



**St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Austin, Texas**

**June 28, 2021**  
**11:00 a.m.**



A Service of  
Praise and Thanksgiving for

**Karen Elaine Jaster**

## Prelude

Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
Just a Little Talk With Jesus  
Where the Roses Never Fade

## GATHERING

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you. **We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you. **We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you. **We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### Processional Hymn

On Eagle's Wings

**Hymn 787**

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

### 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.**

### Prayer of the Day

### Eulogy

### Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

**Hymn 574**

HERE I AM LORD

## WORD

### Reading

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-15, 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17**

### Sermon

### Song

You Raise Me Up

Rolf Løvland and Brendan Graham

### The 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,



## ***Karen Elaine Jaster***

Karen Elaine Jaster, 66, passed away peacefully on June 20, 2021 with family by her side. She was born in Austin on February 19, 1955 to Herbert and Earline (Knoche) Jaster. Karen graduated from Johnston High School in 1973 and began working for the Internal Revenue Service shortly afterwards. Her career at IRS spanned 43 years before retiring in 2017.

Karen loved animals, especially horses and dogs. She owned a horse, "Just Go Strait" (named after her love for the King of Country), which raced at various tracks across the state. Her love of dogs was immense and endless. She was blessed with the affection and companionship of many pups throughout her life.

Karen's faith was a pillar in her life. She was baptized, confirmed and a lifetime member of St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Like her mother, Karen taught Sunday School for many years and previously served on the St. Martin's Day School Board. She also provided love and support to others through her service on the Bereavement and Welcome Committees. She will miss her St. Martin's family dearly.

While her physical strength was tested when it came to her health, she prevailed time and time again. Karen survived stage 3 colon cancer twice, making it through years of chemotherapy, radiation sessions and dozens of surgeries. Cancer did not prevail, but in September of 2020 she was diagnosed with kidney failure and began dialysis. Her health struggles took a toll, yet she approached it all without pity. Karen did not question why she faced so many challenges and rarely complained.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Earline Jaster, Grandparents Gus and Annie Jaster and Johnny and Antonie Knoche, many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends whom she loved deeply.

She is survived by her brother Gary Jaster (partner Letty Greaves), sister Debbie (Freddie) Orosco; nephew Nicholas (Daniella) Jaster, niece Emily (Dan) Seed; her dearly loved great-nephews-and nieces Simon, Alexander and Mira Jaster, Nora and Anna Seed; sister-in-law Diane Jaster; family and friends including Rhonda Cain, Dickie Hough, Betty Flentge, Susan Jensen, Tamara Allen-Bray and many others. Karen will be remembered as a kind and thoughtful soul who will be missed by all.

The family would like to express their appreciation to all the nurses and doctors who cared for Karen throughout the years, especially to the staff at Hospice Austin's Christopher House for their compassion and love during her final days.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Austin Humane Society or Hospice Austin.

### **SERVING TODAY**

#### **Preaching**

Rev. Ellen Williams, Senior Pastor

#### **Assisting Minister**

Tom Blomquist

#### **Musicians**

Katherine Altobello O'Brien, mezzo-soprano; Tim O'Brien, baritone; Austin Haller, piano;  
Chuck Fischer, drums; Utah Hamrick, bass

#### **Video**

Eddie Jennings

#### **Sound**

Jim Parkhurst