

◆ THE MISSION ◆

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

APRIL, 2005

"The Purpose of St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church is to help people be transformed, gifted, called, equipped and sent into ministry by Christ in the context of a caring community of celebration."

From Mother Marilyn

Dear Friends,

Isn't it wonderful to say "Alleluia!" again? We have so much to be grateful for, and the Easter season reminds us every day of God's love in Jesus Christ, of the gift of life and salvation we have been given. Alleluia!

All we have to do now is follow Jesus. Sometimes that's really clear, but sometimes it isn't so easy to know what to do in particular situations. That's where we need discernment. In I Cor. 12, Paul lists the gifts of the Spirit that are given to the church so that we can follow Jesus. One of these gifts of the Spirit is the "discernment of spirits." God helps us to know and recognize when we are dealing with God's Holy Spirit (sometimes a still, small voice), or when we are dealing with our own human spirits (which are often loud and strong), or when there is an evil spirit involved (subtle and sneaky).

When we are seeking God's will, discernment is a helpful gift, along with the spiritual gifts of wisdom and knowledge and faith. God equips us to find and do God's will.

One way to test what we're thinking and feeling and doing is by how it conforms to scripture – especially loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves. We also pray, both alone and together. One writer stresses how important it is to clear our hearts and minds before praying so that we are more likely to hear God rather than our own thoughts and desires. When we are truly seeking God, God is faithful to respond.

Right now, St. Martin's is in the place of discerning how – specifically – we are to follow Jesus at this point in time. Last year the Vestry discerned that we needed to focus on strengthening community, particularly by providing opportunity to be together socially and in small groups.

At this year's Vestry retreat, we asked a somewhat different question – "God, what is your intention for St. Martin's?" – and spent time in prayer and listening to God. We believe God reaffirmed that it is to be God's Spirit and no other that we follow. We believe that God's intention is to bring healing among us, healing of all sorts. And we believe God intends us to grow.

The Vestry will continue to pray and discern specifically what God wants us to do about these things, and we hope you will join us in prayer and listening. We want to provide opportunity for sharing what we're hearing with one another, and we're planning several forums for that purpose.

Most of you know that in my own discernment praying, I felt strongly after a retreat last December that God showed me that St. Martin's was to be a place where God's presence would be so strong and so evident that people would be changed, would know and feel God's love, would be healed. Last month, during my time at home, it seemed clear to me that one way of more fully opening up to God's Spirit was to help people worship in the ways that are deepest for them. So, after prayer and lots of informal discussion, I thought it would be important to have two styles of music at two different services. The earlier service would continue to have blended music, and the late service would primarily have

Continued

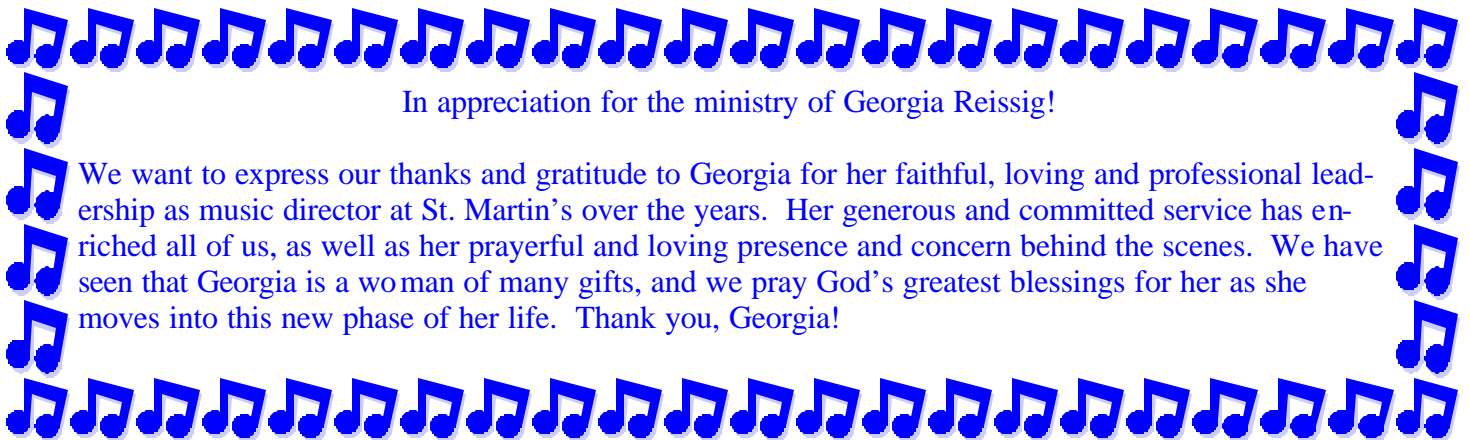
contemporary music. We will, of course, continue to use the Prayer Book, but each service will have more freedom to worship in the ways that most deeply touch their heart.

This change is on a trial basis until summer, when we'll review and discern how to continue. I say "discern" because it is my faith that God will be the one leading, and we will be the ones following God as faithfully as we know how to do by praying and listening together.

More than anything, we must determine to live together according to Jesus's commandment: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you....You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another." John 15: 12-14, 16-17.

Easter celebrates the love of God in Christ Jesus for us. What amazing love! What sacrifice! That we are chosen and loved – and that we are given the gift of bearing fruit! May God bless your Easter time, fill you with joy, and continue to bless your fruit-bearing for the Kingdom! Alleluia!

In Christ's love,
Mother Marilyn+



In appreciation for the ministry of Georgia Reissig!

We want to express our thanks and gratitude to Georgia for her faithful, loving and professional leadership as music director at St. Martin's over the years. Her generous and committed service has enriched all of us, as well as her prayerful and loving presence and concern behind the scenes. We have seen that Georgia is a woman of many gifts, and we pray God's greatest blessings for her as she moves into this new phase of her life. Thank you, Georgia!

Vestry Meeting Highlights — March 1, 2005

The March meeting of the Vestry was held in the church at 7:00 on March 1st. Members present were Sue Richardson, Rick Whipp, Bob Williams, Georgia Reissig, Cynthia Obermeyer, Pam Rice, and Martha Libby. Absent were Bryan Shallenberger and Steven Hull. The Junior Warden's Committee has been busy. The sign out front is fixed and now has brighter lights for the night hours. The spotlight has once again been stolen, and there is no plan to replace it at this time. Plans are in the making to repaint the sanctuary. The remainder of the meeting was led by The Rev. Barbara Musselman. The topic of discussion was the vision for the church.

Pam Rice
Clerk of the Vestry

...OF THE BUDDHA, PACHELBEL, AND RESURRECTION

Some time ago, maybe when I was in college, I heard a theory that time travel should be possible since time is not what we think it is. It is not a long line where past is past and present is not here yet, like the timeline on my classroom wall. According to this theory time folds back on itself so that at any one time the past, the present, and the future are all available. Right...

I have not meditated on this theory overmuch since for me a passing grade in General Science Survey was a miracle and the only reason I passed dumb head Algebra in college was that the teaching assistant was a neighbor of a friend of mine and he dragged a friend and me through.

But I think that finally I may be starting to "get it".

Last week as my 7th graders learned about ancient Asia, we studied the religion of Buddhism. The Buddha and his teachings started in India about 530 B.C. or nearly 2,500 years ago. Can you imagine that words from someone that long ago are still remembered and read by twelve year olds. What if something you or I were to say lasted that long?

"Our life is shaped by our mind; we become what we think.

Suffering follows an evil thought as the wheels of a cart follow the oxen that draw it."

"Our life is shaped by our mind; we become what we think. Joy follows a pure thought like a shadow that never leaves."

From the Dhammapada, sayings of the Buddha

Johan Pachelbel (1653 - 1706) was a German organist and composer. He wrote volumes of organ pieces, most of them very forgettable. For nearly 300 years he has been forgotten except by serious organists who studied that period of music. And then...a few years ago one haunting melody line, eight notes, Pachelbel's Canon, re-surfaces and becomes Pachelbel's Greatest Hit. Played by the Canadian Brass, or arranged by the Lionel Hampton String Quartet, or sung with lyrics and able to evoke a powerful response in millions of people.

Read the words of the Buddha from more than 2,000 years ago, listen to the notes of the Canon and maybe we can get a glimpse of time folding in on itself so that we can truly experience the past, now in the present, and believe in the future.

And so is Resurrection...an event of nearly two thousand years back, noticed by just a few terrified followers of a slain leader. We can still experience it. There can be resurrection for us too. It does happen again and again. Time folds back on itself, and we can feel once again that joy of knowing that death is not final - God's love is.

Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

Pam Rice



High Plains Regional News — March 2005

From your Missioner Lou Blanchard and the High Plains Executive Committee, below is an update on happenings and upcoming events in the High Plains Region. Please share this information with as many from your parish as you can. If you have any questions or need information please contact Nancy McClung, or any member of the Executive Committee listed below:

- **Samaritan Saturday 2005** –Be sure to sign up for the regional service day on April 23rd. The deadline has been extended to April 8th. Among the agencies we are helping include: MetroCaring, House of Hope, St. Francis Center, World Vision and Bridgeway. If you have any questions or would like to help please contact Bob Blatherwick at 720-748-2049 or RcBlat@aol.com.
- **2005 Pledges** –Thank you to the 20 High Plains Churches who to date have pledged over \$50,000 of support to the region! If you have not yet already done so, please be sure to get the completed pledge form in to Bob Leaman at the Diocese.
- **High Plains Regional Confirmation 2005**- Please contact Nancy McClung immediately if you will be participating in the High Plains Regional Confirmation on May 14, 2005 at St. John's Cathedral.
- **TED 2005** – The theme for our 2005 Training Event for the Diocese will be **How Firm a Foundation: Listen, Act and Build**. This year the event will be hosted at St. John's Cathedral and will be held on August 20th. Keep an eye out for the registration booklet, which will be available in May.
- **June 2** – Annual Rectors/Secretaries' Luncheon at St. John's Cathedral
- **June 26** –50+ Wedding Anniversary Choral Evensong at St. John's Cathedral

Questions? Please contact:

Nancy McClung, nancym@gshep.org, 303-470-1931

Rev. Canon Lou Blanchard, revlou_99@yahoo.com , 303-424-5288

Bob Blatherwick, RcBlat@aol.com, 720-748-2049

Rev. Sally Brown, skb4536@aol.com, 303-296-1712

Rev. Nina Churchman, nina@sttims.net, 303-794-1565

Rev. Georgia Humphrey, stbarna302@earthlink.net, 303-388-6469

Jay Johnson, jaymjohnson@msn.com, 303-693-5222, cell 720-641-3206

Don Norris, norris-ball@juno.com, 303-920-6097

Charles Thompson, CITHOMPSON@aol.com, 720-946-9782

“FOUR PORTRAITS—ONE JESUS” 2005 Diocesan Conference

Sponsored by Anglican Fellowship of Prayer

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer was founded in 1958. *“Prayer is not an option, but an essential response to God...in prayer, God is met, and without God nothing can happen.”*

Speakers: Rt. Rev. Bill Frey & Barbara Frey

Friday evening, April 29 —

Registration 6PM, teaching 7PM

Saturday, April 30 from 8:30AM to 3:30PM

Workshop choices are posted on the bulletin board and registration forms are on communication table in Narthex. Deadline and payment of \$36, including lunch, due before April 20th, 2005.

Altar Ministries — April, 2005

	Torch Bearer	Crucifer	Chalice Minister	Lector	Intercessor	Greeter	Usher	Coffee
Apr-03-2005 8:30 am		Jordan Hendrickson	Randy Hoidahl Sharon Hoidahl	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Sharon Hoidahl		Sue Gilbert Kira Gilbert	Joni Graeber
Apr-03-2005 10:45 am		Pam Rice	Pam Rice Martha Libby	Judy Tice	Chuck Tice	Jay Johnson	John & Jo Cunningham	Joy Guarina
Apr-10-2005 8:30 am		Bryan Shallenberger	Lorna Mayfield Lee Mayfield	Georgia Reissig	Mike Shallenberger		Ann Shallenberger Mike Shallenberger	
Apr-10-2005 10:45 am	Sarah Raymond Cody Wonycott	Nate Raymond	Jay Johnson Judy Tice	Bruce Raymond	Pam Rice	John Shepard	Bill Eldred	Tom Keables
Apr-17-2005 8:30 am	Rachael Obermeyer Jocelyn Whipp	Natalie Graeber	Bryan Shallenberger Mike Shallenberger	Mike Shallenberger	Georgia Reissig		Bill Schneider Jordan Hendrickson	Joni Graeber
Apr-17-2005 10:45 am		Chuck Tice	Chuck Tice Pam Rice	Tom Rothgeb	Martha Libby	Bill Eldred	Tom Keables John Shepard	Joy Guarina
Apr-24-2005 8:30 am		Jordan Hendrickson	Lee Mayfield Lorna Mayfield	Lorna Mayfield	Mary Louise Gradwohl		Dave Graeber Joni Graeber	
Apr-24-2005 10:45 am	Becca Richardson Caitlin Shepard	Michael Shepard	Martha Libby Jay Johnson	Thor Nelson	Bruce Raymond	Jo Cunningham	John & Jo Cunningham	Tom Keables
May-01-2005 8:30 am	Jocelyn Whipp Vincent Graeber	Bryan Shallenberger	Sharon Hoidahl Randy Hoidahl	Sharon Hoidahl	Randy Hoidahl		Sue Gilbert Kira Gilbert	Joni Graeber
May-01-2005 10:45 am		Judy Tice	Judy Tice Chuck Tice	Pam Rice	Judy Tice	Jay Johnson	Bill Eldred	Joy Guarina

	Altar Guild	Flowers	CCRV	LEM	M&Ms	Teller
Apr-03-2005	Susan Shepard Patty Juhl	Cindy Johnson	Jay Johnson	Tom Keables	Ed Paprocki & Heather Ruck	Rick Whipp Cynthia Obermeyer
Apr-10-2005	Cynthia Obermeyer Cindy Johnson	Sharon Hoidahl	Mike Shallenberger	Jay Johnson	Joni Graeber	Cynthia Obermeyer Martha Libby
Apr-17-2005	Cindy Johnson	Cindy Johnson	Tom Keables	Jay Johnson	Jo Cunningham	Martha Libby Georgia Reissig
Apr-24-2005	Judy Tice Patty Juhl	Judy Tice	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Tom Keables	Randy Hoidahl	Georgia Reissig Stephen Hull
May-01-2005	Ann Shallenberger Susan Shepard	Cindy Johnson	Jay Johnson	Tom Keables	Ed Paprocki & Heather Ruck	Stephen Hull Jane Owens

**You may also go to: <http://www.st-martins.net/>
For a link to Ministry Schedule, which includes Sunday Readings.**

St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Activities and Events for April, 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:30 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Christian Ed 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV	4 7:00 PM Contemporary Music Planning for 10:45 services	5 7:00 PM Vestry	6	7 7:00 PM Music Rehearsal	1	2
10 8:30 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Christian Ed 9:30 AM Youth Small Groups 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 5:30 PM Conf. Class	11	12	13	14 7:00 PM Music Rehearsal	15	16
17 8:30 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Christian Ed 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 5:30 PM Conf. Class	18 7:00 PM Prayer & Share	19	20	21 7:00 PM Music Rehearsal	22	23
24 8:30 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Christian Ed 9:30 AM Youth Small Groups 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 5:30 PM Conf. Class	25	26 5:30 PM St. Clare's Supper	27	28 7:00 PM Music Rehearsal	29	30
Quest Weekend - Buena Vista, ends Sun.						

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Mary's Hope presents - "Healing for Shattered Souls"

The mission of Mary's Hope is to provide tools for the spiritual healing of survivors of profound childhood abuse.

We will present our next "Healing for Shattered Souls" Seminar on April 4th. This one and a half hour seminar is recommended for survivors of profound childhood abuses who continue to struggle with the spiritual wounds they experienced from that trauma. Profound abuse is defined as trauma experienced by the child that affected his/her developing relationship with God - it could have been emotional or any type of physical abuse - neglect, abandonment, or death of a loved one at an early age - or other traumatic or life changing events.

We have witnessed enormous movement towards healing from attendees - At our most recent seminar at Lord of the Hills Lutheran in Aurora, we asked the survivors why they came to the seminar. Some of their responses were:

"I need to rebuild my spiritual side."
"To educate myself and gain tools for my spiritual rebirth."
"I believed that God was a phantom and did not exist."
"To heal a piece of my heart and soul."

During the hour and a half presentation, there was deep silence, quiet tears, nods of understanding and eyes riveted upon us. Afterwards we asked these survivors what was most meaningful to them during the evening. They responded:

"Abuse is counter to what God intends."
"Naming my wounds and misbeliefs about my God's role in it (the abuse)."
"Hearing about how I am not alone in my thoughts and feelings (about God)."
"A feeling of hope that I can heal my spiritual wounds. It has been good for me to hear someone talk openly about the healing journey."

**The upcoming seminar will be held
April 4 - Monday at 7:30—9:00 PM
at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church,
1401 E. Dry Creek
(corner of Clarkson and Dry Creek,
between University and Broadway)**



April Birthdays

Rick Whipp	1
Natalie Graeber	1
Tom Keables	2
Amie Claire Raymond	2
Tyler Eldred	2
Abigail Sullivan	12
Michelle Mayfield	15
Richard Raab	16
Wayne Kern	17
Rachel Whipp	26
Nathan Raymond	27

April Anniversaries

Tom & Fern Keables	5
Larry & Cass Strotheide	7
Bill & Tracy Eldred	19

**IF YOU HAVE NOT GIVEN
INFORMATION
FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY
OR ANNIVERSARY,
PLEASE NOTIFY
THE OFFICE.**

Vestry Members :

Martha Libby, Sr. Warden
Cynthia Obermeyer, Jr. Warden
Michelle Mayfield, Treasurer
Pam Rice, Clerk
Stephen Hull
Jane Owens
Georgia Reissig
Sue Richardson
Bryan Shalanberger
Rick Whipp
Bob Williams

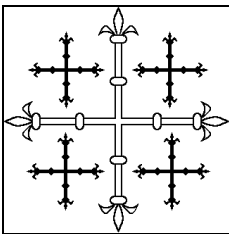
St. Martin Staff:

Priest-in-Charge,
Pastor Marilyn Schneider
Secretary, Margie Reck
Music Director, Georgia Reissig

Office Hours

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday

*St. Martin-in-the-Fields
Episcopal Church
4740 S. Buckley Road
Aurora, Colorado 80015
303-693-8872*



Holy Eucharist Services
8:30 & 10:45 AM
Christian Ed
9:30 AM

e-mail:

office@st-martins.net

Parish Web Site:

www.st-martins.net

St. Martin Prayer Chain:

prayer@st-martins.net



On April 3, 2005

(Before you retired Saturday,
April 2nd!?)



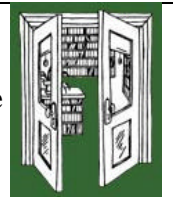
Prayer Chain requests may
be placed at:

prayer@st-martins.net, or
pick-up a prayer chain infor-
mation sheet in the Narthex.

Welcome to this electronic edition of *The Mission*. If you know of
someone who you believe should be added for this on-line service,
please notify office@st-martins.net



REMINDER —
Shop & Support St. Martin
at The Tattered Cover Bookstore
or Amazon.com through the St.
Martin website.



St. Martin will receive a referral fee for each item
purchased. Tattered Cover is your local source for books. The books
can be delivered to your door - or packaged and ready for your pickup
at either Tattered Cover store. At Amazon.com **books, music, elec-
tronics, software, etc.** are **ALL** eligible for supporting St. Martin-in-
the-Fields. Suggestions for reading by other members of our parish are
on the site, along with Bibles and the BCP.

Take a look at www.st-martins.net - Click on Bookstore then select
either of the stores where you would like to shop.