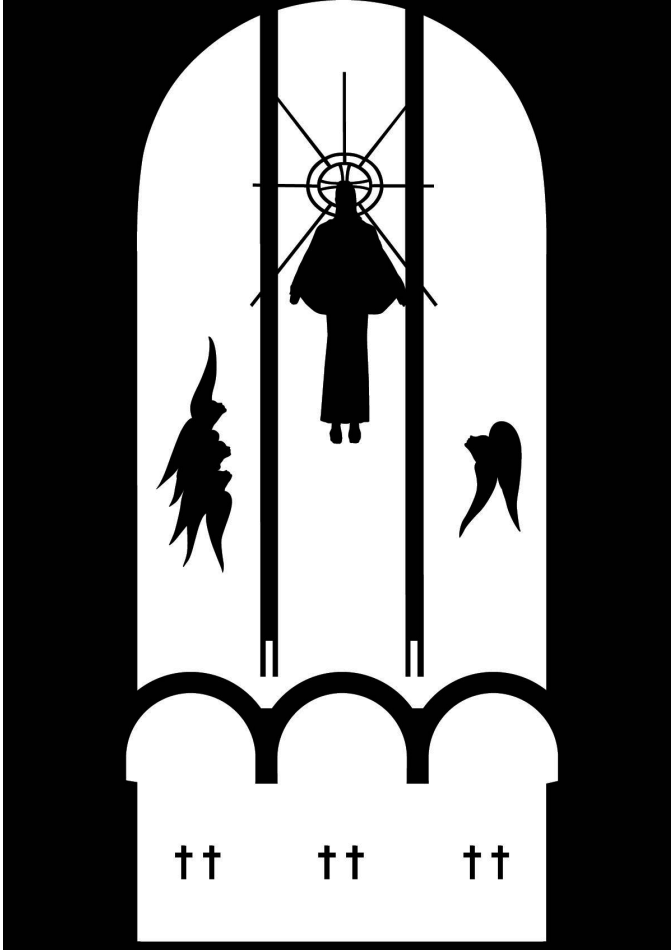


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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 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. Please check in at the Welcome Desk or on your phone and wear a name tag so we are able to greet each other by name.*

*Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the narthex, or you can listen through your smart phone. 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

## 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.*

*Please be seated.*

## REFLECTION

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

### THE HOUSE OF BELONGING

DAVID WHYTE

I awoke this morning in the gold light turning this way and that  
thinking for a moment it was one day like any other.

But the veil had gone from my darkened heart and I thought  
it must have been the quiet candlelight that filled my room,  
it must have been the first easy rhythm with which I breathed myself to sleep,  
it must have been the prayer I said speaking to the otherness of the night.

And I thought this is the good day you could meet your love,  
this is the black day someone close to you could die.

This is the day you realise how easily the thread is broken between this world and the  
next

and I found myself sitting up in the quiet pathway of light,  
the tawny close grained cedar burning round me like fire and all the angels of this  
housely heaven ascending through the first roof of light the sun has made.

This is the bright home in which I live, this is where I ask my friends to come, this is  
where I want to love all the things it has taken me so long to learn to love.

This is the temple of my adult aloneness and I belong to that aloneness as I belong to my  
life.

There is no house like the house of belonging.

*Please stand as you are able.*



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

<sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

As the adults are seated, the children are invited to come forward for their special time.

## CHILDREN'S SONG

### EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

*Refrain*

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,

out of his mouth came fire and smoke. *Refrain*

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

## SONG

### I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*Each petition ends with: Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*Please be seated.*

## 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

### SHOW THE WAY

DAVID WILCOX

You say you see no hope  
You say you see no reason we should dream  
That the world would ever change  
You say the love is foolish to believe  
'Cause they'll always be some crazy  
With an army or a knife  
To wake you from your daydream  
Put the fear back in your life  
Look  
If someone wrote a play  
To just to glorify what's stronger than hate  
Would they not arrange the stage  
To look as if the hero came too late?  
He's almost in defeat  
It's looking like the evil side will when  
So on the edge of every seat  
From the moment that the whole thing  
begins  
It is love who mixed the mortar  
And it's love who stacked these stones  
And it's love who made the stage here  
Although it looks like we're alone  
In this scene, set in shadows,

Like the night is here to stay  
There is evil cast around us  
But it's love that wrote the play  
For in this darkness love can show the way  
Now the stage is set  
You can feel your own heart beating in your  
chest  
This life's not over yet  
So we get up on our feet and do our best  
We play against the fear  
We play against the reasons not to try  
We're playing for the tears  
Burning in the happy angel's eyes  
For it's love who mixed the mortar  
And it's love who stacked these stones  
And it's love who made the stage here  
Though it looks like we're alone  
In this scene, set in shadows,  
Like the night is here to stay  
There is evil cast around us  
But it's love that wrote the play  
For in this darkness love will show the way

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Blessed are you, O holy God: You are the Life and Light of all...  
revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.**

*Please be seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. We practice distribution by taking the wafer in your hand, then before consuming the bread, dipping it into the bowl of wine. If you prefer a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. 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.*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

### IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE

AILEENE HANKS

*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.

**Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, 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 and teachers are dismissed at 9:45 am to go to their classrooms.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?  
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!  
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;  
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;  
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.  
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.  
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.  
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!



## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERVING TODAY

Pr. Alan Watt - *preaching/presiding*  
- *assisting minister*

Harper Badeusz - *acolyte*

Nora Friedrich, Lucy Friedrich,

Tom Friedrich, Gus Friedrich - *communion assistants*  
- *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, vocals - *musicians*

Stephen Ottmers - *video*

Mike Kaase - *sound*

Garry Flandermeyer - *ushers*

Penny Davis - *Welcome Center*

Tom Blomquist, Nancy Schroeder - *Altar Guild*

Tom Friedrich - *fellowship snacks*