

## 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.

## **Palm Sunday - The Sixth Sunday in Lent**

**March 25, 2018**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Words of Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of the Land**

**Community News**

**Passing of the Peace**

### **Extinguishing the Sixth 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 the life of Jesus himself

and what his life means for each of us.

**We acknowledge that it is hard to understand**

**the difference between his earthly life**

**and the claim that he is the Christ.**

We extinguish a candle on this sixth Sunday of Lent

aware we have not always followed his example

or discerned what he means for our living.

*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**

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.**

(... we continue in prayer)

**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 failure,  
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.**

### **Story Time with Darren**

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

"Come, Children, Join to Sing" VU#345

#### **Children are Invited Downstairs**

#### **Prayer of Reconciliation**

**O God, we know that we fall short  
in our attempts to love.**

**Sometimes our pride does not allow us  
to see our wrongs.**

**Sometimes we become callous  
and abandon the call to care for one another.**

**Sometimes in our determination  
we can see nothing but our own will.**

**Open us to the inspiration of Love,**

**and show us how to extend grace to ourselves,  
and to one another.**

**Remembering all the is Holy, we pray. Amen.**

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

##### **Matthew 16:13 – 20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, [a] the Son of the living God." ... <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

##### **Luke 19:35 – 40**

Then they brought the donkey to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

"Hosanna, loud hosanna" VU#123

#### **Reflection on Jesus the Christ**

#### **Band Together**

#### **Response to the Reading**

#### **Minute for Mission**

## **Offering Our Gifts**

### **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.

### **Praying for Others and Ourselves**

#### **& the Prayer of Jesus (sung VU #959)**

### **Sharing our Voices in Song**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" VU#333 (vs 1 & 2)

## **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