

MAY 5, 2024

9:00 AM

# SIXTH 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!*

*The Holy Spirit gathers us together to hear God's word, give thanks for all that God has given us through  
God's grace, and leave renewed to share God's love in the world.*

*Today is a Service of Word, Music and Prayer, led by members of our congregation and our gifted  
musicians. We will not have communion because Pr. Ellen is at the annual Southwestern Texas Synod  
Assembly in Corpus Christi.*

*Families with small children may enjoy playing with toys on the Prayground 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

*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.*

## VICTORY

FANNY HOWE

There is no Rescue Mission where it isn't freezing  
from the need that created it. The lost children  
distill to pure chemical. Where Good is called No-Tone  
it's the one who cries out who doesn't get a coat.  
The children fuse colors because they don't want to  
separate. Daughters shot off of hydrants who cut  
each other in the neck and gut, don't care  
which one of them will end up later in surgery.  
And drugged sons pretending to be costumes,  
well, they're not welcome to comprehension either.  
Why does a wild child confuse a moon  
with a hole in his skin?  
One was born soaked in gin.  
His first sip was from a bottle of denial.  
What can "leave me alone" mean after that?  
The system is settled, dimensions fixed.  
Another one's hand feels like a starfish.  
Makes me hysterical like the word *perestroika*.  
But they all dig the way the pepper is rosy in the vodka.  
It's verbocity that creates jokers.  
Brick and grit are the candy and frosting  
where volunteers and teachers write cards that go:  
"Donate books that say NOT and NO and poets  
who say Urn instead of Oh."  
How do the children convert their troubles  
into hip-hop? Dunno—but it's wonderful.

# GATHERING SONG

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

DENNIS

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains four numbered verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the song. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands, with some notes beamed together.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**Amen.**

## PRAYER

Let us pray together. **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and 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.*

## READING

I JOHN 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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.*

### HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

AFRICAN AMERICAN TRADITIONAL

He's got the whole world in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands!

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands,  
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands,  
He's got everybody here right in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands!

## 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 song. Prayer requests may also be sent via email or text message to [prayer@saintmartins.org](mailto:prayer@saintmartins.org).*

## BLESSING, HONOR, AND GLORY

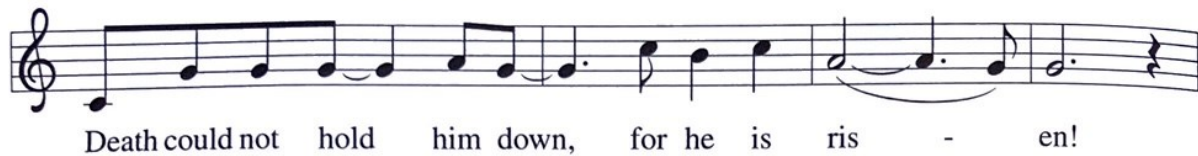
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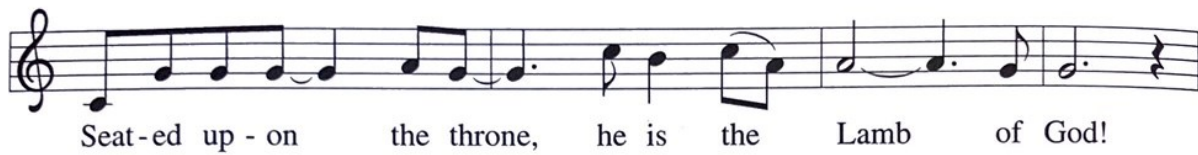
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Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.



Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!



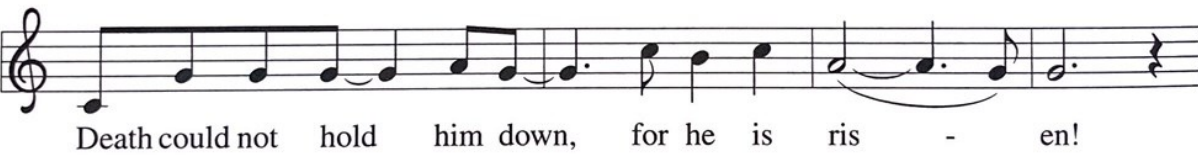
Seat - ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!



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## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

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

## THANKSGIVING

*Please be seated.*

### OFFERING

*St. Martin's and its ministries are supported by our offerings of ourselves, our time and our possessions. When we steward God's mission, generosity multiplies gifts. Trusting this truth is a spiritual discipline. To donate electronically, go to [saintmartins.org/giving](http://saintmartins.org/giving) or scan the QR code.*



### MUSICAL OFFERING

VICTORY IN JESUS

EUGENE M. BARTLETT

### 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.**

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray together.

**O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.

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.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;

# SONG

## I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

HANKEY

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

*Please be seated.*

MUSIC OF THANKSGIVING

IT'S WORKING

ISAAC CATES

## SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.*

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

UP ABOVE MY HEAD

SISTER ROSETTA THARPE

Up above my head, there is music in the air.  
Up above my head, there is music in the air.  
Up above my head, there is music in the air.  
I really do believe, I really do believe there is hope somewhere.

Up above my head, there is music in the air.  
Up above my head, there is music in the air.  
Up above my head, there is music in the air.  
I really do believe, I really do believe there is love somewhere.

Up above my head, there is music in the air.  
Up above my head, there is music in the air.  
Up above my head, there is music in the air.  
I really do believe, I really do believe there is peace somewhere.

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

## SERVING TODAY

Kathy Edgar, Tim Fackler - *worship leaders*

Harper Badeusz, Hope Badeusz - *acolytes*

Fred Aus - *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*

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Scot Salmon - *sound*

Garry Flandermeyer - *usher*

Donna Gunter - *Welcome Center*

Connections Committee - *Fellowship Snacks*

Tom Blomquist, Virginia Haas,

Donna Gunter, Mamie Hickerson - *Altar Guild*