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Ash Wed

We don't escape the
fate of easter palms. Remember,
look ahead, dust to dust

Palm Sunday

Shout! Exclaim! Welcome!
Thresholds crossed, only Jesus knows his
fate that awaits him

Maundy Thursday

Washing away divides
Come to the edge of the water
Slick water touches skin

Good Friday

Exhale of divine
Forsaken, haggard, human
Blows out the candle

Easter Vigil

Women find the fire
Walking to the empty tomb
Flame of Christ returns

Easter

Jesus is risen
The divine is risen indeed
The world changed forever





"Open Mic Night"
Photos by Frank Vasquez



"Belonging on 30th Street"

By Sarah Dixon

Moving to Austin was body-shaking scary
Anxiety, hopes for homeyness and love, afraid of living alone
Was I really ready for seminary?
Yet I stumbled into belonging right here

My lil home on 30th Street protected me
Protected me from COVID, passing out, ice storms, and the worlds judgements
For a year I was trapped on 30th Street
This home has held me, my fears, my tears, and my friends

I found belonging on 30th Street
Belonging with friends who feel like family
Belonging on Tuesday nights watching tv and laughing with friends
Belonging with growing a love with my partner

I weep with gratitude, and also weep of losing this sense of belonging
Will I ever find it again? Am I losing this feeling?
How do I lose the place that held me through personal transformation and a global pandemic?
I think this as I'm sent my move/kick out date

I think 30th Street molded who I am today
Held me when I was doxed by a neo-nazi
Held my community as we ate Easter brunch and tried to learn the flute
Held my friends and I as we tried to hold ourselves together

I will clutch onto this feeling of belonging for as long as I can
And I will remember Easter brunch in its laughs, smiles, ah-ha's, and 'can you pass the
champagne?'s

A moment that yells out HEY YOU, YOU BELONG
You belong to community, to God, and to yourself

May we never lose this belonging, however far God takes us from 30th Street.

"Founders Day in Dripping Springs"

Photo by Frank Vasquez



"Senate Bucket List Event in San Antonio"

Photos by Frank Vasquez





"Community Iftar & Ramadan Event"

Photos by Frank Vasquez

This is the last publication of *Kairos* for the 2021-2022 academic year. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed art, writing, and photos to *Kairos*, and to everyone who has read it.

If you would like to send in artwork over the summer, please email it to kairos@student.austinseminary.edu.

Students, faculty, staff, family, and other community members are all welcome to submit art, poetry, and writing to *Kairos*.

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