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Welcome to

St. Martin’s North East Valley



28th May 2017

 Celebrating Ascension

Presider/Preacher: Rev. Max

Readers: Mihai, Wendy

Intercessor: Gillian

Chalice: Richard

Music: Christine

Cantor: Kuini

**The Gathering of the Community**

*Please stand for the opening hymn and procession*

**Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise**

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia,

to his throne above the skies; Alleluia,

Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia,

enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits;

lift your heads, eternal gates.

He hath conquered death and sin;

take the King of Glory in.

Lo, the heaven its Lord receives,

yet he loves the earth he leaves;

though returning to his throne,

still he calls mankind his own.

See, he lifts his hands above;

see, he shews the prints of love;

hark, his gracious lips bestow

blessings on his church below.

Still for us he intercedes,

his prevailing death he pleads;

near himself prepares our place,

he the first-fruits of our race.

Lord, though parted from our sight,

far above the starry height,

grant our hearts may thither rise,

seeking thee above the skies.

*Priest* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

***All*** **Amen.**

*Priest* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***All*** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The Collect for Purity*

**Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden;**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**so that we may truly love you**

**and worthily praise your holy name;**

**through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Priest* Hear Hear the teaching of Christ:
you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind
and with all your strength.
This is the first commandment.
And a second is this:
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

***All*** **Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

*Priest* Hear God’s word to all who turn to Christ:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life. [*John 3:16*]

*Priest* God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent,

turn to Christ in faith, and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

*Silence*

*Please sit or kneel*

*Priest* Let us confess our sins

**Merciful God,**

**we have sinned**

**in what we have thought and said,**

**in the wrong we have done**

**and in the good we have not done.**

**We have sinned in ignorance:**

**we have sinned in weakness:**

**we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**We repent and turn to you.**

**Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ’s sake,**

**and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen**

*We sing together the Kyrie*

**Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

**Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

**Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

*Priest* Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you,

pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness

and keep you in life eternal. **Amen**

*We stand and sing together – repeating the line after the leader*

Glory to God, glory to God,

glory to the Father!

**Glory to God, glory to God,**

**glory to the Father!**

**To God be glory forever!**

To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, Amen!

**Alleluia, Amen!**

**Alleluia, Amen!**

**Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God,

glory to Christ Jesus…

Glory to God, glory to God,

glory to the Spirit…

**Collect for Ascension**

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|  | Risen Christ,you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:help us to seek and serve you,that we may join you at the Father’s side,where you reign with the Spirit in glory,now and for ever. |

**Amen.**

**First Reading**

*Reader* A reading from the first book of Acts, chapter 1.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 47**

Ki te tino kaiwhakatangi. He hīmene mā ngā tama a Koraha.
Pakia ō koutou rika, e ngā iwi katoa: hāmama ki te Atua, kia hari te reo.
*Clap your hands ′ all you ′ peoples: cry out to ′ God with ′ shouts of ′ joy.*
Nō te mea he wehi a Ihowa, te Runga Rawa, he kīngi nui ia nō te whenua katoa.
*For the Lord most high is ′ to be ′ feared: and is the great sovereign ′ over ′ all the ′ earth.*
Mana e riro ai ngā iwi ki raro i a tātou , me kā tautangata ki raro ki ō tātou waewae.
*The Lord has subdued the ′ peoples ′ under us: and the ′ nations ′ under · our ′ feet.*
Mana e whiriwhiri tō tātou nohoanga mō tātou , te mea pai rawa o Hakopa, o tana i aroha ai.
*The Lord chose a land to ′ be our ′ heritage: it is the pride of ′ Jacob ′ whom God ′ loves.*

Kua kake atu te Atua i roto i te hāmama , ā Ihowa i roto i te tangi o te tetere.
*God has gone up with ′ shouts of ′ triumph: the Lord has gone ′ up · with a ′ fanfare of ′ trumpets.*
Hīmene ki te Atua, hīmene atu; hīmene ki tō tātou Kīngi , hīmene atu.
*Sing praises, sing ′ praises · to ′ God: sing praises, sing ′ praises ′ to our ′ king.*
Ko te Atua hoki te Kīngi o te whenua katoa: hīmene atu i runga i te mōhio .
*For God is the king of ′ all the′ earth: sing praises ′ with your ′ utmost ′ skill.*
Ko te Atua te Kīngi o ngā tauiwi: e noho ana te Atua i runga i te torona o tōna tapu.
*God reigns ′ over · the ′ nations: God is seated ′ on a ′ holy ′ throne.*
Kua huihui ngā rangatira o kā iwi, hei iwi mō te Atua o Aperahama: nā te Atua hoki ngā whakangungu rākau o te whenua; kua whakanuia rawatia ia.
*The princes of the ′ nations · assemble: with the ′ people · of the ′ God of ′ Abraham. For the mighty ones of the earth have become the servants · of ′ God: the Lord is exalted over all.*

 **Second Reading**

*Reader* A reading Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 15 to 23.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

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**Gospel Reading**

*Please stand*

**Alleluia, Alleluia
Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name

Believe in God, trust in the Son
He is the way, the truth, the life**

**Alleluia, Alleluia…**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

***All*****Praise and glory to God.**

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. [Luke 24:44-53]

*Reader* This is the Gospel of Christ

***All* Praise to Christ, the Word.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia…**

**Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.    Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel*

*Priest* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God’s goodness.

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**Greeting of Peace**

*Priest* The peace of Christ be always with you.

***All* And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn**

*During this hymn a collection is taken and the holy table prepared for communion*

**Christ is the King! O friends rejoice**

Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Oh magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

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Blessed are you, God of all creation;

through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offering for your glory

and for the service of your Kingdom

**Blessed be God for ever.**

The Lord is here.

**God’s Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord,

Almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise

through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness;

through your eternal Word

you created all things from the beginning

and formed us in your own image;

male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away

you call us back to yourself

and gave your Son to share our human nature.

You raised him to life triumphant over death;

you exalted him in glory,

and gave him the name which is above every name:

at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow

and every tongue confess that he is Lord.

In him you have made us a holy people

by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him,

with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,

we proclaim you great and glorious name,

forever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;

on the night before he died

your Son Jesus Christ took bread

when he had given you thanks,

he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:

‘This is my body, which is given for you.

Do this to remember me.’

After supper he took the cup;

when he had given you thanks,

he gave it to them and said:

‘Drink this all of you,

for this is my blood of the new covenant

which is shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins;

do this as often as you drink it,

to remember me.’

**Glory to you Lord Christ;**

**your death we show forth,**

**your resurrection we proclaim,**

**your coming we await;**

**Amen, come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God,

recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,

his suffering and death,

his resurrection and ascension,

and looking for his coming in glory,

we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life

and this cup of salvation.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving

which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit

that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive

may be to us the body and blood of Christ,

and that we filled with the Spirit’s grace and power,

may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you

in earth and heaven,

we worship you, O God,

in songs of everliving praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,**

**here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please sit*

**Te Karakia O Te Atua The Lord’s Prayer**

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| Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka īnoi tātou**E tō mātou Matua i te rangiKia tapu tōu Ingoa.Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.Kia meatia tāu e pai aiki runga ki te whenua,kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.Hōmai ki a mātou āianeihe taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.Murua ō mātou hara,Me mātou hoki e muru neii ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,Āke ake ake.    Āmine.** | As our Lord’s Jesus Christ teaches us, so we say**Our Father in heaven,hallowed be your name,your kingdom come,your will be done,on earth as in heaven.Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sinsas we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.** **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yoursnow and for ever.   Amen.** |

*The priest breaks the bread.*

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,**

**for we all share the one bread.**

*We sing together the Agnus Dei.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,**

**grant us your peace.**

*Priest* Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*All baptised Christians are welcome to come forward and receive communion*

**Prayer after Communion**

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|  | God our Father,you have raised our humanity in Christand have fed us with the bread of heaven:mercifully grant that, nourished  with such spiritual blessings,we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;through Jesus Christ our Lord. |

**Amen.**

**Notices**

**The Blessing**

May Christ, who is human and divine, who is of heaven and also of earth, lift up your hearts, lift up your lives to God...

Christ make you faithful and strong to do his will that you may reign with him in glory

and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.
**Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

*Priest* Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**All** Amen. We go in the name of Christ Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Closing Hymn**

**Immortal Invisible**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;

thy justice like mountains high soaring above

thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;

in all life thou livest, the true life of all;

we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,

then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,

thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;

all laud we would render: O help us to see

'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

**Prayers**

***Church:*** Bp Steven and the diocese, Bp Richard and the Hui Amorangi o Te Wai Pounamu, Bishop Michael Dooley of the Roman Catholic diocese of Dunedin, Christians in the Middle East, people and clergy of All Saints’, St. Martin’s and St. Thomas’s.

***Community:*** Fruit & Veges, Polytechnic and university students and staff, Selwyn College, SCM, Toy Library.

***World:***Refugees,People of: Palestine and Israel,Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq.

***Those sick or in any other need***

***The departed*** *of this parish, and our own beloved family and friends*

**Notices**

**• Alpha Course** Rev. Max will be trailing an ALPHA course at St Martin’s in the second semester of 2018. The first session will be 12th July. Please come along, as this is a great opportunity for us to sit down and discuss our faith together, and to invite others to join us. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way (e.g. helping run discussions of cooking hot soup) please email/talk to Max ASAP. We need to have a small but committed team!

**• General Synod** this week the decision was taken to pass Motion 29. This means that with the Bishop’s permission clergy can be authorized to bless same sex relationships. General Synod also voted *not* to make any changes to the sacrament of confirmation. For information on these, and other General Synod decisions see: http://www.anglicantaonga.org.nz/news/general\_synod/yes

**• Ration Challenge** Rev Max is taking on the Ration Challenge “to show refugees that I’m with them, not against them - and I’d be grateful if you could sponsor me! You’ll help to provide food, medicine and education for Syrian refugees; and support people living in poverty around the world.” If you would like to help support refugees, or if you would just enjoy seeing Max suffering with hunger, then please support at: https://my.rationchallenge.org.nz/revmax.

If you would like to join the challenge yourself, you are welcome to join the team: Cloak and Loaves (found via the same web link).

**• Faith Thinking Event –** Exploring the Holy Spirit. Assoc. Professor Chris Holmes, Department of Theology and Religion, University of Otago.

16 May, 7:00pm – 9:00pm, 23 May, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. The Gathering Area, Knox Church, 449 George Street. Each Course costs $20. Please register online at www.otago.ac.nz/continuingeducation For further information go to: http://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/news/faith-thinking.html

**• Pentecost Quiet Day.** Saturday, 19th May 10am to 4pm. All are welcome at a Retreat Day as we celebrate Pentecost. Offered by Sister Joan Bennett OP (in conjunction with the Southern Coastal Deanery). Venue: St Margaret’s Anglican Church, 4 Seaview Terrace Brighton. Bring Bible, journal and pen if desired, bring your own lunch. Hot drinks provided.

Participants are invited to make an offering of a Koha to defray expenses. For further information or to register please phone Maureen Harley 03 456 0573; 021 10 71 401 by Monday, 14th May.

1. **Carpark hire and hall hire:** If you know anyone who would like to hire a carpark or who would like to use any of the halls in the parish please let Nicki in the parish office know (479 2212).

**•** **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** has been celebrated since 1908. In the Southern Hemisphere the week is celebrated between Ascension and Pentecost.

The Churches of the Caribbean have written the material for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The WPCU brochure is jointly prepared and published by the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches. WPCU materials can be found at:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/commissions/faith-and-order/xi-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity/2018/2018>

<https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-ministers/worship-resources/special-services/week-for-prayer-for-christian-unity>

**• All Saints’ Fruit & Veges** If you would like to sign up and/or place an order please go to: <https://store.buckybox.com/all-saints-fruit-vege> If you do not wish to sign up you can still make your orders and pay by cash at your Fruit & Veges distribution centre (e.g. All Saints’ St. Martin’s) the Thursday before delivery. Thanks for your support.

• **Regular giving:** Thank you to those who are giving regularly to the parish by electronic transfer or through the envelope scheme. Vestry encourages everyone involved in the parish to reflect on how much they are giving to the parish and to consider increasing their contribution to sustain and build the ministries offered here. Parish bank account. Bank: ANZ. Branch: Octagon. Account name: All Saints. Account number: 06 0901 0401135 00. If you have any questions please ask Margaret Rockliff or David Fielding.

**• Prayer and Spiritual life.** If you would like to speak with someone about your prayer life please speak with one of the clergy. You might like to visit these prayer websites: [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie/)  & [www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/)

• **Pastoral care** If you would like a pastoral visit for any reason please contact Fr. Michael or Jo Dodd 4770956.

• **Confessions** by appointment with any of the priests in the paris

**Weeks Events**

**Today**

**2.00pm** Ross Home chapel

 **8.00pm** Taize service at All Saints’

**Thursdays**

**7.30am** Fruit and vege packing (All Saints’)

**4.30pm -6.00pm** Fruit and vege distribution (St Martin’s)

**Sundays**

**10.30am** Pentecost & All Saints’

**2.00pm** Ross Home Communion Service

**Upcoming Events**

**Sunday May 20th Pentecost**

We will join All Saints’ church for a parish wide service. This is a special day since Glenyss, who is a regular volunteer for fruit and veges, and a regular at parish events, will be baptised. It is also a special day because Fr. Ivica will visiting, and doing the baptizing. Please join us down at All Saints’ for this special day.

**Sunday May 27h Trinity**

Potluck lunch at Saint Martin’s Church. Please invite family and friends to the potluck, the service, or both!

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