MAY 4, 2025 9:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 606 W 15TH STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS WWW.SAINTMARTINS.ORG

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 0-4 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 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.

HUNGER AND THIRST

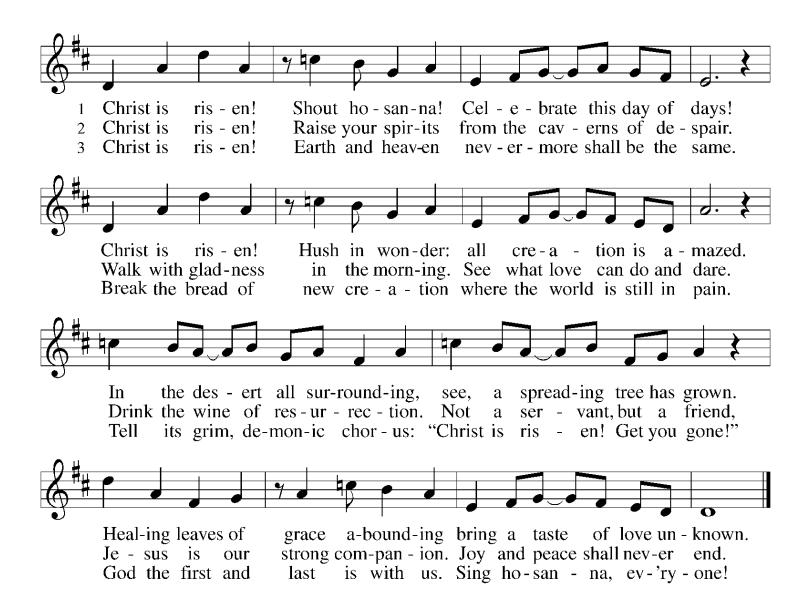
JOHN PEALE BISHOP

Shrieks in the dark leaves. The rumpled owl disgorges undigested bones and feathered bits of lesser fowl. When black obese flies are few, starved spiders have been seen to drink gold mornings in a round of dew. The charlatan beneath his tent with a wide flourish of the hand consumes a fiery element. There have been soldiers, too, who drank a yellow water from steel casques not minding how the sunlight stank. And some have fed on air that sang from skulls where under hollow darks dust sneered to show a horny fang. And Ugolino's horrible hunger we too have known, and known too well the strength that stretches famine longer. We too have known within our cell voices entreat us that we feed on flesh whose bone we loved too well.

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING SONG

CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!



APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 21:1-19

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Please be seated. Children are invited to come forward for the children's time with the Pastor.

CHILDREN'S SONG

THIS IS THE DAY

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

CHILDREN'S TIME

MESSAGE

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.



PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

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

ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE

PHIL COLLINS

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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.

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 the wine. Grape juice cups are in the center of each tray. Gluten free wafers are 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 communion assistants know to bring communion to you.

A Stephen Minister will be in front at the prayer station to pray with you during communion. You are welcome to light a prayer candle in the stand near the communion table.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

YOU HEAR THE LAMBS A CRYIN'

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL ARR. H.T. BURLEIGH

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

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.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays and Anniversaries
Happy Birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God bless you always
Happy Birthday to you

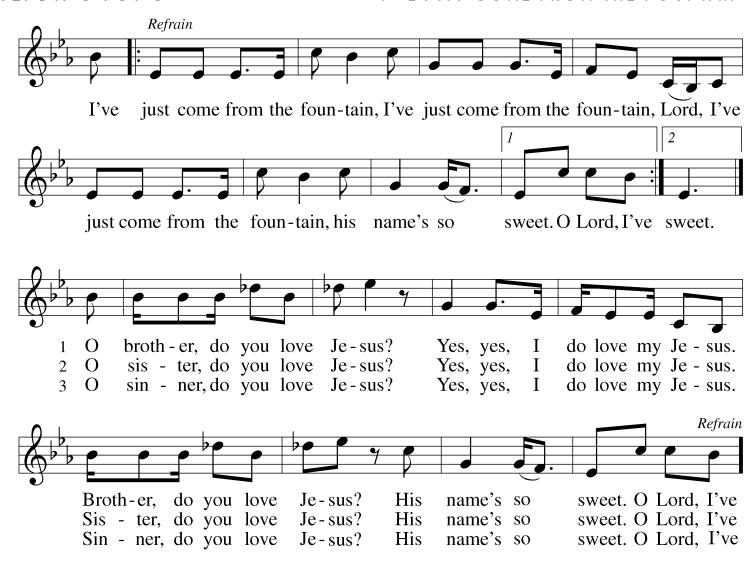
The children are dismissed at 9:45am to go to the Chapel.

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - preaching/presiding

Kathy Edgar - assisting minister

Hope Badeusz, Harper Badeusz - acolytes

Pat Larson, Brett Bunger - communion assistants

Bob Gibbons - Stephen Minister

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

Mike Kaase - sound

Garry Flandermeyer - ushers

Pat Larson - Welcome Center

Tom Blomquist, Nancy Schroeder - Altar Guild

- fellowship snacks