



St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Austin, Texas

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021 | 10:00 a.m.



Jesus giving the Farewell Discourse (John 14-17) to his disciples, after the Last Supper, from the Maestà by Duccio, 1308-1311.

Gathering

Prelude

Toccata on *Lasst uns erfreuen* (Now All the
Vault of Heaven Resounds)

Mark Sedio

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

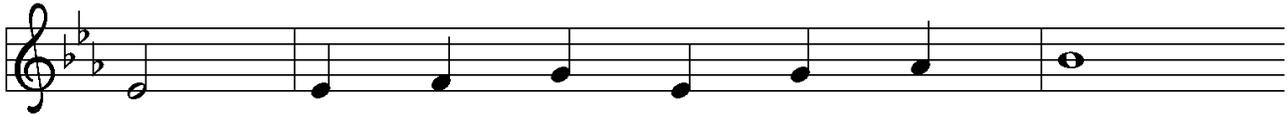
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Hymn 367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Congregational Greeting

Music of Praise

Largo from *Xerxes*

G.F. Handel (arr. Douglas E. Wagner)

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his

commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

John 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the

master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Message

Hymn of the Day

Hymn 631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

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faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

If you have a prayer request to add to the prayer list, please email prayer@saintmartins.org.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering Time and Announcements

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, all these things. *Find more information about our ministries at the end of the bulletin.*

To donate, go to saintmartins.org/giving.

Musical Offering

True Love is the Gift

Charles Wood

*True love's the gift which God has given
To all who dwell beneath the heaven.
It is the secret sympathy,
The silver link, the silken tie,
Which heart to heart, and mind to mind,
In body and in soul can bind.*

- Walter Scott

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.

Sending

Prayer

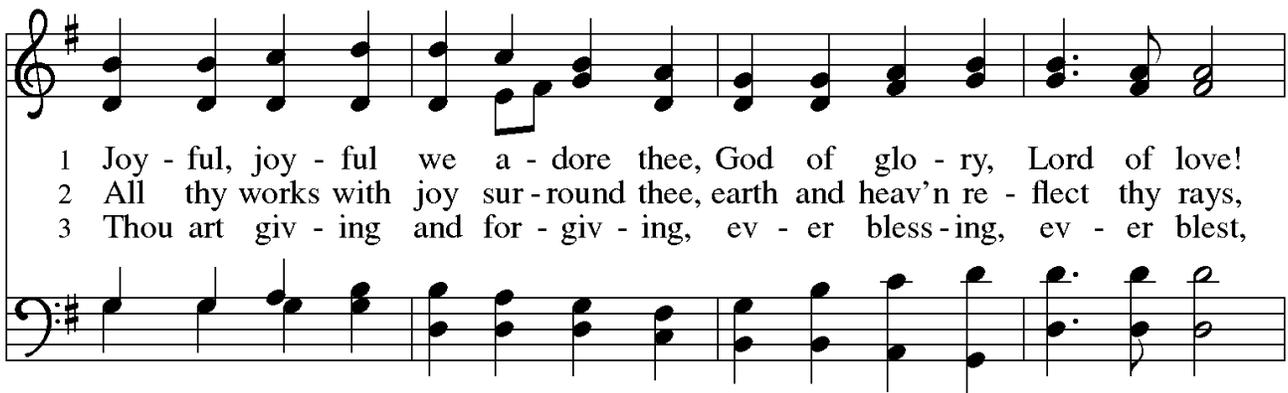
Blessing

Sending Hymn

Hymn 836

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

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Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joi - ce in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn-Tunes: *Hyfrydol*
(Love Divine, All Loves Excelling)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Serving Today

Preaching/Presiding:	Pastor Ellen Williams
Assisting Ministers:	Tom Blomquist, Cason Miller
Greeter:	Lisa Stafford
Lector:	Lisa Stafford
Director of Music:	Dr. Tim O'Brien
Musicians:	Jenny Ohrstrom, soprano Katherine Altobello O'Brien, mezzo-soprano Jameson James, tenor Gil Zilkha, bass
Organ:	Austin Haller
Sound:	Jim Parkhurst
Video:	Eddie Jennings

Prayers

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Family and friends of Martha Bengtson; Denis Berens; family and friends of Wayne Morris; Henry Snyder.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Terry Adcock; Nancy Anderson; Bob Aus; Gerry Berens; Emily Berggren; Patricia Byous; Lucas Drews; Vickie Dunlevy; Eleanor and Dave; Frank Ficarra; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Leslie Heckmann; Karen Jaster; Ronnie Johnson; Peter Jordahl; Kara; Betty Klinefelter; Betsy Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Henry Ludwig; Doris McGaughy; David Pierce; Jeff Puskos; Lottie Smith; Betty Staehr; prayers for God's help, healing, strength, peace, guidance and direction for all during this time of transition at St. Martin's; prayers that all our St. Martin's members stay safe during this time of pandemic.

Monthly Benevolence



St. Martin's May benevolence supports the work of Austin City Lutherans' Bread for All Food Pantry, which provides canned food, bread, and fresh produce at not cost to up to 125 families. The pantry is open Mondays from 5:00—6:30 pm at Faith Presbyterian Church, and the

Mobile Food Pantry operates the second Monday of each month from 9:00—10:00 am at the Parker Lane United Methodist Church.

You can support Bread For All through donations of canned goods and diapers, by volunteering, or by giving through St. Martin's. To give, go to www.saintmartins.org/giving and select "Bread For All" or send a check to St. Martin's with "Bread For All" in the memo line. To learn more about Bread For All, or to volunteer, go to www.austincitylutherans.org/food. Follow along on Facebook @austincitylutherans.

ST. MARTIN'S MONTHLY BENEVOLENCE 2021

March & April - Mobile Loaves and Fishes
May - Bread For All
June - Samaritan Fund, Pastor's Discretionary Aid
July - Lunch Bag Ministry
August - Lutheran Campus Ministry
September - School Scholarships
October - Upbring Move-Ins
November - SAFE Alliance

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update from the Financial Response Task Force

At the recommendation of the Financial Response Task Force, the Church Council unanimously approved forming three task groups, each to include Council members and other members of the congregation. Work to charter and form these groups is underway. More detail was provided in a letter emailed to members yesterday. Check it out [HERE](#).

Volunteer with St. Martin's Lunch Bag Ministry | Weekdays from 9–11 am

Throughout the pandemic, St. Martin's amazing school administrators and teachers have taken up the task of handing out lunch bags to our neighbors in need. Starting Monday, May 3rd, we have returned to using congregation members, and allowing volunteers to come and serve. Lunches are handed out Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at the 16th Street Entrance. For more information or to volunteer, contact Deb Johnson at (512) 659-7857 or vjohnson72@austin.rr.com.

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 9:00 am

Join us each morning from 9:00 - 9:15 am via Zoom as we gather together to pray for the church, the world and all who are in need. The Zoom link is provided [HERE](#) or in the Morning Prayer event in Realm.

Fred Klinker Seminary Graduation | May 16th, 2021

St. Martin's members and friends are invited to the graduation of Fred Klinker from Wartburg Seminary. Fred is a longtime member of St. Martin's - confirmed at the church in 2002. Fred & his wife, Mycah, spent 2019-2020 in Bradenton, FL for Fred's internship at Trinity Lutheran. Fred is awaiting a pastoral call. For more information about the event, go to www.wartburgseminary.edu/class-of-2021/

A message from Fred: "Thank you so much for all of your love and support through the years. You put the Gospel in my hands and taught me the love of Jesus through your way of living out your lives in worship. I left (only geographically) and came back several times in the past few decades and you embraced me with love every time. Thank you! I am wrapping up seminary at Wartburg now, and am going out, as you do, into the world to proclaim the good news of God's love for all. "GO YE" Indeed!"

Children and Youth Program Feedback | Survey and Zoom Meeting (May 24th, 7:00 pm)

Parents with children from 2 years through High School, please join Cason Miller and Kathy Edgar on Monday, May 24, at 7:00 PM via Zoom to share comments and suggestions to assist in planning for fall faith formation programming. In addition to the Zoom gathering, please complete this short survey: [click here](#)

Thank you for supporting St. Martin's Children's ministry!

Regathering at St. Martin's | Sunday, June 6th at 10:00 am

As we continue to move forward in 2021, we are excited to share our plan to resume in-

person worship at St. Martin's. On June 6th, providing that the City of Austin is at Pandemic Stage 2, we will worship together in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am. Attendance will be limited to 100, and ask that all attendees maintain social distancing, wear masks, and sanitize hands before entering. Services will continue to be live-streamed through our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Register for our upcoming in-person worship services here: <https://e.onrealm.org/events>

For instructions, check out our "How To" guide on the next page!

To keep up with more St. Martin's news, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stmartinsatx, sign up for our e-newsletters at www.saintmartins.org, or join us on our church membership platform, [Realm](#).

How to

register for in-person worship

AT ST. MARTIN'S

We are so excited to worship with you all in person again!

Please register in  to attend.

Click this link: [Events - St. Martin's Lutheran Church \(onrealm.org\)](https://onrealm.org/Events-St-Martin's-Lutheran-Church)
or use the Realm Connect app on your mobile device.

Online

When you click the link above, you'll be asked to login to access the "Events" page in Realm. You can then either use the "Find Events" bar to search for the service you want, or click the "All Events" tab and select "Requires Registration". That will allow you to see all the available worship dates at once!

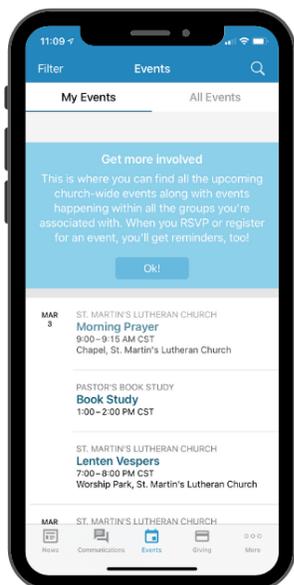
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DISPLAY

All Events

Requires Registration



Mobile App

Open the Realm Connect mobile app, tap the "Events" tab at the bottom of the screen and search for the date(s) you'd like to attend!

For information about how to register and use Realm, go to www.saintmartins.org/realm.

For any other assistance, email info@saintmartins.org