

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.

Sunday October 7th, 2018 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving and World-Wide Communion Sunday

Words of Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

In the spirit of reconciliation

let us acknowledge our relationship
with the Indigenous people of this land.

We acknowledge that we are gathering for worship on the traditional lands of the First Nations and the homeland of the Metis. We are all Treaty people bound by the understandings made in the agreement known as Treaty Six.

Community News

Lighting the Christ Candle

Invitation to Worship

We gather together as people of God,

to sing, to pray, to give thanks!

We gather together as disciples of Christ,

to sing, to pray, to give thanks!

We gather together as dancers in the Spirit,

to sing, to pray, to give thanks!

And with our prayers, with our songs
with our thanksgivings, and with our lives,

we worship the One

who is with us all our days.

We worship the One

who lives in us, through us and around us.

We worship the One who is life itself- God of Creation.

Theme Song:

Praise – Michael Stillwater (used with permission)

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. (R8X)

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Opening Prayer

We gather this day, O God, to offer thanks, worship together and to participate in World Wide Communion. Some, like us, gather in freedom without fear. Others gather in secret, in the shadows, because to mention your name would be a sure stroke of death. Others gather not really knowing why they gather at all. Regardless of our place or circumstance, all of us gather to hear your word, to praise your name, to feel your presence and to ask for your guidance. Hear us now as we pray and strengthen us all who gather around the world in the week ahead. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Story Time with Darren

Children are Invited Downstairs

9:30 am Sanctuary Choir

11:00 Contemporary Singers “Celtic Thanksgiving”

Prayer of Reconciliation

Loving God, we gather in community, hungry for the strength and vision we know community offers and that you offer through community. We are hungry for peace and hope, because even though we know life as beautiful and bountiful, we also know that it can be difficult and challenging for ourselves and for others. So, we gather to unclench

ourselves from routine and static ideas, to open ourselves to your love, your dynamic wisdom, and your hopeful justice. May we have itchy ears for your vocal silence and an openness to the cries of the world, that our yearning for meaning may find in this community a spirit of belonging and hope. Amen.

Listening for God’s Word: VU #820 “Make A Joyful Noise” (sung)

Psalms 100 “A Psalm of Thanksgiving”

Response to the Reading

Lifting our Voices in Song: VU #467 “One Bread, One Body”

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)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

This is the welcome table of God.

Here, all who seek to be at peace with their neighbours and reconciled with God are invited to join in a holy mystery. With Christians around the world and throughout the centuries, we gather around these symbols of bread and wine – simple elements that speak of nourishment and transformation.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Loving God, we thank you that you are as close to us as breath, that your love is constant and unending.

We thank you for all that sustains life,
and especially for your Anointed One, Jesus,
who teaches us how to live in justice and peace,

and whose promise of transformation was made known in his life, death and resurrection.

And so we join together with your faithful people of every time and place, singing:

Kingsfold Communion Set MV 203 (sung)

O, Holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.

And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

We remember on the night when Jesus and the disciples had their last meal together, that Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, and passed it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body, given for you. Take and eat, and as often as you do, remember me."

In the same way, he took the cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to the disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant, poured out for you and for many. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

In the symbol of the broken bread, we participate in the life of Christ and dedicate ourselves to being his disciples.

In the symbol of the cup, we participate in the new life Christ brings.

And together we join in proclaiming the mystery of our faith, singing:

Kingsfold Communion Set MV 204 (sung)

Sing Christ has died, and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

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Send, O God, your Spirit upon us and what we do here.

Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ's presence

in these ordinary things in our ordinary lives.

May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst.

Kingsfold Communion Set MV 205 (sung)

Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen.

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Breaking and Sharing MV #202 "Bread for the Journey"

Prayer After Communion

God of great mystery, we have shared in your feast, not only with those with whom we have rubbed elbows at church this morning. We have also shared this Holy Communion with sisters, brothers, and siblings around the world. A range of languages and smiles have praised you, O God, from all around the earth. Unite us to one another. Recommit us to your cause.

God of Creation, we are humbled by your faithful love for us all.

You leave no one out of your loving embrace.

We are grateful for the various gifts we have of friendships, mentors, teachers of every age; all those who care for us; and all those who care for those who have no one.

The needs are many; your love is bountiful in us to own and pass on to others.

Your creation astounds us in its beauty and colourful wildness.

We give thanks for all its aspects...

Water, oceans, lakes, and rivers, cascading waterfalls, quiet streams; all are gifts to be cared for and respected.

We respect the waters that give life.

Air that gives us breath and gives life to many species besides humans.

We respect the air that the whole world breathes.

Fire that consumes but refreshes life in its wake;

it can cook food yet leave us homeless.

We respect the fire and its warmth and energy.

Earth that is our home, given by the Creator for the well-being of all life; its beauty overwhelms, its mountains and plains curve around our hearts to be well and keep it well.

We respect the earth, our home.

We sing thanksgiving for all your gifts to us as humans, charged with being caretakers of it all.

May we learn to respect all of it, including all the humans who walk with us on this great planet.

In awe, we are humbled and joyful for the love you share among us, and in us, and with which you surround us.

We are grateful, Creator, for your living in all

the gifts that make us who we are and that connect us to you and to each other.

Creator who made us, thank you.

We continue in prayer as we say together the prayer Jesus taught us.....

Lord's Prayer

Our mother and our father.....

Lifting our Voices in Song MV #182 "Grateful"

Words of Blessing

Let us leave this time and place of worship
remembering God's goodness to us:

a goodness known in Creation,
in our relationships,
and most especially known in Jesus Christ.

**Let us commit ourselves
to lives of thanksgiving and thanks-living.**

**Let us go now, with smiles on our faces,
with joy in our hearts,
with purpose and in kindness,
to be God's people
in all the places life calls us to be.**

Amen

*Portions of this service were adapted from materials found in "Gathering
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