



Sunday 20 February 2022, 10am
The Second Sunday before Lent

The Eucharist

Presider
Revd Richard Carter

Preacher
Revd Dr Sam Wells

Soloist
Alexandra Moss

Accompanist
Anita Datta

Setting
Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

⊕ Common Worship

Thank you for joining us today, whether you are in the building or worshiping online.

Please note the following guidelines for worship in the building. These are gestures of the care we have for one another.

- Wear face coverings indoors unless you are medically exempt. This is particularly important now we have reintroduced congregational hymn singing.
- Be respectful of those who wish to maintain social distancing.
- Make use of hand sanitiser stations as needed.
- At the Peace you are invited to shake hands with neighbours, but please be respectful of those who would rather share the peace in non-physical ways.
- Receive communion in one kind – the bread – only.
- Take a lateral flow test before coming to church.

Filming

This service is being streamed live to our public Facebook page. The camera focuses on the clergy and other contributors only for most of the service but turns to face the congregation at times, in the central block of seating between the pillars. If you wish to avoid being on camera, please sit in one of the side areas and let a steward know if you would like to receive communion. We will be filming the reading of the Gospel from halfway down the central aisle. Please note people sitting in pews immediately around this may be caught on camera at this point.

Supporting St Martin's

In line with health advice we have reintroduced cash offerings as part of our worship. You are also invited to give in other ways:

online at <https://stmartininthefields.myiknowchurch.co.uk/giving>

by texting COLLECTION to 70450 to donate £10 (texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message)



The Gathering

Welcome

Please stand. Silence is kept.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Visit us Lord, by your Holy Spirit.

**All Though in many places, we are united as one body.
Though from many backgrounds, we share one hope.**

Opening Hymn

- 1 Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of being, life and love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.**
- 2 Jesus Christ, the Man for others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love - as sisters, brothers -
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love the world may see.**
- 3 Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.**

Stewart Cross (1928-1989)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

Lord, you have given us a world of wonder; yet we have become alienated from the Earth, viewing this planet as a source of endless resources and a mere stopping-place en route to heaven.

Silence is kept.

You have given to us abundantly, but we have responded with greed and self-interest.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You have given to us all that is good, but we have taken for granted and misused the gifts of creation.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You have called us to put our faith in you, but we have been full of anxiety, derision, and doubt.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Please stand.

Gloria in Excelsis (*opposite*)

The Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est. Glo-ry to God in the

High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, Heav'n- ly King, Al-

migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we_ praise you for your

glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est.

Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther. Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take_ a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us; You are

sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God,

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly one,

You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly spi - rit, in the Glo - ry of God the Fa - ther,

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end *read by Genevieve
Marjoribanks*

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’ Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Hear the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Revelation 4 *read by Anna Gregorowski*

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

Hear the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Hymn

Soloist Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;
still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease;
enfold me, Lord, in your peace.

continued...

All **Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm,
still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease;
enfold me, Lord, enfold me in your peace.**

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading Luke 8: 22-25

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn (*continued*)

All **Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm,
still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease;
enfold me, Lord, enfold me in your peace.**

Please sit.

Sermon Revd Dr Sam Wells

Anthem Jesus Christ the Apple Tree *Elizabeth Poston*

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The tree of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

continued...

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly have I bought:
I missed of all: but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

'Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs', compiled Joshua Smith (1784)

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

**All 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
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 with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession *led by Jim Sikorski*

The response to the prayers is:

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

And, at the end:

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace either in person through a handshake or a non-physical gesture, or through writing a comment in the Facebook feed.

A collection will be taken for the work of St Martin-in-the-Fields during the following hymn. You are welcome to donate in the following ways:

- cash in the collection bags filling in a Gift Aid envelope if applicable*
- select amount and tap the card machines brought by the stewards*
- online at stmartininthefields.myknowchurch.co.uk/giving*
- by texting COLLECTION to 70450 to donate £10 (texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message).*

Offertory Hymn

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.**
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.**
- 3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!**
- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.**
- 5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!**

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. The presider takes the bread and wine.

All Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

God our companion, from before the foundation of the world you shaped your own life to be in relationship, and in creation you extended that tender mercy that all things might find their identity in being with you. You animated the universe and you set the sky, the sea and the land in due order. You filled your whole earth with life and breath. You bestowed your image upon humankind, and called us to reflect your glory. In Christ you fulfilled your covenant purpose, embodying your constancy, renewing our destiny with you, and becoming the Sabbath of your joy. His death was the judgement of your wayward world, yet his resurrection was the promise of your everlasting kingdom. And so we gather at your table as angels and archangels gather around your throne, singing the song of thanks and praise.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, Hea-ven and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high -
est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Restoring God, your creation never runs out and your mercy never fails. Make this banquet in your name a celebration of your abundance in offering and renewing love. Send your Holy Spirit upon your people, that they may again be inspired by the breath of your life. Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink this, all of you: 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, in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

In the beginning was your Word, Lord God, and in the beginning your Spirit hovered over the deep. Speak your word today where the condition of your creation reflects how far your children have strayed from you. Bring a climate of hope; replenish the species of the earth in diversity and beauty; breathe your Spirit of transformation on icecap and desert, on mountain and prairie; teach your people the ways of gentleness and the paths of peace. As you stretch out your hand of companionship to humankind in Christ, by your Holy Spirit heal their relationship with your hurting world. Turn danger to discovery, scarcity to partnership, and exploitation to cherishing; until your groaning creation finds its eager longing met in the harvest of your kingdom, and you are all in all, Trinity of glory.

All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

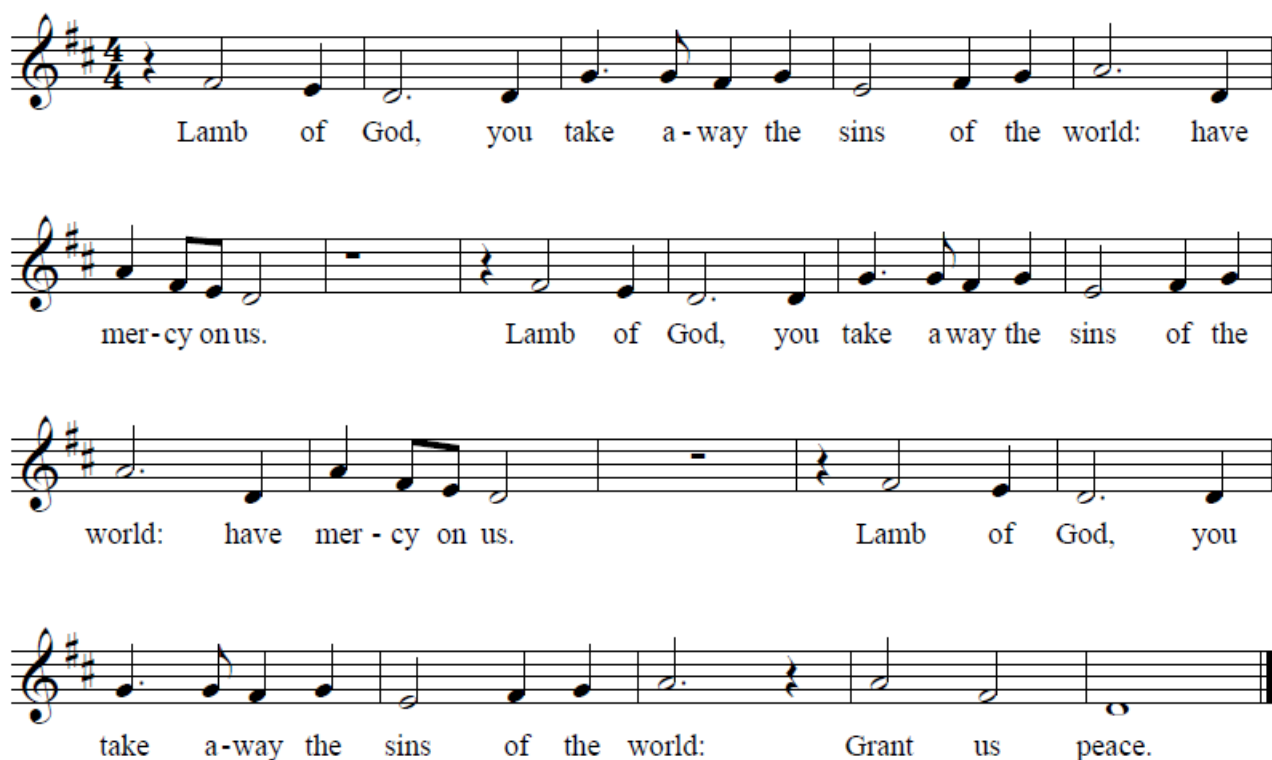
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray, each in our own first language.

All **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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Make yourself known to us, Lord Christ, in the breaking of the bread.

Agnus Dei



Giving of Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come and share God's heavenly food.

All Thanks be to God.

Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Holy Communion at St Martin's. All others may come forward for a prayer of blessing - please indicate this by bowing your head.

Communion Anthem By the grace of the Spirit *Andrew Gant*

By the grace of the Spirit we find God in mist of dawn,
in the shadows of the forest, in the leaping of the fawn.
We discover in hushed moments God's own pure serenity,
and we sing Alleluia, and we sing Alleluia, and we sing Alleluia.

By the grace of the Spirit we find God in music's air
as both song and joyous anthem bind our hearts in concord rare.
In the melodies of grateful praise we define God's sanctity,
and we sing Alleluia, and we sing Alleluia, and we sing Alleluia.

continued...

By the grace of the Spirit we find God in Bethlem's stall,
in Epiphany, in passion, on the Cross Christ bore for all.
We acknowledge the ascension of the blessed Lamb of God,
and we sing Alleluia, and we sing Alleluia, and we sing Alleluia.

By the grace of the Spirit we exalt the Father's name
when we validate in mission full redemption through Christ's claim.
May the counsel of the Spirit guide us in God's holy way
as we sing Alleluia, as we sing Alleluia, as we sing Alleluia.

Evelyn Miller

Silence is kept. Please sit or kneel.

Prayer after Communion

All **God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Please stand.

Thanksgiving Hymn

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Parish News/Diary/Special Notices

Children's & Youth Church/We'll be taking a break for half term this week returning on Sunday 27 February. For more information email Sally.

Parish coffee and refreshments will resume today in the Lightwell and Hall After today's service you are warmly invited to join us for coffee, tea and biscuits. We do make a small charge of £1 for drinks and 50p for biscuits but is free for anyone who cannot afford this. Card or cash donations to cover the cost for others will be gratefully received.

Memorial Service for Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and Ambassador Lindiwe Mabusa/Monday 21 February, 2pm. The service, which is being organised with the South African High Commission, will include tributes to the Archbishop Emeritus and the Ambassador from those who knew them, an Address from Revd Dr Sam Wells, and music from St Martin's Voices. Those wishing to attend should RSVP to events@southafricahouse.uk.

EcoChurch Meeting/12pm, Sunday 27 February in the parish hall with Debra Colvin.

Archers/Thursday 10 March at 7pm Desert Island Discs. Meet for Holy Communion at 6 St Martin's Place followed by hot supper. Bring the memory of a song you would like to hear and we will listen to each others' favourite discs. Please let Michael Moran know if you would like to come: mtj_moran@yahoo.co.uk. All are welcome.

Lent Course/Wednesdays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March, 6, 13 April 6.30–8.45pm. This Lent, using Jeffrey John's book, we will be reflecting on the miracles of Jesus. To sign up for the Lent Course please register and pay through the following link, making sure you fill in your address so we can send you the materials: <https://bit.ly/3Ik1jTY>. Please click here to read the Lent Course leaflet.

Join our team? We are currently advertising for a part-time verger (3 days including Sundays) and for a church operations manager (4 days a week). For more details of these and other opportunities at St Martin's, please visit [our website](#). Applications welcome until 27 February.

Tea@3 with Revd Catherine Duce for friendship and care over Zoom with a hot beverage. To join email catherine.duce@smitf.org.

Jonathan Evens and Catherine Duce will be with us until Easter Day. Even though it's Lent, we will be sending them off in style with a celebration on Sunday 10 April in the 10am service and with refreshments afterwards. More details to come.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

There is good ventilation, but please give others space and if you are able,
keep your mask on while in the queue for your refreshments.

We do make a small charge of £1.00 for filter coffee and 50p for biscuits
to cover costs but it is free for anyone who cannot afford this. Donations to
cover the cost for others will be gratefully received.

After getting your drinks, please spread out in the hall and the lightwell so
that people don't feel crowded and we create a safe space for meeting and
conversation.

If any of you would like to volunteer once a month for the Parish Coffee rota
please let Revd Richard Carter or Bronwyn Sanders know. We ask for your
patience over the next few weeks as we have new volunteers and we are
still learning to make the running as smooth and welcoming as possible.

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