

WELCOME

If you are a visitor or newcomer, our first hope is that you will experience God's love and care. Our second hope is that you will also experience our love and care. Some of us are shy and quiet. Others of us are bold and outgoing. Yet, in all our ways we want to say: "YOU ARE WELCOME!"

Offering gifts to God's service is an integral part of our worship. Many people at St. Martin's have chosen to make their offering by post-dated cheque or PAR. Others prefer weekly offering envelopes. Visitors and guest should not feel obligated to share in our offering, but if you so desire you may find offering envelopes at the entrance to the sanctuary.

MUSIC

At St. Martin's we are richly blessed by many fine musicians. We encourage you to acknowledge their contributions to worship through silence, or when impelled by the Spirit, through applause.

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Vision: To be a thriving, welcoming faith community that makes the example of Christ relevant to our living.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Words of Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

Community News

Lighting the Christ Candle

Invitation to Worship

We believe that we have been created in the image of God,
created in the image of Love,

created an astonishing variety of shapes and sizes,
of colours and hues, of cultures and traditions.

We are enriched as the circle grows wider.

**Therefore, let us be on God's side,
not the right side or the left side,
but on the side of love, justice and truth.**

**So that we can make of this old world,
a new one.**

Opening Prayer

**Source of Life, revealed in the life and teaching of Jesus,
flood our souls with your Spirit.**

**Help us to live lives, such that everyone we meet
shall see only Love.**

**Extinguish our prejudice; enhance our openness
so that we might equally see You in the "other".**

**Thereby transform our lives and renew our world.
This is our prayer. Amen.**

Theme Song:

Praise the Mother, praise the Father too.
Praise the Lord of all, and the Source of you.
Praise the river ever flowing through
to the Ocean of who we are.(R)
Hey mama he-ya mm bay, mm bay. (R4X)
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Story Time with Darren

Children and Youth are Invited Downstairs

Prayer of Reconciliation

**O God of the Exodus, of liberation and new life,
We come to you in prayer naming the “old things”
to which we cling:**

**stereotypes based on race;
unearned privileges from our gender or skin colour;
internalized racism we are not even aware of.**

**Open our eyes so we may understand your desire
for a community built on love, not difference.**

**Reduce our fears, increase our curiosity,
call us to honest conversation
with all we perceive as “different”.**

**Might we see your image reflected in each other’s eyes,
we pray. Amen.**

Listening for God’s Word: Mark 1:29 - 39

²⁹ And immediately he^[a] left the synagogue, and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon’s mother-in-

law lay sick with a fever, and immediately they told him of her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her; and she served them. ³² That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together about the door. ³⁴ And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him pursued him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” ³⁸ And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out.” ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Sanctuary Choir - "I Will Serve the Lord All My Days"

by Nancy Price and Don Besig

Response to the Reading

Offering Our Gifts

Offering Song “Your Love Unfolded” (MV 176 vs. 2)

Your love unfolded time and space
and life, and all that life became,
and so, with thankful heart and voice,
through good and ill, I bless your name. (repeat)

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Let us Break Bread Together” VU#480

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Communion Prayer

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Before all that is, **You were God.**

Outside of all we know, **You are God.**

After all is finished, **You will be God.**

The universe hums with your creation;

the quiet space in our soul savours your presence.

This is our song:

You beyond the galaxies;

You under the oceans;

You opening the flowers;

You carrying us through the waters of birth;

You holding us in the night;

You smiling on Sarah and Abraham;

You journeying with Moses and Miriam;

You living among us as the Christ;

You healing, teaching, dying, rising;

You inviting us to this feast.

In the night in which Jesus was betrayed

he took bread and gave thanks; broke it

and gave it to the disciples saying,

“Take and eat, my body for you”

He took the cup and gave it for all to drink saying,

“This cup is the new covenant, my life-blood for you.”

Holy God, we look to your Spirit:

Enliven this bread

Awaken this body

Pour us out for each other.

Make us, though broken, whole

Make us, despite death, alive.

And so we cry, **“Come” Holy Spirit!**

And so the church shouts, **“Come” Holy Spirit!**

And so the earth pleads, **“Come” Holy Spirit!**

Breaking and Sharing

As Elements are shared: “Eat This Bread” VU#466

Prayer after Communion

We give thanks that bread-broken brings wholeness;

that wine poured out replenishes;

that time spent in community with the Risen Christ

is gift and grace. Amen.

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” VU#481

Words of Blessing