

Rector's Note

11.14.25

What a weekend we had! A glorious Celebration of New Ministry Saturday. Powerful preaching, over-the-top music, visiting clergy from Guatemala, former St Martin's clergy on the altar. A tremendous reception after. And a palpable spirit in the sanctuary and parish hall!

Sunday was no less special. Another great sermon. More exquisite music. A spirit-filled procession of vestry to open the service, and another spirit-filled procession to the altar at the close of the service as people brought their pledge gifts. All capped with a catered lunch and wonderful time of fellowship and connection.

Thank you does not even begin to describe how full my heart is this week. Thank you to everyone who helped lead worship -- the readers and presenters and acolytes, to Connie and Anne for helping coordinate it all. Thank you to the flower and altar guilds, to the ambassadors and ushers.

Thank you to Tyrone and the musicians, the soloists, the choir and children's choir, to Wendy and the handbell choir, to the Fairmount Quartet. Thank you to Sean for masterfully working the sound and streaming.

Thank you to the staff, to Luke, Lorie, Noor, James, Tyrone, Kate, Connie, and the volunteers, for the bulletin-making, communications, complex moving of furniture and voting machines, and planning, planning, planning in the weeks leading up to these services.

Thank you to Sandy and the Guatemala team for arranging Padre Roberto and Rev Cynthia's visit, and for putting on an amazing craft sale throughout the weekend. Thank you to Pam and Michael for hosting them in their home.

Thank you to the incomparable Debra and Ike for so so many things, the visible things like putting on super-awesome receptions both days, and the less visible, like noticing the dead microwave and so many other details.

Thank you to Dani and the Consecration Sunday team for studying and teaching the model, for planning the mailings and announcements, for a magical leadership dinner in the sanctuary, and for inspiring us all to hear God's invitation to us.

Thank you all for embracing my family and visiting friends, for wrapping them in St Martin's love!

These services were so special because of the presence of so many of you. Together, we are all a visible manifestation of the Body of Christ. Together, we are making God's love real.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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