever young, forever young  
May you stay forever young

May your hands always be busy  
May your feet always be swift  
May you have a strong foundation  
When the winds of changes shift  
May your heart always be joyful  
May your song always be sung  
May you stay forever young  
Forever young, forever young  
May you stay forever young

May you grow up to be righteous  
May you grow up to be true  
May you always know the truth  
And see the lights surrounding you  
May you always be courageous  
Stand upright and be strong  
May you stay forever young  
Forever young, forever young  
May you stay forever young

### 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.

**Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

*The children are dismissed at 9:45am to go to the Chapel.*

# BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope +  
bless you now and always. **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG

JESUS LOVES ME!

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1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! loves me still, though I'm ver - y weak and ill;  
4 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
from his shin - ing throne on high, comes to watch me where I lie.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - preaching/*presiding*

- *assisting minister*

- *communion assistants*

Harper Badeusz, Hope Badeusz - *acolytes*

Kathy Edgar - *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 - *musicians*

Scot Salmon - *sound*

Bob Gibbons, Tim Fackler - *ushers*

Ann Henry, Connie Grosskopf, Bill Grosskopf - *Altar Guild*

Susan Sossamon - *Welcome Center*

Stephanie Schweinfurth - *Fellowship Snacks*