

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.

Good Friday Remembrance

March 30, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Invitation to Worship

Today is God's Friday.

Today the Carpenter's hands are nailed to a cross,
the Prince of Peace is crowned with thorns
and wears the purple robe of mockery.

**Today this Jesus sets us free while he,
himself, is imprisoned on a tree.**

We come to remember and to pray.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God of grief and of suffering,
this Friday seems 'good' for all the wrong reasons.

**Be with us in these hours as we gather
in the shadow of the cross.**

**Sustain us as we hear the story of death
and the sounds of burial.**

We do not desire to be here brought face to face
with Jesus' time of suffering.

**Forgive us, when we have chosen to avoid such times:
when we have ignored the cross or denied pain,
or turned our backs on the suffering of others.**

Strengthen us in the face of hardships
remind us that you are here with us.

You know the ways of the world, O God:

**you have loved and cried and lived and died
to be with us, to comfort us,
to forgive us and to free us.**

For this we give thanks. This we call 'good.' **Amen.**

Hymn #133 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

The Presentation of the Cross - A Time of Silence

Contemporary Singers

"If I had Been"

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 23: 1 - 25

Hymn #144 (vs. 1 – 3) "Were you There?"

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 23: 26 - 48

Hymn #144 (vs. 4 & 5) "Were you There?"

Reflections

Hymn #149 (vs. 1 & 4) "When I survey the Wondrous Cross"

Offering Our Gifts

Offering Song "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God, all creatures high and low,
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Joining Together in Prayer

Hymn #135" Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Six candles remain extinguished.

They represent our journey from Ash Wednesday to tonight.

We have reflected on our faith.

we have joined in prayer and song,

we have remembered our shortcomings.

Tonight we come again to that ancient story

where Hope is confronted by fear,

where Justice is confronted by injustice

where Love is confronted by death.

We acknowledge that we do not fully understand

this ancient mystery, yet, we know

that fear, injustice and death still threaten our world.

In remembering the death of Jesus

we remember all our losses,

and all those who this day,

struggle for life in our world.

We pray that you will stay with us through this night

until morning breaks anew.

(The Christ Candle is extinguished)

Closing Hymn #182 "Stay with Us through the night"