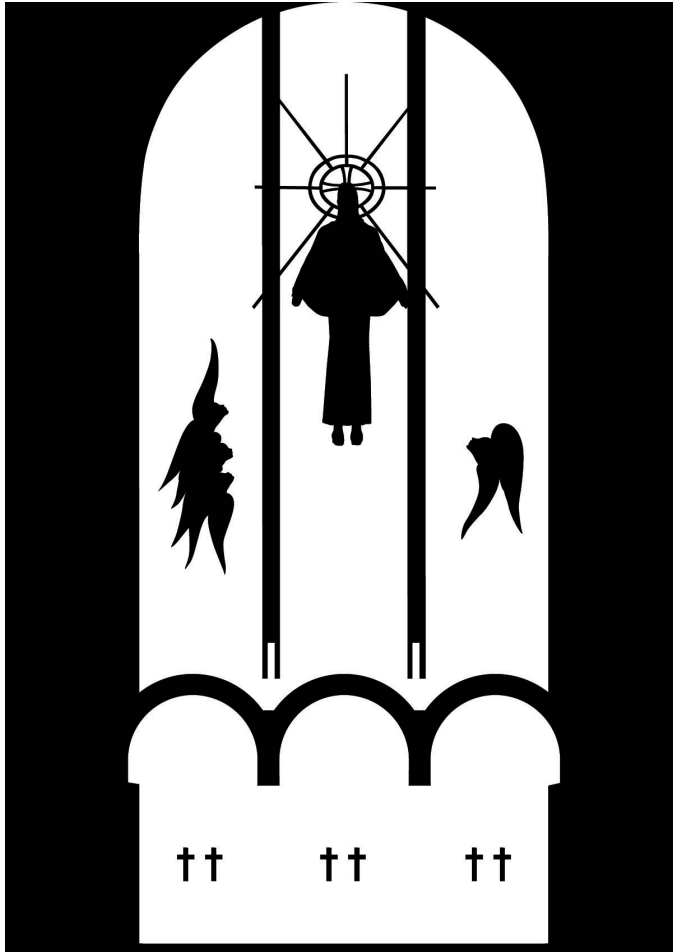


MARCH 22, 2026

9:00 AM



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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!

Welcome to St. Martin's 9AM Service

This relaxed and reflective service gathers us as one family in Christ. The Holy Spirit brings us together around God's gifts of Word and Sacrament. At the communion table, Christ meets us with forgiveness, life, and salvation, then sends us out to share good news and love with the world.

Families with children are especially welcome. Little ones may enjoy the Prayground rug in the Narthex, and the nursery is open for ages 0–4. The joyful sounds of children are a treasured part of our worship.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex, or you may listen through your smartphone. Our ushers are happy to help.

Please check in at the Welcome Desk or on your phone and make a name tag so we can greet you by name.

*Notes in italics offer directions about the service. **Spoken responses are in bold.***

PRELUDE

GATHERING

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

The tower bell rings as we begin worship.

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able and take a few moments to say hello to one another. Then be seated afterwards for the musical reflection.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

We share a piece of writing inviting us into consideration of scripture and worship through different voices.

○ DEATH

AMERICAN TRADITIONAL

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in
the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.
We do not show others the tender
compassion you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the
radical hospitality you grant to all people.
We oppress others, even though you have
set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the
earth.**

**Transform our lives and guide us again in
the way of the cross.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In † Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.
Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

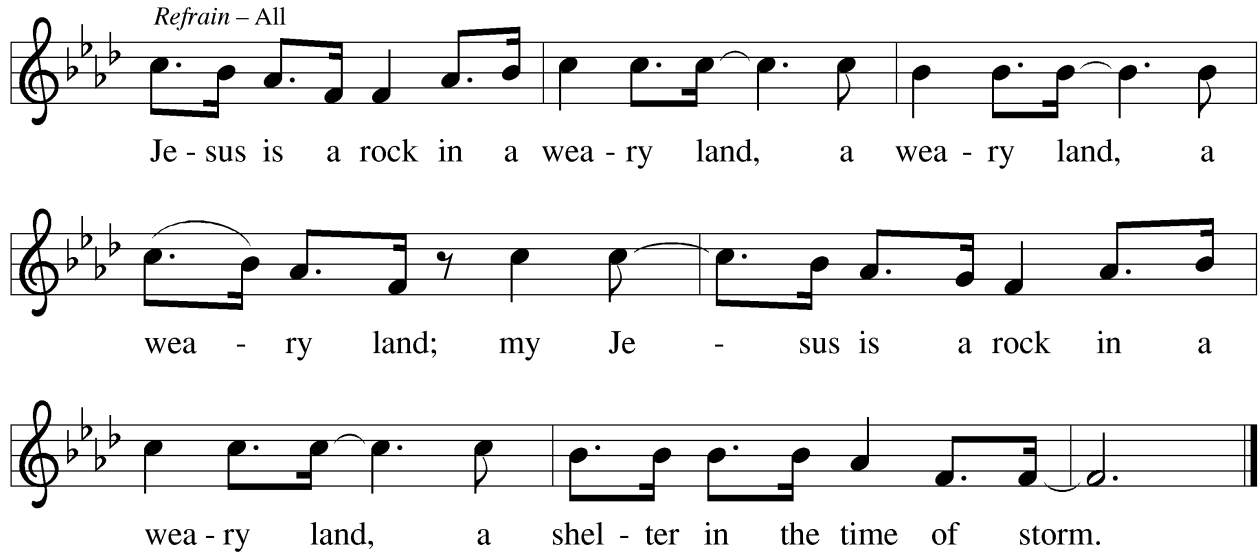
May God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us as we worship this day.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

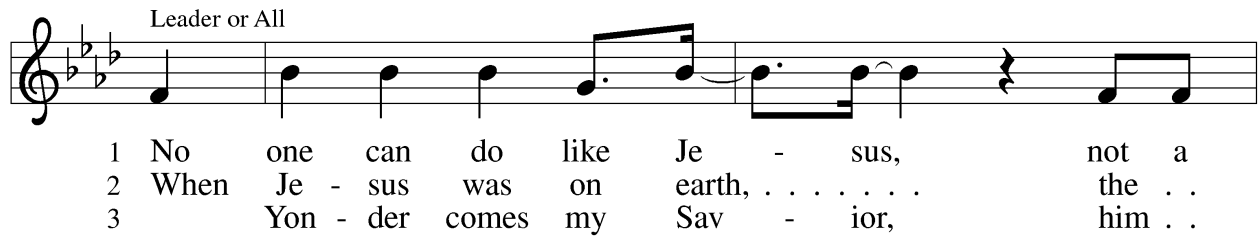
JESUS IS A ROCK IN A WEARY LAND

Refrain - All



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All

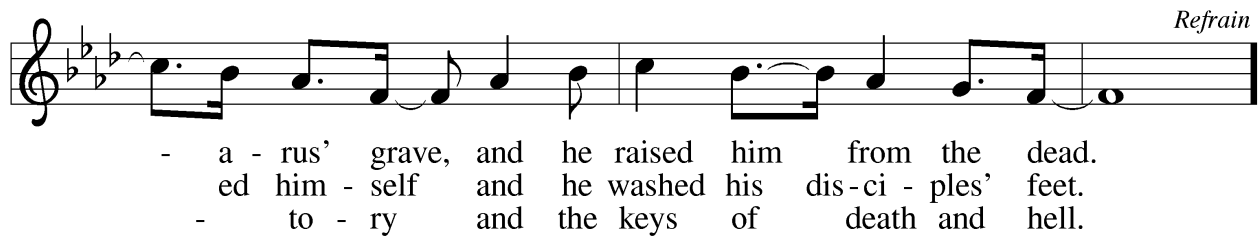


1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

JOHN 11:1-45

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her

weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

All adults please be seated while children come forward for their special time.

CHILDREN'S SONG

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR 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.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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.

Please be seated for the offering.

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

NO HARD FEELINGS

ROBERT WILLIAM CRAWFORD, SCOTT YANCEY AVETT,
TIMOTHY SETH AVETT

When my body won't hold me anymore
And it finally lets me free will I be ready?
When my feet won't walk another mile
And my lips give their last kiss goodbye
Will my hands be steady when I lay down my
fears, my hopes, and my doubts?
The rings on my fingers, and the keys to my
house
With no hard feelings
When the sun hangs low in the west
And the light in my chest won't be kept held at
bay any longer when the jealousy fades away
And it's ash and dust for cash and lust
And it's just hallelujah and love in thought,
love in the words love in the songs they sing in
the church
And no hard feelings
Lord knows, they haven't done much good for
anyone kept me afraid and cold
With so much to have and hold

Mmm, hmm
When my body won't hold me anymore
And it finally lets me free where will I go?
Will the trade winds take me south through
Georgia grain? Or tropical rain? Or snow from
the heavens? Will I join with the ocean blue?
Or run into a savior true? And shake hands
laughing and walk through the night, straight
to the light holding the love I've known in my
life
And no hard feelings
Lord knows, they haven't done much good for
anyone kept me afraid and cold
With so much to have and hold
Under the curving sky I'm finally learning why
It matters for me and you to say it and mean it
too for life and its loveliness and all of its
ugliness good as it's been to me
I have no enemies

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' 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...

We praise you for Christ...

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 ...

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

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.

Please be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

*Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please come to the altar rail and kneel or stand. **You will receive the bread in your hands; please dip the bread into the communion bowl, then consume. If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest at the altar rail.** Gluten free wafers are available on the communion plate. Grape juice is available on the small table near the altar. 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. You are invited to bring your personal prayer concerns to the Stephen Minister who will be at the station at the front of the church. You are welcome to light a prayer candle on the table near the altar.*

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.

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Please be seated for our announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The children and teachers are dismissed at 9:45am to go to their classrooms.

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

CHRIST IS THE LIFE



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

Pr. Alan Watt - *preaching/presiding*

Charlie Crouch - *assisting minister*

Erika Rorer, Tom Friedrich - *communion assistants*

Tim Fackler - *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*

Garry Flandermeyer - *ushers*

Virginia Haas, Mamie Hickerson - *Welcome Center*

Tom Blomquist, Nancy Schroeder - *Altar Guild*

Nora Friedrich - *fellowship snacks*