

## 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.

## OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

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## **The Third Sunday in Lent March 4, 2018**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Words of Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of the Land**

**Community News**

**Introit: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" – Fellowship Bells**

**Extinguishing the Third Lenten Candle & Sung Response**

We are travelling the journey of lent

**a time for reflection,**

**a time for confession,**

**a time of yearning for the light of Christ.**

Today we ponder what it means to fail:

to disappoint others and ourselves.

**We acknowledge that we do not always live**

**in the Way of Jesus.**

**His Love is rigorous and our love can be tentative.**

We extinguish a candle on this third Sunday of Lent

aware of our shortcomings and how they can impede

the establishment of God's commonwealth.

"Don't Be Afraid" MV #90

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger.

My love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger

and I have promised, promised to be always near. (repeat)

### **Invitation to Worship and Opening Prayer**

Lent is a time to prepare and renew  
our spirits for living with the Christ.

**During this time of worship we pray that**

**God would know our hearts,  
even as we strive to know the heart of God.**

**Let us 'prepare' by examining ourselves;  
and let us 'renew' by engaging in acts of love and justice.**

Let us pray...

**In this season of Lent we return to the Way of Jesus.**

**It is a path into the uncharted territory of love;**

**it is a confrontation with failures,  
and the resurgence of hope eternal.**

**God of the desert, let it be your bread we eat.**

**God of the wilderness, let it be your world we serve.**

**For Love's sake. Amen.**

### **Lifting our Voices in Song**

"Love Us into Fullness" MV#81

### **Story Time with Darren**

### **Children are Invited Downstairs**

### **Prayer of Reconciliation**

**God of promise and hope,  
you call us to trust in your way  
and set before us paths of faithfulness.**

**Sometimes we hesitate to follow you  
and to truly commit ourselves.**

**Our priorities can get stuck in personal interests  
rather than in acts of compassion and justice.**

**Free us from ourselves, so that we might live with faithfulness  
and find liberation from all that binds us. Amen.**

### **Listening for God's Word:**

### **Exodus 20:1-17 (abridged) & Selected verses from Matthew**

Then God spoke all these words:

... you shall have no other gods before me;  
... you shall not make for yourself an idol;  
... you shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God;  
... remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy  
... honour your father and your mother;  
... you shall not murder;  
... you shall not commit adultery;  
... you shall not steal;  
... you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor;  
... you shall not covet your neighbor's house ... or anything that  
belongs to your neighbor.

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Jesus went up the mountain and began to speak:

... you have heard it said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not  
murder' ... But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or  
sister, you will be liable to judgment;  
... you have heard it said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' but I say to  
you that everyone who looks at another with lust has already  
committed adultery;  
... you have heard it said, 'An eye for an eye' but I say to you, if  
anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also;  
... you have heard it said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your  
enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who  
persecute you;  
... do not judge, so that you may not be judged;  
... do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and  
rust consume but store up treasures in heaven, for where your  
treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### **Reflection on the Concepts of Sin & Evil**

### **Sanctuary Choir**

### **Response to the Reading**

## **Offering Our Gifts**

### **Offertory “Andante Maestoso” – Fellowship Bells**

#### **Offering Song “Give Thanks”**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One:

Give thanks because God’s given Jesus Christ the Son.

And now let the weak say “I am strong” let the poor say “I am rich”  
because of what the Lord has done for us.

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because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks.

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **The Invitation**

#### **The Communion Prayer**

There is before us, an invitation to come with all that is your flesh and  
blood, and to share it with your God.

**We accept this invitation, remembering God's gift to us in Christ  
and its meaning for our lives today.**

This is how life is - broken, imperfect.

But you can live from this, and you can give it to your neighbour,  
and your neighbour can experience  
the nourishment you've received.

**We remember now the one called Emmanuel, God with us,**

**Who because he was broken for us, lives.**

**We accept this precious gift.**

Living is the spilling out of life. It is in freely and knowingly  
pouring forth ourselves that others can live.

**We remember now the humanity of Christ,**

**Who poured forth his whole being so that we might live.**

**It is through this deep and abiding mystery**

**that we come now before you O God.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts,

that all who share in this loaf and cup  
may be the body of Christ:  
justice, life and love in the world,  
we pray. Amen.

## **Breaking and Sharing**

**As Elements are shared: “Bread for the Journey” MV 202**

### **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**

“Let us Talents & Tongues Employ” VU#468 vs 1 and 3

## **Words of Blessing**

### **Blessing Song**

“May the Grace of Christ Attend Us” VU 963

May the grace of Christ attend us,  
and the love of God surround us,  
And the Holy Spirit keep us now and ever.  
Amen