

MAY 11, 2025

9:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF 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 0-4 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

RAINBOW CONNECTION

PAUL WILLIAMS AND KENNETH ASCHER

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.

MOTHER EARTH

JUDY COATES PEREZ

Mother Earth, Queen of Heaven,
we celebrate with your many names.

Within the earth that is your body,
the waters of your living womb,
the air that is your sacred breath,
and the fire that is your radiant spirit
life is born, grows, dies and is reborn.

Instill in us an awareness of
the cycles and rhythms of nature.
As seeds sprout in the spring,
so should the inspiration of new ideas.
From summers' fiery heat we shall
harness positive energy and
celebrate the abundance around us.
When the days grow short in the fall
we will listen to the wise intuitive inner voice
and honor our feelings.

During winter's cold days and long nights
we will acknowledge our bodies' wisdom
and the healing power of dreams.
The moon's celestial light and sacred dark
keep us in balance as our bodies cycle in harmony.

We will dance around the tree of life,
listening to your leaves whisper words of wisdom,
and celebrate your abundant beauty.

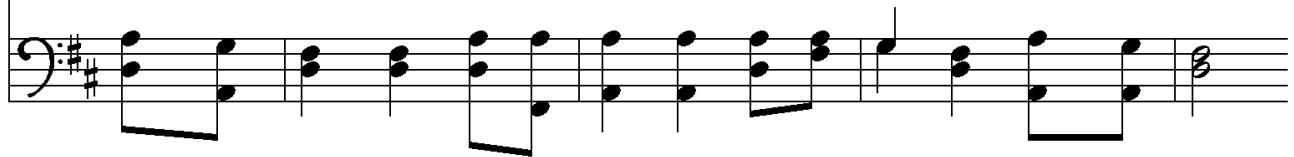
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GATHERING SONG

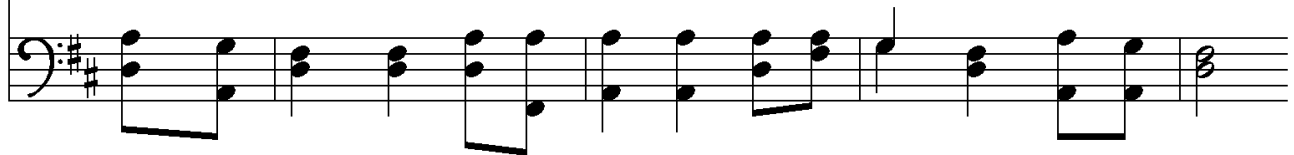
COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



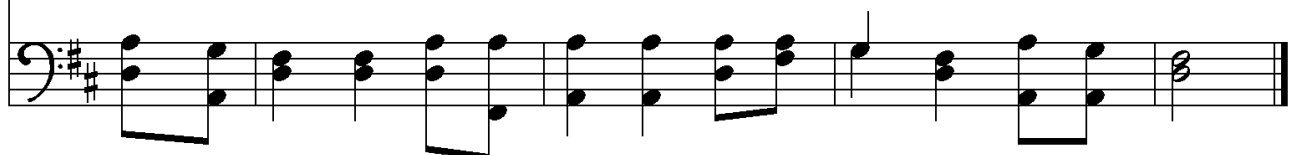
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

PRAYER

Let us pray together.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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 10:22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

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, 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.

BORNING CRY



- 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

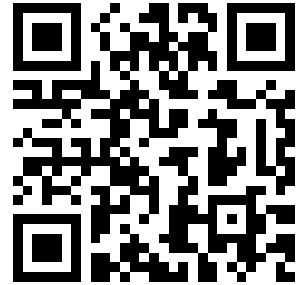
*Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

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

YOU RAISE ME UP

ROLF LØVLAND & BRENDAN GRAHAM

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.

All praise to you, glorious God of grace ... my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Remembering Martha and Mary...

Risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

On the night before he died,
he 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.

With Mary, again we magnify your name: my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Mighty God of mercy...my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

All praise to you, powerful God of peace...today, tomorrow, 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

BECAUSE YOU LOVED ME

DIANE WARREN

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

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.

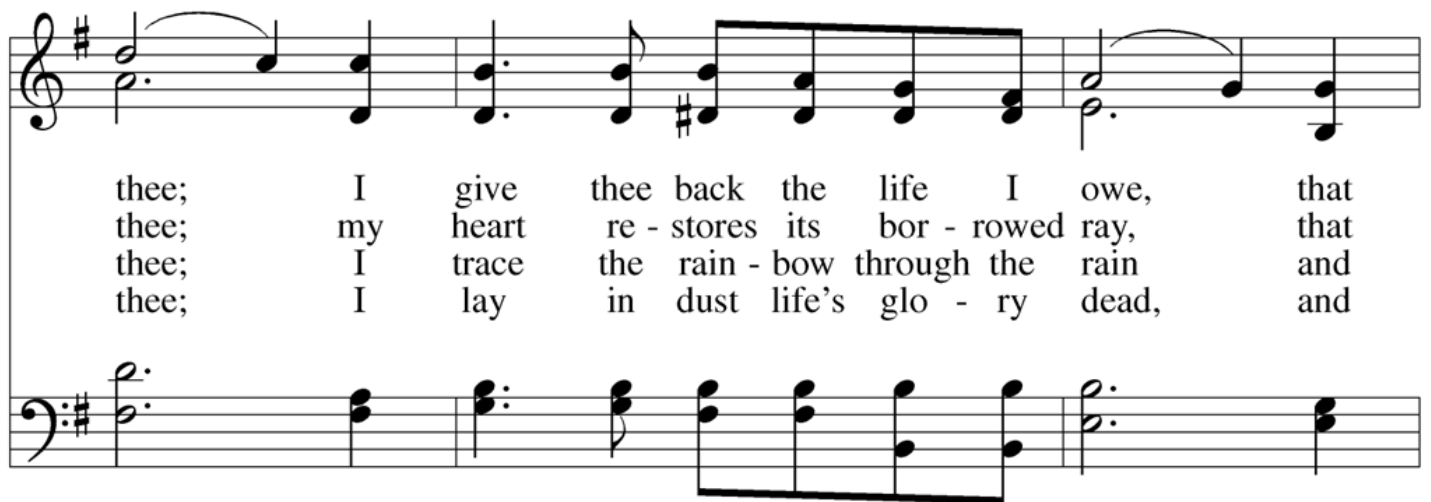
Amen.

SENDING SONG

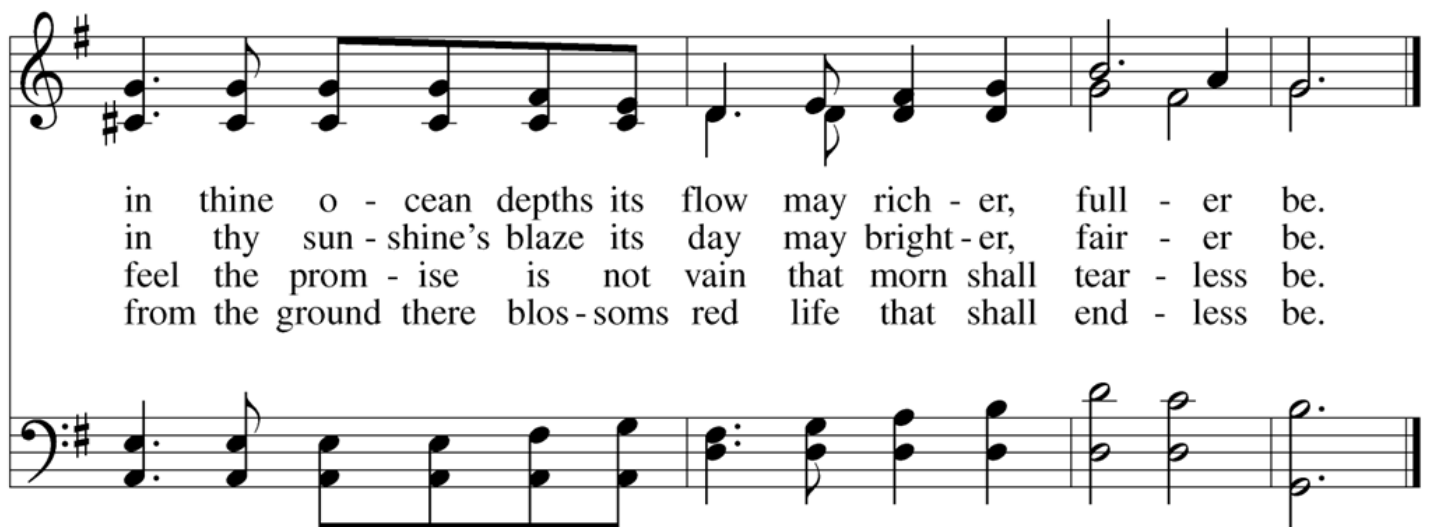
O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO



1 O Love that will not let me go, I rest my wea - ry soul in
2 O Light that fol - lowest all my way, I yield my flick - 'ring torch to
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not close my heart to
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not ask to fly from



thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain and
thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and



in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

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

SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

HAROLD ARLEN

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Janet Brehm Taylor - *assisting minister*

Pat Larson, Tom Friedrich - *communion assistants*

Hope Badeusz, Harper Badeusz - *acolytes*

Fred Aus - *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*

Mike Kaase - *sound*

Bob Gibbons, Tim Fackler - *ushers*

Sandra Creswell - *Welcome Center*

Ann Henry - *Altar Guild*

- *fellowship snacks*

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