

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.

Easter Morning Sunrise Celebration

Sunday, April 1, 2018

7:00 a.m.

The Fire is Lit

This is the dawn of a new creation: come to the Light of Christ!
Christ has risen! **Christ has risen indeed!**
Hope is alive! **A new day is dawning!**
Love is alive! **Death cannot contain us!**
We are alive! **New life is within us!**
The church is alive! **Let us celebrate the God of Resurrection!**
(The Christ Candle is lit)

Invitation to Worship

They cut him down, but he leaps up high;
his is the life that will never, never, die;
He'll live in you and he'll live in me,
The Lord of the Dance will set us free!
Dance then wherever we may be
Let us join the dance, for we are now free.
We'll all be led, wherever we may be
We'll all be led in the dance, said he.

Opening Prayer

We praise you O God that on this day you remind us
that death and disaster are not the final words.
Even in our darkest despair you promise that new hope
can arise like the fragile, tentative stirring of a butterfly

within the cocoon.
Call us this day to believe in that possibility,
to search for that new life,
and to give ourselves to it without reservation.
Praise be to you, O Source of Life, this day and always. Amen.

Hymn #409 "Morning Has Broken"

(Words : Eleanor Farjeon@1931; Music: Gaelic Melody
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Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

An Easter Canticle

Praise be to you, the God of palms and passion,
of laughter and tears, of celebration and sorrow.

In wilderness wanderings and joyful journeys,
in parades of jubilation and processions of pain,
you never leave us or forsake us.

In Jesus you sent a servant-Sovereign,
celebrated by the stars and longed for by your people,
who lived the labours and sufferings of this world.

When hosannas turned to sorrows, and a crown became a cross
he gathered with friends and broke bread.

We praise you for his acts of kindness, for his passion for peace,

and for his call to be a community of friends to one another.

**On this glad morning we receive his resurrection
as a sign of your promise to be with us always.**

From the confines of a tomb your love has burst forth upon the world
insisting that death and despair shall not be the final word.

Jesus Christ is risen today, Hallelujah!

Our triumphant holy day, Hallelujah!

From the empty tomb the Rising Son sends us forth with hope
enabling us to create life anew in a needy world.

For your presence in life, in death, in life beyond death -

We praise you! Hallelujah! Amen!

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 24: 1 – 12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body.^[a] ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women^[b] were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men^[c] said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."^[d] ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.^[e]

Reflections

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation, Peace and Prayer

The Bread & Cup

Prayer after Communion

**We give you thanks, O God, that you have come to us
through Jesus Christ in the midst of both time and history,
and in the timeless presence of Christ's Spirit
through the gifts of bread and wine.
Send us out into the world rejoicing,
ready to share your love with the people we meet;
through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hymn #222 "Come Let Us Sing"

(Words and Music: Jim Strathdee 1976

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**Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.**

**O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.**

**You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.**

**Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.**

Words of Blessing